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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:
Steve Beach

OCTOBER MEETING:

OCTOBER 10TH AT 7:00PM
MAD EAGLE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY
(Blue Grassfield's Complex,
Tri-county Airport)

WELL DONE GEORGE!!!

FOR anyone that could not make the September meeting, you missed an excellent presentation on rib building by **George Hayes**.

George started with an explanation of the various types of ribs used in wing construction. He then went on to show us the various methods used in building ribs. Having started with aircraft building many years ago with his father, George is on the home stretch in completing his first homebuilt.

He shared a lot of the rib building expertise that he has learned in building the Ultra-Piet, that should be flying before the next Rocky Mountain Regional. The workmanship, that I have expounded on before, is first class and will be a real addition to the local homebuilt fleet. Bill Mitchell noted that the woodwork is so nice that it almost seems like a crime that it has to be covered. Many of the people that saw it before the fabric asked George if there wasn't some way to use clear plastic in place of the fabric.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying his demonstrations, but as so often happens, George was cut off a little early so we could get to the pizza. Because of this, and the comments on finding a bigger place for pizza, we are going to try something different in October. To prevent the speakers from not being able to finish their talks or demonstrations we are going to try ordering pizza in. Not having to worry about getting to a pizza place before they close will give the speaker all of the time that they need.

Thanks George for a very informative presentation and demonstration. If you have anymore information that should be passed on please bring it with you to the next meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

In addition to the George's great presentation, the chapter, on a whole, really came through with volunteering for the open positions for 1999. Below is a list of the members that will be filling the valuable positions next year. Charlie Graf is heading up a nominating committee for the officers and will be trying to fill the last couple of positions that are still open.

1999:

Flying Start Coordinator:	Open
Young Eagle Coordinator:	Bob Lee Pete Kelley
Government Issues Advisor:	Gene Horsman
Newsletter Editor:	Dave Biesemeier
Newsletter Assistant:	Al Manley
Flight Advisors:	Bill Mitchell Tom Young
Technical Counselors:	Ron Denight
Marvin Wahl	
Refreshment Hosts:	Herrill Davenport Don Coleman
Membership Roster:	Gene Milligan
Café 43 Coordinator:	Pat Claar
Banquet Organizers:	John Evens Roger Standard
Web Page Designer:	Kelly Koop
Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In Representatives:	Gene Horsman Steve Beach
Air Academy Coordinator:	Blue Grassfield

ELECTIONS ARE COMING

The officer nominations will be held at the October meeting with the elections in November. Don't be afraid to raise your hand.

INSURANCE!

While doing some research for headquarters I stumbled onto something that perhaps everyone else already knows about. However, there may be a few, like myself, that do not know about this little dollar savings. Avemco insurance will give any EAA member an additional 10 percent discount if they belong to an EAA chapter. Just mention that you belong to chapter 43 when you call in for a quote or give them a call to make sure that you are already receiving the discount.

(See the following article on insurance from the Chapter 301 newsletter on page 5.)

DUES ARE DUE (AGAIN)!!

Yep! Its that time of year again. Annual dues for 1999 are due between now and January 1st. Gene Milligan is planning on having a roster out early next year and you can only be included if your dues are paid on time.

Annual dues are \$15.00 and from I have seen in some of the other chapter newsletters that is a bargain. Fill out the membership application that is included with this newsletter and bring it with your dues to the October meeting. If you can't make the meeting, but want to make sure that you are included in our membership next year, send the application and dues to:

Gene Milligan
2365 Country Club Loop
Westminster CO 80234

NEW LUSCOMBE PROP HUBS

The following article was found in the Flyer publication and is reprinted with permission of the Flyer's editor.

The Don Luscombe Aviation History Foundation has received FAA approval to manufacture replacement propeller hubs used on Continental A-65, A-75 and C-85 engines with tapered crankshafts.

Routine inspections performed on Luscombe aircraft have shown that the original Continental propeller hubs are showing wear in the bolt holes as well as cracks at the keyway and flange areas. Ground incidents and wear from thousands of hours in service seem to be taking their toll in these critical areas.

These newly manufactured and approved hubs became available for sale and installation in late July. The Luscombe Foundation can be reached at 602-917-0969 for further details, pricing and availability. They are also in the web at www.luscombe.com.

AIRCRAFT RENTALS

Do you ever travel and wish that you could rent an aircraft when you get to your destination? A new service on the web can help. Take a look at:

www.rentalplane.com

Rates and services throughout the country.

POSSIBLE NEW ANTENNA

The Broomfield City Council has an agenda item coming up on Oct 13th that might concern the Jeffco flying crowd. US West Communications is requesting permission to construct a cellular telephone antenna on the building owned by Up With People at 1 International Place in the Interlocken business park. This building is just to the east of the center line off runway 29.

This may or may not be a big deal to aviation but we should keep an eye on it. I have alerted Jeff Price from Jeffco and he said that he will look into it. If anyone hears anything about this antenna please give me a call.

BY-LAW CHANGES

The first set of by-law changes for chapter 43 are included in this letter. We will take a vote on the changes at the October meeting. These changes make are current operating status legal. These changes are just the beginning in bringing the by-laws up to date.

CALENDARS ARE HERE!!!

1999 EAA Calendars will be available at the next meeting. They will run the same as last year unless the members decide differently at the meeting. (\$6.00) They are running \$10.95 through Sport Aviation, so this is still a steal.

Steve

BY-LAW CHANGE FOR MILE HIGH EAA CHAPTER 43

The following changes are proposed for the By-Laws of EAA Chapter 43.

As Currently Written:

Article VI Officers

Section I: Executive Office:

- a. The executive office of this organization shall have a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
- b. The president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected by members at the regular annual meeting of the members.

Section III: Vice-President

- a. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the president in case of the absence or disability of the President.
- b. The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers the President may desire to delegate to him and shall perform such duties suggested by the President.

Article VII Board Of Directors

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members. Their duties shall be to carry out the policies, projects and other related matters voted on and accepted by the membership. They shall present issues, business, and obligations of the association to the membership for their vote and shall make recommendations to the membership for their consideration and vote.

Proposed Changes:

Article VI Officers

Section I: Executive Office:

- c. The executive office of this organization shall have a president, two vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer.
- d. The president, vice-presidents, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected by members at the regular annual meeting of the members.

Section III: Vice-Presidents

- c. The Vice-Presidents shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform the duties of the president in case of the absence or disability of the President.
- d. The Vice-Presidents shall be vested with all the powers the President may desire to delegate to him and shall perform such duties suggested by the President.

Article VII Board Of Directors

- A. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of nine (9) members. Their duties shall be to carry out the policies, projects and other related matters voted on and accepted by the membership. They shall present issues, business, and obligations of the association to the membership for their vote and shall make recommendations to the membership for their consideration and vote.



SEPTEMBER MINUTES: 9-12-98

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by president Steve.

Visitors were:

Dennis Osborn, ex-Army helicopter pilot and Skybolt enthusiast.

John Meyers, interested in RV's.

Ray Casperson, along with his son and grandson. Ray is a self described aviation nut.

Treasurer's report:

Mas Yoshida reported a balance of \$1966.98. **Doug Bloomberg** donated \$200 to the Chapter from the last Builder's Forum. A "50-50" raffle was held, adding additional income to the coffers.

Chairs:

A huge "thanks" to **Marvin Wahl** for donating the chairs for our meetings. And a "thanks again" to **Blue** for the use of his hangar for the meetings!

Chapter 43 Board meeting:

A brief summary of the topic covered by the board included prospective new officers and the upcoming elections, the chapter's new web site in the works, the need for "CAFE 43" coordinators.

Flight advisors:

Bill Mitchell noted that those with newly completed projects need to get their final inspections done well ahead of the first flight in order to get the AVEMCO Insurance coverage and discount.

Gene's Corner:

Gene gave an update on Sen. Imhoff's 'Hoover Bill', and related on eye-opening tale of a sight-seeing flight ordeal in Spain. Makes one appreciate our freedoms!

Minutes, continued

Project reports:

George Hayes has his Pietenpol painted and on it's wheels and is planning on moving to a hangar in October.

Gene Horsman has the Luscombe wings ready to re-cover.

Bob Johnson is very close to his first flight .

Don Coleman has the Ercoupe ready to fly again.

George Meshko is making progress on his Subaru engine conversion for his Zenaire.

Bill Mitchell installed drooped wing tips on his T-18, but isn't too happy with their effect during cross-wind landings.

Tripping:

John Evens, Dean Cochran to the T18 fly-in in Placerville CA, **Gene Horsman** to Blakesburg OH for the Bi-plane Fly-in. **The Mitchells** reported on the Claude Williams Memorial Fly-in over Labor Day weekend. **Bob Wilson** flew to Scottsbluff and on to Minden NE to visit the Pioneer Museum. **Dean Cochran** also flew to Spearfish SD for their fly-in and won a trophy for the longest distance flown. Good job!

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Liability Lamentations by Ted Lemon via the Chapter 301 Newsletter

I had a talk with an AVEMCO rep at OSH about the liability suit article in *Sport Aviation*. He said they were the insurance company involved. The reason that they denied the claim was that the designer (Rutan) said unequivocally, that the Long-EZE needs fuel pumps and the mod that the owner did was not approved. If he had gone to the FAA and told them of his mod and gotten approval from them, it would have been alright. The FAA probably wouldn't have approved it because it didn't come close to the recommended fuel head pressure requirements.

More important to this issue is that he told me that most states have a **casual connection clause** in their judicial system that says , if you modify any device purchased from a manufacturer and that mod causes an accident, you are liable. This carries over to homebuilt airplanes in particular. I this case, if the cause of that particular crash had not been due to the fuel system mod, AVEMCO would have paid the claim. I also called the Colorado State Insurance Office and asked them if we were a **casual connection state** and they said we were. At least this is less severe than I originally thought. We still are expected to notify the FAA of any major changes to our aircraft.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be at TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT, OCTOBER 10TH, 1998 at 7:00PM. See inside for details..