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Bill & Mary Mitchell's "New" Acro Sport II

Of course you can use the Acro Sport photo(s)! Thanks for the thought. Dr. Art Hernandez built it, finishing it in 2001. As I understand it, he already had a possibly "terminal" illness. After about 9 hours of test flying in phase 1, he had a stroke. This stopped his flying. After he passed away his son, Art Hernandez, took it over to put about 80 hours on it.

My first "observation" of it was at 48V where it was hanged for a while. I told Mary, if the opportunity ever occurs, that's what I'd like to have next. Then we sold the T-18 to help pay for my hip. After a partial economic recovery, I saw a very brief ad in Trade A Plane of an Acro Sport for sale. While it was similar to Hernandez, it did have a canopy, which Hernandez didn't. I called about it and it was, in fact, the same one. So, Jim & I went to Ohio and brought it back.

Bill

MAY PICNIC/MEETING - MAY 13, 2006, 11:00 AM.

LONGMONT AIRPORT - Bob Wilson's hangar, 11:00 AM. Directions on Page 4. Our annual **Potluck** picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs, soft drinks, plates and plastic-ware furnished. Bring side dishes, desserts, salads, fruit, chips. Fly in if you can and take a chapter member for a ride.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of EAA 43 Meeting April 8, 2006

President Roger Newman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Last months minutes as published in the newsletter were approved and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Miller gave the report on the chapter funds and announced the purchase of investments for the chapter.

Visitors: Janice Gill of Lafayette. Tom Larkin of Thornton. Dan Metz of Denver. Mike Fontenot of Lakewood. Mike Burdick of Montrose.

Safety Report: John Evens read a letter from Jim Loyd on "engine out."

TRIPS: Bill and Mary Mitchell left DIA on 2 buddy passes and got the last 2 seats on a flight to Akron Ohio. They went to Medina, Ohio to bring back their Acrosport II. Weather was not their friend on the way home.

Bob Wilson and his wife went to Washington D.C. to view historic places and then on to the National Air and Space Museum at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Washington Dulles Airport. Every aircraft there had some significance in history.

Progress Reports: Scott Serani needed a trailer to bring his RV 10 to the hanger for assembly.

Old Business: Stan reported that the donation was made for Ron Denight's memorial brick at Oshkosh

Our new banners were displayed at the meeting. One for Young Eagles and one for EAA Chapter 43.

New Business: Steve Beech reported the donation of a trailer for the regional fly-in and he requested volunteers to convert it to a people mover.

Brian Cabebe announced that there would be a Young Eagles Rally at the Erie Municipal Airport on May 10th. Pilots and ground supporters, contact him, please. **303-657-5649** or **bcabebe@earthlink.net**

June 10th ~~Will~~ Will be the Jeffco Open House or better said, Open Flight Line.

Our annual picnic will be on May 13th. At Bob Wilson's hanger (same as last year). 2 more tables were needed. Burgers and dogs and drinks provided. Bring a potluck dish to share. You know the routine.

B-17 planning meeting was postponed.

Steve Beech reported that sky diving had started at Boulder Airport, this time with parachutes. There will be 2-drop zones around Boulder Reservoir.

Dean Cochran adjourned meeting at 7:45.

The second part of our meeting after the break was a program suggested by Greg Hall, "Pilots with engine out experiences"

John Evens said his dad had an engine out in a Stenson.

Tom Larkin shared about a failed butterfly valve on a RV-6.

Roxie Juul had an engine failure in her Piper Archer on a trip from Jeffco to Sidney. She and John made it to just West of Greeley with loss of oil pressure.

Michael Maya Charles had just purchased a Thorp 18 and was flying it from Ohio to Arkansas and had to make 3 emergency landings on the way. Problem was an iced fuel vent and later a broken oil line.

Dave Bieseemeier had an engine stoppage on his Smyth Sidewinder because of carb problems.

Jim Loyd had an engine out in Vermont in a small plane like a Thorp.

Roger Newman related several stories from his experience as an air traffic controller with the following suggestions. Safety first. Fly the airplane. Communicate with someone.

ENGINE PARTS FOR SALE

THE sale of Ron Denight's tools and aircraft stuff on April 29 was a success. However, there are still a large number of miscellaneous parts and tools available. Among them are nearly enough new and overhauled parts to build a Lycoming O-320 engine. There is an overhauled crank-case, overhauled & yellow tagged crankshaft, sump, accessory case, new bearings, four overhauled cylinders, connecting rods & piston pins (need overhaul), camshaft, carburetor, magnetos, oil screen housings, and more. This can be purchased individually or as a lot.

Contact Dean Cochran (303-466-3472), Gene Horsman (303-279-5782), John Evens (303-420-2724), or Dave Bieseemeier (720-480-5825) to set up a visit to see these items.

FOR SALE

Aircraft wire and ring terminals. All wire is Mil-spec. sizes range from #4 to #22.

Email Art Schwarz for a list & pricing.

ajsrv@christian.com

May 3, 2006
EAA Chapter 43

Dear Editor,

The family of the late Ron Denight wishes to extend a gracious thank you to Chapter 43 for all their support and help in our trying time. We appreciate everything you have all done for us and for the memory of Ron.

We would like to give a special thank you to four men who without their help we would be at a loss as to what to do with all the tools and items Ron left behind. For days they came to Ron's shop and organized things for a sale which took place in April. Dave Bieseimer, Dean Cochran, John Evens, and Gene Horseman, you are truly dear friends to our family. Ron was blessed to have friends like you and all the others in Chapter 43.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Denight, The Abrahamson Family, The Kreutzer Family

CHAPTER 43 PICNIC – LONGMONT AIRPORT (2V2) SAT, MAY 13

The airport is on the far WEST side of Longmont.

Picnic site is HANGAR # 70, last row to the WEST, NORTH side of runway.

CAR parking is west, around behind the hangar row.

AIRPLANE parking is on both sides of taxiway, smoothest is on the west. East side has one to two inch drop-off. We will have helpers for parking, bring tie-downs if you want.

Overflow parking is on the ramp to the east.

Driving, from I-25-exit 240, HW 119 West to Longmont. There is a new by-pass that puts you on Ken Pratt Blvd at HW 287, the other route in, continue West on Ken Pratt Blvd for 7/10 mile, at the Railroad tracks, jog right onto NELSON ROAD, continue West 1.7 miles to AIRPORT ROAD, turn right at the light onto Airport Road. The airport is 6/10 mile on the left, lots of construction; be careful, DON'T go in the main entrance, go past a little ways to ST VRAIN ROAD.

Big sign says, CITY OF LONGMONT, Public Works. Go West 2/10 mile, where road jogs to the right, you jog to the left into the Airport and follow the blacktop around to the last row of hangars and go around behind.

If coming from the NORTH, 17th Ave. is a good thru street west to Airport Rd.

If LOST call my cell, 303-775-9732

Bob Wilson

HIGH-PRICED FURNITURE VAN

The B-36 was one big airplane. The wings spanned 230 feet, and the interior of the wing was high enough for a man to walk through the root. Then, if he liked, he could crawl through to the outboard engines. This enormous empty space as frequently used to store all the exotic things that the crews brought home with them on long overseas flights. The flooring of the interior of the wings was made of *waffled magnesium*, bonded to the outer skin of the wing. These waffles were often found to be cracked and bonds separated, which posed a potentially serious structural problem. This led to an investigation. After one overseas flight an engineer was shocked to see the unloading of cases of booze, motorcycles, and furniture from the aircraft.

Further investigation showed that this was more or less common practice. One official report read: "32 cases of Scotch bounced on the flooring for 31 hours, leading to material failure." The nasty habit was stopped immediately. My source is **Grover Ted Tate**, who served on the B-36 for several years. I can't resist citing him directly: "It was a good thing that they didn't see the MG automobile that I unloaded from my particular aircraft or they might have really been upset!"

EVENTS ON APPROACH

ERIE TOWN FAIR, FLY-IN AND CAR SHOW - MAY 20th, 7:00 AM 'til ? See flyer page 6.

JEFFCO AVIATION ASSOC. FLY-IN - JUNE 10th., 6:00 AM -12:00 PM. See flyer page 7.

STEARMAN FLY-IN - JUNE 10 - 11, St. Francis KS (SYF airport. Stearman Biplanes, hot air balloons, skydiving demonstrations. All airplanes, gliders, and ultralights welcome. For more information check www.stearmanflyin.org, or call **785-332-2251**.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL FLY-IN - JUNE 23, 24, 25. Front Range Airport, Denver, (Watkins) Colorado. General Info: 720-323-6784.

EAA AIRVENTURE - JULY 24-30. Oshkosh WI (OSH). www.eaa.org.

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FLY-IN

Saturday,
May 20th



Car Show

Town Fair!

Erie Municipal Airport, 48V

Not just another pancake breakfast!



Pancakes: 7:00AM
Hamburgers: 10:00AM
Static displays all day

Erie Town Fair

- ◆ 250 booths
- ◆ live music
- ◆ food, crafts, games



60 Hot Air Balloons!
(launch 6:30AM weather permitting)



Actual photo

Free rides to the Town Fair!
(and not in an old beat-up police car)
A Stretch limo will run between the
airport and Old Town Erie from:
10:00 AM -- 4:00 PM. ***Free rides***
for all fly-in pilots and passengers.

www.48v.org 303-926-9053 www.eriechamber.org

**JEFFCO AVIATION ASSOCIATION
(Jefferson County Airport)
BJC
SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2005**

10TH ANNUAL J A A

FLY IN



**A Drawing will be held for a flight in a 1939 Harlow
piloted by Doc Dave Callender!
Drawing Open to Fly In Pilots only**

**SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2005
6:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
REGISTRATION FEE \$5.00**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7AM
PROVIDED BY "THE 99'S"**

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

(Trophy Presentation: 12:30 p.m.)

**** CLASSIC**
(Tube & Fabric/Metal)

**** WARBIRDS**
(Warbirds/Trainers)

**** CONTEMPORARY**

**** ANTIQUES**

**** HOMEBUILTS**
(Plans built/Kit built)

**** SPECIAL INTEREST**

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NEXT MEETING - MAY 13, 2006, 11:00AM,
Annual picnic, Hangar #70, Vance Brand Airport (2V2) Longmont.