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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:
Steve Beach

MAY MEETING: ANNUAL PICNIC

This month's meeting will be held at Don Coleman's place at the Tri-county Airport, May 10. Please note the map and directions inside.

APRIL MEETING

Three months in a row with outstanding programs by our own members. This year is off to a great start!! First up that evening was John Evens with a short safety briefing on Cleveland Brakes. John presented some very critical information on the brake system and what to watch out for if have Cleveland's on your aircraft. Many of our other members also added their two cents worth on problems that they or friends had encountered. No one seemed to be putting the system down, but, like everything else on our planes, there are certain things that can go wrong and they need to be dealt with properly.

The program in April was given by our own Bob James. He gave everyone a little insight into starters and alternators. Bob has been working with these electrical components for many years and had answers to the many questions that fired at him. For many of us that do not normally get very involved with the electrical parts of the engine this was an extremely informative presentation. The examples of regulators that he had brought along showed the dramatic size and weight difference in these items over the last few years. If you are having any problems that you cannot solve, see Bob for some good assistance. He is in the business professionally and has a shop at 44th & Clay in Denver (Generator Exchange).

Another nice feature of the April was the return of Brad Davenport and Dean Cochran. It was great to see both of them up and around after their bouts with various problems. Not only were they in attendance, but Brad had a safety corner all ready to go, and Dean managed to get the meeting adjourned right on time.

AIR SHOWS 1997:

JEFFCO AIRSHOW

I presented the idea of doing a full EAA booth with the Rocky Mountain Regional promoters and they were very supportive of the idea. The Regional has a tent/awning that can be used for shelter. A couple of tables with chairs are all of the remaining equipment that we should need to make the booth complete. Bob Mackey from headquarters has offered to send any information pamphlets and handouts that we need to generate interest in EAA.

A few volunteers will be needed to staff the booth over the two days (May 30th and June 1st). Final details and volunteer sign-up will take place at the picnic in May.

I will warn everyone ahead of time that even though you are volunteering to help with the booth you will still need to pay an entrance fee to get into the show area. I hope this won't discourage anyone but I can understand why it might.

You can get more information about the airshow on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.jascois.com/airshow/>

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAA FLY-IN

Gene Horsman was at the last RMFI meeting and will probably have a report elsewhere in this letter or at the May meeting/picnic. Everything is progressing nicely from what I've seen and heard.

Chapter 43's volunteer list is growing but of course they can still use all of the help that they can get. If you can volunteer time at the Fly-In (June 28th-29th), please sign-up at the May meeting. If you can't be at the meeting, give me a call and I will get you on the list. Remember that the committee has a long list of prizes for a volunteer drawing. Leading the list are rides in fun aircraft from the Longmont area. (Warbirds, Fast homebuilts, etc.)

may picnic

Thanks in advance to Don Coleman and Bill Wright for their tremendous effort in getting our annual picnic put together. Details about the event appear elsewhere in this letter.

However, I do want to take this opportunity to invite everyone in the chapter and their spouses, significant others, children, etc. to attend. This is one of two events that we have each year where all of the members get a chance to meet and socialize with everyone else from the chapter. Last year we had a good turnout and if everyone who was there encourages two more people to come, we will have a great picnic this year.

Oh Yes, don't forget to bring your aircraft for everyone to admire. See you on May 10th.

CAFE 43

The idea of venturing to Pueblo on Saturday morning, May 10, was put forth and it was decided that it was do-able to both have breakfast at the Pueblo Airport and then fly back to Tri-county for the picnic. So...let's give it a GO then, and meet at the Pueblo Airport Restaurant at 9:00 AM

APRIL FLY-IN REPORT

By
GENE HORSMAN

The April meeting of the Rocky Mountain Sport Aviation Committee in preparation for the Fly-In in June, was held April 20, at Vance Brand Airport in Longmont.

The Construction Manager of the large Amgen building project just south of the airport spoke briefly about the 4 buildings going up there. They have two tall construction cranes currently in use of the first building, which is the closest to the runway. There will be more cranes added shortly. He indicated that they normally bring the cranes at least partway down at night, but they will have flags and strobes on them during the Fly-in and also on the buildings themselves. They really don't interfere with a normal pattern except for ultralights and very short pattern airplanes.

Tim Barth, the airport manager reported that the Denver FSS will make a presentation called "Operation Takeoff" at the Longmont Public Works Facility, next to the airport, on May 17 at 9:00 A.M.. See copy of flyer here in newsletter. He also said that the airport had received this years grant and it will be used to improve the diagonal taxiway. He reported that the golf carts for the fly-in were available.

Walt Breedlove indicated that the two way radios needed must be ordered shortly. He reported that the budget must be watched now that all current bills had been paid and income was not rolling in yet. Terry Sickler, in charge of aircraft parking, asked for a field layout plan. He intends to more organized this year and will put together a small manual for the people who will be on the flightline parking aircraft.

Paul Wilson indicated that he was awaiting vendor response for booth space, etc. Julie Wilson indicated that she had sent volunteer sign-up sheets to all the chapters and Chapter 43 was the first to turn in their sheets. Several award rides for volunteers have been donated, Cessna 195, Pitts (2), Lancair and a Stearman.

The Girl Scouts will be handling auto parking again this year. The CAP will be asked to be airplane greeters and welcome pilots and give them registration packets after shutdown. They will also be on standby to help aircraft parking if not enough volunteer show up.

Tom Burlace will obtain the airshow waiver from the FAA.

The 0-2 squadron will do the breakfasts and will display their airplanes near the eating area both days. The 99s will handle the lunches and the Saturday evening meal service is not yet in place. Carol is working on that.

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Troy Anderson reported that we did not yet have a motor home and he will work with Tim Barth on renting dumpsters and porta potties.

George Brady requested sign requirements from sub-committees.

Todd Harvey asked about space for the fly-market operation. Carol said they would have hangar space in the T-hangars opposite the FBO.

Steve Beech of Chapter 43 indicated that we could get booth space at the Jeffco Airshow on May 31, June 1 for the EAA. It would be a volunteer effort for manning and would allow all chapters to list meeting times and places and hand out EAA forms, etc. He will continue to pursue this.

Pete Clinton talked about trophies. It was decided to give a runner-up trophy on the Grand Champion award. Discussion was held on getting sponsors for category trophies next year.

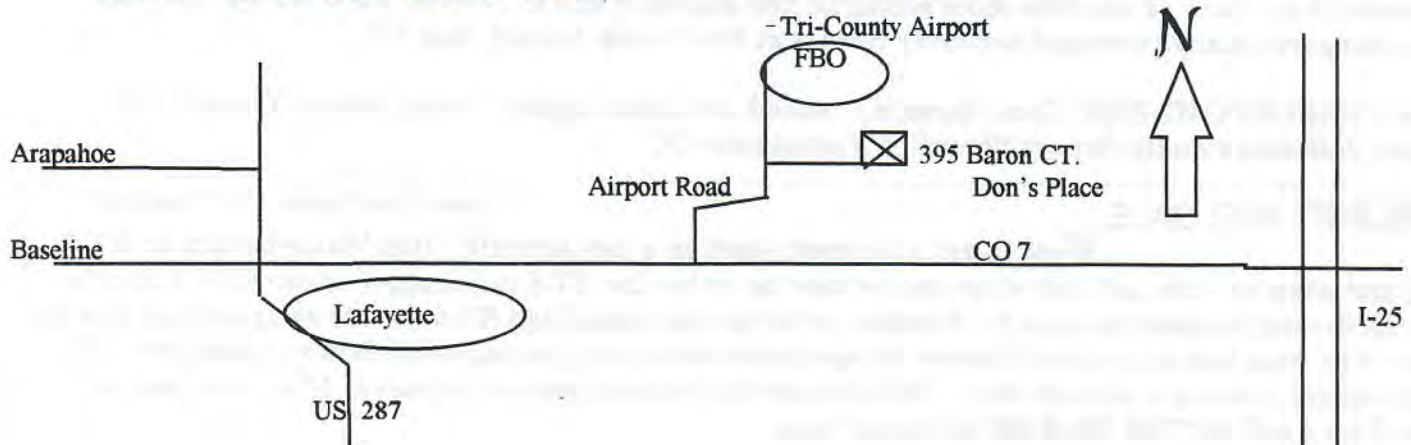
Carol indicated the seminars aren't frozen yet, but would probably be 1st Flight with Terry Edwards and FAA; NCAR with their new weather program demonstration; Kent Paser and speed mods; and perhaps Warbird Recovery and their work with finding old warbirds around the world.

Upon adjournment those who were interested, made a walking tour of the airport to talk about layout and parking.

Next meeting will be May 18th.

"WINGS PROGRAM"

**CROSSWIND AVIATION & TRI-COUNTY PIOTS
ASSOCIATION "WINGS" SAFETY PROGRAM
TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT, ERIE CO
SATURDAY MAY 17th, 1997, 9:00am to 5:00 pm**

MAP TO THE PICNIC**MAY PICNIC DETAILS**

Don Coleman sends the following regarding the **May 10 picnic** to be held at his house at the Tri-County Airport:

The picnic will start at 11:00 AM and disband on or before 5:00 PM. **Furnished** will be two barbeque grills, soft drinks, iced tea, coffee, lettuce, tomato, pickles, relishes, mustard, ketchup, chips, pretzels, & dip, as well as tables, chairs, paper plates, plastic-ware, and tie down space for up to 8 aircraft. If more than 8 show up, or if it is too muddy at Don's place, A/C parking will be available at the south end of the FBO lot. It would be a good idea to bring your own tie-downs, also.

Everyone is encouraged to bring **potluck**. If your dish requires a serving spoon or spatula, please bring one. Plan on cooking your own burgers, dogs, etc. that you bring. Cooking utensils will be provided.

The picnic will go on even if inclement weather forces us to stay in the hangar!

DIRECTIONS:

From I-25 northbound, exit CO Highway 7 and go west about 4 miles to **ERIE TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT**, and turn right onto Airport Road. Follow Airport Rd to Baron Ct. and turn right. It's the last house on the left. Or, from Lafayette, go to CO 7 (Baseline) and proceed east to Tri-County Airport and turn left and proceed as above.

THANKS to Honcho **Bill Wright**, helpers **Aaron Schonberg** and **Bill Mitchell**, and any others who can come at 10:00 to help set up! And a special thanks to **Don Coleman** for so generously providing the location and his time!

GENE'S CORNER



LUSCOMBE 8A/C, N25342

THE AIRCRAFT:

1940 Luscombe 8A/C, serial number 1218, N25342. Power: Continental C-85. Features include twin wing tanks of 12 gallons each and a hand held LORAN unit with a mounting bracket, pre-amp and regular VHF antenna use.

The aircraft was built in April of 1940 as a standard 8A configuration, with a Continental A-65-8 engine of 65 horsepower, fabric covered wings and a 14 gallon fuselage fuel tank. In 1984, the power was increased to 75. In 1991, a C-85 (85 HP) engine was installed as well as the 12 gallon wing tanks. The original upholstered seat was removed in 1987 and the new frame and upholstery saved 11 pounds in weight.

On November 29, 1986, This aircraft was given an award by the Civil Air Patrol for having served in the CAP during WW-II as a courier airplane in Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado. She was the first Luscombe to receive this honor, though others participated, they had not yet been recognized, and may never be.

Considered a flying restoration by her owners, she is pampered (but just a little) and flown as regularly as possible. With 4900+ hours on the airframe, she is still going strong as ever, and probably in better shape than at any time since rolling off the assembly line in Trenton, New Jersey. She has been hangared many years and currently resides at Tri-County Airport, Erie CO.

THE CURRENT OWNERS: Gene Horsman, retired aerospace engineer from Golden CO, and Glen Grove, Jefferson County Deputy Sherrif of Westminster CO.

PROJECT FOR SALE

From EAA Chapter 1161 Nwesletter

Want to get a big jump start on a nice aircraft? Tom Wallis bought an RV-6 tail and wing kit - the tail and wings can be used on either the RV-6 tail dragger or the RV-6A tricycle - but he decided he liked the new RV-8 better, so he has the untouched RV-6 (or - A) wing and tail kits for sale. The wing has an optional feature; all spar parts have been anodized and factory assembled. All that critical riveting is already done. The plans for the entire plane are included. If you are interested give Tom a call at (719) 395-6448 in Buena Vista.

Rambblings from the Editor

APRIL MEETING: BUSINESS

Called to order at 7:09pm.

Board Members: John Evens, Gene Horsman, and Dave Bieseimer were "appointed" board members at-large.

Safety topics: A sign-up Sheet was passed for the monthly safety topic talks.

Brad Davenport and Dean Cochran: both in attendance and looking chipper!

Young Eagles: Tom Young and Ron Denight were recognized for "flying10 in '96."

Banquet: John Evens and Roger Standard have (thankfully) volunteered to co-chair the Christmas banquet.

RVaitors: Doug Bloomberg reported on the upcoming Spring get-together at Stan W's in Littleton next Month, and on the September Burlington Fly-in, which we are all welcome to attend. Call Doug for details.

Brad's Safety Corner: A prop was lost due to failure of prop bolts with re-cut threads. Prop bolts have rolled threads which must not be lengthed or chased with a die. An oil filter ruptured on a Starduster due to the non-reversable filter gasket being installed backwards. Old gasket should be discarded in favor of reversible gaskets which have oil port holes on both sides. Audible warning devices should be wired directly into the headset, so that they can be heard.

Cleveland Brakes: John Evens gave an informative talk on brake maintenance and break-in.

Progress Reports: Phil Hughs got a ride in a new C-172, serial no. 14, with Mark Stevens. Bob Johnson has his Kolb Firefly on the gear.

Trip Report: John Evens reported on the trip that he and Mark Graf, and Mas Yoshida made to Tucson AZ via their Homebuilts.

Dave Bieseimer

Mark Your Calendar

May 10, Tri-County Airport, Erie CO, EAA Chapter 43 CAFE 43 Fly-out to breakfast at Pueblo, followed by the Annual Chapter Picnic at Tri-County. Call Don Coleman at (303) 666-8870.

May 17, Taos, NM Taos Fly-in. (505) 758-4995.

May 31 - June 1, Jeffco Airport, CO Air Show.

May 31 - June 1 Jeffco Aviation Association FLY-IN Held in conjunction with the Air Show. Awards to be presented in seven classes. Contact Daril Cinquanta (303) 423-9846.

June 28 - 29, Longmont, CO 19th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in. Carol Leyner (303) 442-5007

FLY MARKET

SPONSORED BY
THE ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION OF
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WHERE: Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In,
Vance Brand Airport
Longmont, Colorado

WHEN: June 28, 29, 1997

Your unwanted aircraft parts and paraphernalia are probably just what the other guy is looking for!

Come prepared to tag with price and identification and we will do the rest. We handle the selling for you!

CASH IN AT THE FLYMART!

PICK THROUGH THE HEAP AND BUY IT CHEAP!

THE MARKETPLACE

FOR SALE :Luscombe Sedan 11 - A, 1949. John Baker Call (303) 452-9568, or write to 9832 Alamo Drive, Denver CO 80221.

WANTED : Doug Bloomberg needs a room at Oshkosh for the entire week of the convention. Call Doug at (303) 477-3725.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be our annual *Picnic*, to be held at Tri-County Airport, May 10, 1997, at 11:00am. See inside for details on page 3.

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