

# EAA MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

The next EAA Mile High Chapter 43 regular meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jeffco Airport's new terminal building. Go to the second floor and turn towards the conference rooms (left/northeast). Our meeting will be in conference rooms Alpha and Bravo. A "tech session" for all RVators, that is, anyone flying, building or dreaming of RV 3's, 4's or 6's, will be held at 6 p.m., same date, same location.

This month's meeting presentation will be by Mr. Ted Lemen. Ted will treat us to a slide show on flying the Grand Canyon. Don't miss it!

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

The March meeting was held in the Jeffco Airport new terminal building. Guests included Tug Eastman of Westminster, Chuck Kondas of Louisville, Peter Jhones of Golden, and Tom Schreiner and Lee Taylor of Erie.

### Old Business

The Chapter 43 Roster and Resource List, prepared by Bill Wright, was distributed for review by those present.

Jim Ernst agreed to take charge of the effort of placing copies of Sport Aviation magazine into the area's junior high schools.

More "Young Eagles" volunteers are needed for ground and flight duties. Chapter 2 (Antique/Classic) is actively working on a unique and custom Young Eagles program - giving rides

to children who are confined to hospitals.

The Buckingham Square Open House will include President, Phil Hughes's Fly-Baby. The event will be held on March 24, 25, and 26.

The question was posed as to whether there is any interest in continuing the CAFE 43 flights. It is felt that the event should not be cancelled yet since the activity may pick up as spring/summer weather approaches. Last week Ron Denight and John Evans were in route to Yuma. Mas Yoshida heard them on 122.75 and buzzed over to join them. Interested persons can call Ron Denight on Friday evening to see if anything is planned for the weekend.

### Progress Reports

Mas Yoshida is taking his RV-6 to Sterling, Colorado for painting on March 14. He has had some minor problems such as a leaking oil cooler. Doug Bloomberg had the opportunity to fly with Mas, and was very complimentary about both the pilot/builder and the RV-6.

Doug Bloomberg's RV-6 project is on temporary hold due to a divorce and move to a new residence. He asked for help in loading and unloading during the move. We hope your RV project will be able to resume soon Doug!

Ron Denight purchased a used O-200 Continental engine from out of town and had it shipped via Yellow Freight. When the engine arrived, Ron was told the freight charges were considerably more than the price that was originally agreed to;



apparently due to the fact it was an aircraft engine. Ron was able to negotiate the price down by picking up the engine in Aurora. However, he still paid \$100.00 more than the original agreed to price! Ron said, "watch out for Yellow Freight, and always look out for hidden charges when shipping aircraft components."

Brad Davenport has almost completed Carl Williams' Skyote.

Jay Johnson has completed the fuselage on his KIS and is now working on the wings.

Gary Ludeke is nearly done with the fuel tanks on his RV-6A (Proseal sure is messy!).

#### New Business

Chuck Ogden brought some free literature (compliments of the FAA) from an Aurora Airpark meeting. The data centered around DIA airspace and navigational facilities, and the arrival and departure traffic routing. On a normal day, traffic will approach from the south and depart to the north. Regarding the Aurora Airpark, I-70 will be the northern border of the Class B airspace cutout. There will be no exceptions. Runway 14 will continue to have a left-hand pattern, but pilots may elect to fly a right-hand pattern if the pattern is clear.

Brochures for the EAA Regional Fly-In to be held in Greeley this June are available.

Chuck Ogden moved that past Chapter 43 President, Kirby White be designated as an "Honorary Member." The motion was approved.

Doug Bloomberg is planning to attend the Builder's Forum in Maryland again this year. He will also be going to the Sun N' Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Florida.

Aaron Schomberg and Teresa Wallace volunteered to co-chair the Planning Committee for next year's Chapter 43 Annual Banquet. Thank you Aaron and Teresa!

#### Treasurer's Report

No report was given due to the absence of the Treasurer.

#### Horseman's Corner

Gene reported that the "Statute of Repose" bill regarding product liability is still alive. He urged all members to write their Congressman regarding passage of this bill.

There will be an AOPA Town Meeting in Denver on Tuesday, May 3rd. A specific time and place has yet to be announced.

The Bob Hoover medical certificate fiasco is not over yet! Bob flew a special demonstration for the judge in January, after which the judge ordered the FAA to return Bob's certificate. The FAA, however, refused to do so and appealed the matter to the NTSB. A decision was expected about a month ago.

Cole Palen of Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome fame died on December 8, 1993. The show and exhibits will start again on May 15th. Jack Mosley also died recently. He is remembered for his "Smilin' Jack" cartoon strip of the 1930's and 40's.

It was estimated that the top of the control tower at LAX swayed 6 - 8 feet during the January earthquake! Other towers and airport buildings suffered damage at the Van Nuys Airport.

A pylon racing circuit having 3 - 4 races per year, including Reno, has been set up.

In order to be more centrally located in the U.S., Questair is moving their operation from Greensboro, NC to Waukegan, IL.

Did you know that Beech Aircraft designed an automobile at the end of WW II called the Plainsman? It was to be built to keep the company going after contract cancellation following The War. The project was abandoned in 1946.

#### Safety Corner

Brad Davenport presented the aviation safety report. A Pueblo Nesmith Cougar lost a gas cap resulting in the siphoning of fuel. A Steen Skybolt lost a prop. This was determined to be due to an improper prop spinner replacement five years prior to the accident. A two-place Challenger II lost an empty seat which hit the



prop. A drag link 5/16" stud broke on a Glasair due to a combination of low tire pressure and a resultant shimmy action. A Rotax equipped aircraft lost a fuel hose to the carburetor. A Piper Comanche from Los Angeles had its engine cowling come loose in flight. The cowling did not separate from the aircraft, but caused a severe visibility problem for the pilot by blocking his view through the windscreen.

### The Program

Mr. Lou Feierabend, sailplane pilot and weather observer extraordinaire, gave a very interesting time-lapse photography program related to the "mountain wave." Lou has spent many hours and dollars capturing this weather phenomenon on film. Discussions on various aspects of the wave, such as the formation of lenticular and rotor clouds, was very educational and entertaining. Lou also presented his own theory of the cause of the crash of the United Airlines plane in Colorado Springs a while back. His theory relates to the possible formation of "secondary rotors" working very much like the brushes in a "Bissel Carpet Sweeper." Lou has transferred some of his film to video tape, which he will sell at a quite reasonable price.

### **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

**KIRBY WHITE** - At the March chapter meeting we unanimously voted to make Kirby White an Honorary chapter member in recognition of his contributions to the chapter. For those newer members, I thought it would be worth taking a little time to review one persons memories of the man.

From Cherrill and my first attendance of a meeting in 1985, Kirby never failed to make us feel welcome. From the start he made us feel like we were among family. We remember in particular there were a couple of times that one or two members spoke a little risque. Kirby promptly made it a point to apologize to the women present and talk to the offenders in private.

At the "Second Meeting" at Pizza Hut after a Chapter 301 meeting I heard Jim Thompson refer to Kirby as the Czar of 43. I was to learn later this was a richly deserved sobriquet. Kirby had been simultaneously President, Newsletter Editor,

Program Coordinator and general handy man for so long most members could not envision it any other way. Year after year he allowed himself to be re-elected by acclamation. From what I saw he took on many tasks for the chapter simply because he was too nice a guy to insist that others help.

Two and a half to three years ago Kirby reached burn out and hasn't been seen at a chapter meeting since. Very few people have seen him at all. For giving so much of himself to the chapter, he richly deserves this honor.

## **KIRBY COME HOME. WE MISS YOU.**

**YOUNG EAGLES** - I was very disappointed at the lack of volunteers for flying kids at the last meeting. Talking with Pat Fedorowicz of 660 and Mary Mitchell at the Buckingham Mall show, I guess that's not too unusual. Mary told Cherrill that she had to "hunt people down" with a sign up sheet. I will have sign up sheets at the next meeting with names and planes on it for all pilots with planes over single seaters. There will also be sign up sheets for line help and booth help.

One area of concern is liability exposure for individual pilots participating. It's my understanding that there is insurance coverage from EAA National Headquarters for individuals as well as the chapters participating in this. There are probably other areas of concern that have not been discussed during the past meetings. Lets get them out, discussed and settled at the next meeting. This is a big hearted chapter. I believe that I'm not the only one that would like to share the love and wonder of flying with these kids.

**BUCKINGHAM MALL SHOW.** - We are mid-way through the show as this is being written. It is a gas. I have had more fun conversations with all ages, from oldsters that remember working on army planes "just like this" to adults wanting to know what triggered the transition from biplanes to monoplanes to teenagers wanting to know what is the difference in construction between the Fly Baby and an all metal plane. I hope we have a few quests from this. Heaven knows enough invitations were given out.

I had a two hour long conversation with a young



lady from 660 concerning what is involved in flying into Oshkosh. She got into aviation via hang gliding. She has her private ticket and 100 hours on it. She bought and is restoring a VeriEasy that had been disassembled and in storage for 10 years. As she was putting it together Wednesday night she looked at in wonder and said, "You know this is the first time I've seen it in one piece". People, you got to do this next year, it's great.

#### COMING EVENTS:

Feb 4 - May 1 - Star Trek Federation Science Exhibit at the Denver Museum of Natural History. Info 370-6387.

April 7 - Mr. Andy Hanna and Tom Greene from Van's Aircraft will stop at Centennial Airport on their way to Sun N' Fun. They will be available to answer questions between 5 and 6 p.m. Depending on their schedule, they may be also be available during the evening.

May 7 - Platte Valley Airpark Spring Fly-In. Continental breakfast & BBQ lunch. Info Marilyn Taylor, 659-7265.

May 31 - AOPA Town Hall Meeting. Radisson South Hotel. Features AOPA President Phil Boyer. Info Mike Baldwin, 674-7864.

June 1 - USAFA Open House & Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds. Info 719-472-2526.

June 4 - Van Aire Fly-In. Fly or drive in for picnic lunch & hangar talk. Info Perry Miller 659-6793.

June 4 - Weld County Airport. Fly/Flea Market/Swap Meet. Vendors \$10. Buyers & lookers free. Info Kevin Bunnell, 356-9141.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, call the Flying Activities Line at 766-3596 or 766-FLYN. This service is sponsored by EAA Chapter 660 and financially supported by Chapter 43.

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