

# MILE HIGH FLYER

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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:  
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## AUGUST MEETING:

AUGUST 8th, 1998, 7:00PM

NOTE: Field Trip to -

Tom Young's shop.

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## IT'S OSHKOSH TIME!

**T**HAT'S RIGHT FOLKS. The summer is speeding by, and it's already August (Oshkosh time). If you're reading this fresh out of your mailbox, you have probably been left behind. Your president has already trekked east via a Cessna-170 at the time of this writing, and I don't know if he will be back for the meeting. I think VP George Hayes is going to be filling in. And in case you're wondering, this month's column is being penned by your editor.

I have a feeling that this newsletter will be a little shorter than usual because of that fact.

## JULY MEETING MINUTES:

Welcome to EAA Chapter 43!

Guests and Visitors - please sign in.

Minutes and Treasurer's Reports

50/50 Raffle - Next Month

A little boy wanted \$100 very badly and prayed for two weeks hoping to get it, but nothing happened. Then he decided to write a letter to God requesting the \$100. When the postal authorities received the letter to God, USA, they decided to send it to President Clinton. The president was so impressed, touched and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5 bill. Mr. Clinton thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a small boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5 bill and immediately sat down to write a Thank-You note to God that read: "Dear God,

Thank you for sending me the money.

Unfortunately, I noticed that for some reason you had to route it through Washington DC and, as usual, those damn bureaucrats deducted \$95.00."

## REGIONAL FLY-IN:

A GREAT SHOW! And the winners were:

Grand Champion - Duane Hitchcock, Lancair 320

Reserve Grand Champion - Daril Cinquanta, Piper PA 11

Best Homebuilt - John Stewart, RV-6A

Best All Metal - Jerry and Von Honnecke, Bushby

Mustang II

Best Composite - Bob Wilson, Long Eze

Best Rag Wing - Greg Kielian, Kitfox Model III

Best Wood - Richard Clemets, Meta-Falco

Best Static - Mark Yelich, Mark's Mixture Biplane 2

Best Ultralight - Barney Fletcher, U1-11BF

Best Contemporary - David Dice, Comanche

Best Classic - John Mansley, Navion

Best Antique - Eric Baldwin, Eaglerock

Best Warbird - Lee and Dan Rees, Stearman PT-13

Longest Distance Flown - Frank Smith, RV-4, from Carysville NC

First Annual Brad Davenport Memorial Award - Richard Clemets, Meta-Falco

Forth Annual IAC Rocky Mountain Aerobatic Cup Contest: Bob Freeman, flying a Laser monoplane.

There were about 200 airplanes on the ramp, with 123 registered for judging. With some 1500 drive-in visitors, exhibitors, workshops, forums, and the IAC aerobatic competition on Sunday, the total paid admission was 2456. There were eight states represented besides Colorado.

## Howard Hardy Memorial Plaque

**N**ANCY HARDY has a request which I hope will be passed on to the members of chapter 43. Her late husband, Howard Hardy, a Q-200 driver, is having a memorial plaque presented at Oshkosh. She would appreciate any photos or written material that can be found on the presentation and photos of the plaque itself. (Contributed by Art Wilson.)

## AVIATION URBAN LEGENDS

**M**ANY aviation related stories get told so many times they become the equivalent of so-called Urban Legends. Here are some that I have heard told from New Mexico to Alaska:

### CANADIAN HUNTERS:

Two hunters were flown deep into remote Canada for a week of moose hunting. A week later, their bush pilot returned to pick them up and discovered they had bagged not one but two moose. He said "I'm sorry, but my single engine plane can only haul one moose out of here." The hunters protested, "but last year the plane was exactly like this one, and we had two moose then." The macho pilot, not to be out done, reluctantly agreed to give it a try. They loaded up the gear and moose, but as predicted the plane did not have enough power, and soon after takeoff it crashed. As they stumbled out of the wreckage, one hunter asked the other if he knew where they were. "I'm not sure, but I think we're about two hundred yards beyond where we crashed last year."

### WINDSHIELD TESTS:

Sometimes it does take a rocket Scientist! Scientists at NASA have developed a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all traveling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

\_\_\_\_\_ engineers (enter your favorite foreign nationality; I've heard Japanese, Chinese, British, Polish) heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made to loan the gun. But when the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurtled out of the barrel, crashed through the shatterproof shield smashing it to smithereens, crashed through the control console, snapped the engineers backrest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin.

The horrified engineers sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with their windshield designs, and begged the U.S. scientists for suggestions. NASA's response was just one sentence.

**"Thaw the chicken!"**

## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

**JULY 29 - AUG 4 OSHKOSH WI**, 46th Annual Fly-in and Sport Aviation Convention. (920) 426-4800.

**Aug 8, Crystal Bay NV**, EAA Chapter 1073 Pancake Breakfast. (916) 546-8378.

**Aug 8, Enid OK**, EAA Chapter 455 Fly-in Breakfast & IMAC aerobatics. (580) 233-6045.

**Aug 14, Salt Lake City UT**, EAA Chapter 23 Fly-in Picnic Supper. (801) 272-7217.

**Aug 22, Spearfish SD**, EAA Chapter 806 Fly-in Breakfast. (605) 642-0277.

**Aug 22, 23, Harvard NE**, Husker Airfair '98.

**Aug 23, Kingsland TX**, EAA Chapter 889 Fly-in Breakfast. (915) 388-6218.

**Sept. 5, No. Las Vegas NV**, EAA Chapter 163 Pancake Breakfast. (702) 459-4590.

**Sept 11 - 15, Peyton CO**, Leading Edge Airfoil's Rotax Repair Station qualification workshops for 2 and 4 stroke engines. (719) 683-5323.

**Sept 13, So. Sioux City NE**, EAA Chapter 291 Fly-in Breakfast. (712) 233-1552.

**Sept 17 - 20, Reno NV**, Reno National Championship Air Races at Stead Airport. (702) 972-6663.

**Sept 19, St. Johns AZ**, EAA Chapter 586 Fly-in Breakfast.

**Sept 19, Durant OK**, EAA Chapter 1146 Fly-in Breakfast. (404) 924-6901.

**Sept 19, 20, Durango CO**, Great Western Airshow. (979) 259-3381.

**Sept 25, 26, Bartlesville OK**, 41st. Annual Tulsa Regional Fly-in. (918) 622-8400.

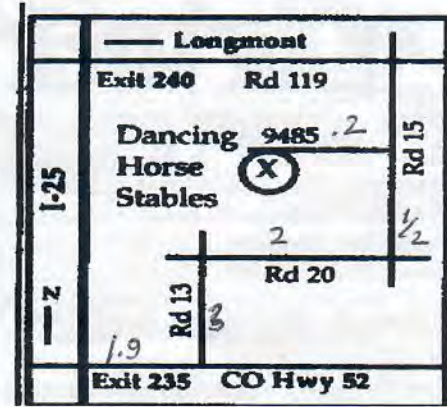
**Sept 26, Telluride CO**, Telluride Regional Airport 2nd Fall Color Fly-in.

**Oct 3, Albuquerque NM**, EAA Chapter 179 Fly-in Breakfast.

**Oct 8 - 11 Mesa AZ**, Copperstate Fly-in. (520) 228-5480.  
*Please submit information for the newsletter 2-3 weeks prior to the following chapter meeting.*

## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

**P**LEASE NOTE that this month's meeting will be held at member Tom Young's place out near Firestone, to view his modified Piper Tri-Pacer project. To get there, take I-25 north to the Frederick, Dacono exit, (# 235) take Highway 52 east 1.9 miles to Road 13, go north 3 miles to Road 20, turn east 2 miles to Road 15, turn back north for 1/2 mile to the double drive on the west, proceed west .2 miles to the Dancing Horse Stables and you're there. IF LOST, call Tom at (303) 833-4091.



## CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS:

**H**OW many times have you been talking flying with someone and they ask you about the EAA and local chapter activities such as meeting times and places? Wouldn't it be great to be able to whip out a business card with the chapter logo and a line for your name and phone number to hand to that person? Well, *Chapter 660* has done just that and the sample in their newsletter looks great. What a terrific idea and kudos to whoever thought of it. I think we should flat out steal their idea and adopt it for ourselves. Each member would receive his own supply of 15 or 20 cards to hand out at their own discretion. And what the heck, I'll even make the arrangements to get the cards printed up if the rest of the membership thinks it's a good idea. I'll make a motion at the meeting and go from there.

## TECH TIPS:

Plagiarized from the Chapter 660 Newsletter.

I thought that these were a few good tips to pass along. Thanks to Terry Sickler

### *"Gimmie a Light"...Revisited*

Last month I published an article about the "Blazer" spot light and it's use as a landing light. Well guess what, when I went shopping to get one for my Q-200 (and to show at the July meeting), I ran across a smaller version of the "Blazer"...same price...same output...same installation process...**one third the size**. The part number of the smaller light is C4072K. What an even...**BETTER**... deal!

### *A Much Cheaper Replacement Bulb for Nav Lights*

Have you priced a replacement bulb for your Whelen navigation lights lately? The Aircraft Spruce catalogue has them at \$10 to \$14. Try your local auto parts supply - they probably carry the G.E. or Sylvania T1076 bulbs (identical replacement) for under \$2. Did you know that most bulbs are only rated for 25 hours of operation in an aircraft?

### *To Spark Is Bliss*

A word of caution when installing spark plugs. Most processes specify the use of anti-seize compound on the threads of each plug upon installation. Be very careful not to apply an excessive amount and do not allow the compound to extend past the first thread from the bottom. There have been several instances where these basic errors were made and the result is that the compound liquifies with the high heat of the cylinder, flows down to the electrode and shorts-out the plug. Another no-no is the reuse of the spark plug copper gaskets. You shouldn't, but if you must, be sure and **anneal** the copper gasket before reuse. This increases their pliability so they seal.

(To anneal copper spark plug gaskets, string them on a loop of stainless safety wire, heat them to a cherry red with your acetylene or propane torch, and quench in cold water - Ed.)

**"Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines."**

**"If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you!"**

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