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CLIFF BEGNAUD PREPARES TO TAKE A YOUNG EAGLE FOR A RIDE IN HIS KITFOX AT THE SEPTEMBER 30TH YOUNG EAGLES RALLY FOR THE CAP CADETS. NINE CADETS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST RALLY COORDINATED BY KELLY KOOP. IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME! Photo by Kelly Koop.

OCTOBER MEETING:

This month's meeting will be **Saturday, October 14th, 7:00 PM** at **Tri-County Airport, Erie CO**, at Blue Grassfield's Mad Eagle Aeronautical Hangar. Take CO Hwy 7 to Road 1 on the west side of the airport. Go north about 1/2 mile, bear right onto the gravel road that leads to the big dark green hangar. Turn right at the gate. The program is to be announced.

September Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President **Roger Standard**, at the Mad Eagle Aero Hangar at Tri-County.

VISITORS: **Barry and Ann Bates** of Broomfield; and **Gail Stafford** from Arvada. Barry and Ann wish to get back into aviation after a ten year hiatus, and Gail is interested in composite aircraft.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES: M-S-P'd (Moved, Seconded, and Passed by vote) as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by **Roger Standard** in **Bob Wilson's** absence, we have a balance of \$2128.78 in the chapter account.

PROGRESS REPORTS: FIRST FLIGHT!!! Chuck Garton reported that his newly completed RV-6A (O-360, 180 HP and Sensenich fixed pitch metal prop) was flown on it's first flight by Ron Denight. Ron said that the flight was uneventful, and that Chuck and partner Steve Kelling have built a very nice airplane.

TRIP REPORTS: Dean Cochran had the opportunity to ride in Gerd Bode's SX-300. Gene Horsman flew to Blakesburg and back in his Luscombe, a trip that entailed 29 hours. Bill Mitchell flew to Mack Mesa to pick up a Taylorcraft which he flew back to Tri-County. Ron Denight flew to Spearfish SD and reported that a tornado wiped out 5 hangars and 24 airplanes there. A forest fire was also adding to their grief, threatening homes and the airport. Pat Claar flew to Washington State for the Arlington Fly-in. The weather was poor about half the time he was there. He also flew down the coast to Crescent City CA, then on to Provo UT for an overnight stop on the way back. Pat also went to Steamboat Springs for the Vintage Aircraft Fly-in. Jim Ernest went to Porterville CA for the T-18 Fly-in.

(The secretary/editor needs help with names on the progress reports - **please state your name along with your report.**)

SAFETY: **Ron Denight**, Chapter 43 Tech Counselor and Safety Rep. can be contacted for your safety related questions and construction inspections, along with Marvin Wahl and Art Schwarz, Chapter Technical Counselors.

GENE'S CORNER: **Gene Horsman** noted that the wording in a new War Surplus De-certification Bill could ground the Warbird fleet. Mid-Western storms have wreaked havoc and destroyed many aircraft in St. Elmo MN.

ROGER STANDARD: The need for a Chapter business card or brochure as a hand-out was discussed. Perhaps a prototype could be worked up for illustration purposes.

BURLINGTON RV FLY-IN: The Burlington bunch seems to have failed to obtain insurance for their fly-in, and there seems to be a question on whether it will come off as scheduled.

YOUNG EAGLES: Kelly Koop will take over for Bob Lee as YE Coordinator. Bob deserves a round of applause for doing a tremendous job for the last several years!

PROGRAM: George Hayes demonstrated his technique for "Engine Turning" metal finishing.

If you have a problem with your address label please let me know. My e-mail address is: **ehorsman@juno.com** and my mailing address is 210 Lookout View Ct., Golden CO 80401-2518. Phone 303/279-5782. Thanks. **Gene Horsman, Database Editor**

STEVE'S CORNER

by Steve Beach

4th ANNUAL FULL MOON PARTY

Another successful Full Moon Hanger Party by Will and Sarah Barclay was held on Saturday, September 16th. As I reported last month the entertainment was the Dean Bushnell Orchestra. This year there were many retired military and civilian pilots in attendance and they provided a lot more entertainment than the orchestra. Many interesting stories were told by everyone that I met. One gentleman that I had the good fortune of meeting was in the first squadron of night filers off an aircraft carrier during WWII. He is from Estes Park and perhaps we can invite him to come to one of our meetings to talk about his adventures.

Among the guests I spotted a few from chapter 43, Marvin Wahl, Pete Kelly, and one of the true guests of honor Michael Maya Charles. Michael was rather prominent as he flew in his latest check ride the Air & Space Museums DC3. It was one of a half dozen Warbirds that were on hand for the evening. About twenty people showed up on Sunday morning to watch Michael take off to head back to Centennial.

ALTITUDE CHAMBER

A couple of months ago I volunteered to get the information on the Peterson Air Force Base Altitude Chamber. As always this was no easy feat. I spent a number of days trying to find the right office at Peterson and when I finally did I found that the scheduling of GA classes for the chamber has been turned over to the FAA. Now it was time to find the right person at FAA. Almost unbelievable my first phone call did get through to the right office.

The gentleman that does the scheduling was on lunch break but the person who answered the phone said that wasn't a problem and he would go get him. I figured I was in for a bad time after cutting this poor guy off right in the middle of his peanut butter sandwich. However he turned out to be very personable and gave me all the information about how to get a class scheduled. Here is the scoop:

The class runs from 7:30am to 4:30 pm. The morning session covers classroom training on the effects of altitude and precautions that can be taken to avoid problems. The afternoon is spent learning about the altitude chamber and going for a ride. At the session that I attended they did three rides including a rapid decompression.

real steal for what you learn. The classes usually have sixteen people and there are about 8 available dates between January and June (all Mondays) of next year. To get the ball rolling, if you are interested here are a couple of dates and the requirements for the class.

January 29th
February 12th
Mar 26th
Apr 9th

Required Information:

- 1) Pilots Certificate # or Social Security #
- 2) Name: Last, First & Middle
- 3) Date of Birth (You must be at least 18)
- 4) Mailing Address
- 5) An emergency contact name and day phone #
- 6) Medical – Date & Class (You do not need to be a pilot, but you must have a current medical.)

I will not be attending this class so a coordinator is needed to put this together and serve as a contact for the FAA. If you would like to take the class and are willing to help out give me a call. I will get you all of the information that is necessary.

If you would like to sign up, before we get a coordinator, send the above information, and your date of preference, directly to me at rsbeachco@aol.com or by snail mail to:

Steve Beach
1156 Fern St
Broomfield CO 80020

The fee also has to be prepaid, but we can wait until next month to cross that bridge

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL 2001

The Regional now has a permanent storage facility. As of Sept 23rd most of the fly-in assets were moved from the trailers to the storage area. That means that the older silver trailer is now for sale. If you have a need for a heavy duty (six wheeled) fully covered trailer talk to any of the RMRFI committee. Money from the sale will be spent upgrading some of the older equipment that has been in use for as long as twenty-two years.

Many thanks to the chapter 43 members that have recently volunteered to help out on the 23rd annual RMRFI. We have a few positions still need to be filled. Three that come to mind are; a coordinator for seminars, an advertising coordinator for the program and someone to write or find articles that can be used in the program. If there is anyone out there that has ever been involved with publishing please give me a call 303-469-7661. We would like to take the program up one notch this year and we need some expertise to do it.

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STEVE'S CORNER, CONTINUED

YOUNG EAGLES RALLY: OCT. 14TH

Holyoke Colorado (about 48 miles east of Sterling) is celebrating a new runway on October 14th. They have asked EAA for help in putting on a Young Eagles rally and Kelly Koop is putting it together. He needs your help in making this a successful event. It could be a fun day of flying and hanger flying.

If Kelly has not already contacted you, and you can fly some of the kids or want to help, give him a call at: 303-914-9687. If you're flying up to help out, invite a friend to ride along. Kelly will need a full compliment of ground help along with the pilots. The town of Holyoke will have volunteers but experienced people always make things run a little smoother.

CAP'S FLOWN:

On Saturday September 30th Kelly Koop organized a Young Eagles Rally to fly the CAP cadets that helped out at the 2000 Regional. This was Kelly's first rally since taking over the YE coordinator position from Bob Lee. He managed to get a number of pilots lined up and by word of mouth even more showed up than planned for. The pilots that flew were Marilyn Allison - Regional Fly-In Committee, Daril Cinquanta - 43, Bill Mitchell - 43, Gene Horsman - 43, Cliff Baughman - 43 and Brent Haugen - 43. Mary Mitchell, and Tom Lucas 515 & Regional Committee helped Kelly with the groundwork and getting the cadets on board.

Judy Hayes (George's wife) coordinated getting nine cadets to the airport for their flights. With Cadets only outnumbering the pilots by three we were able to get all of them up for two rides in different types of aircraft. One father also got very involved and we may even see him at our next meeting.

Bob Resling happened to fly into Longmont with his North American T-28C right in the middle of the YE rides. He very graciously let all of the Cadets have an opportunity to sit in the cockpit and answered all of their questions. There is nothing like the sound of a big radial in the pattern and everyone enjoyed having him there. Bob and Carol Leyner opened up their new hanger and had a barbecue for everyone at noon. Judy reported that the cadets were very excited and enthusiastic about the day of aviation and at their next meeting would probably make the ones that didn't show up just a little jealous.

Thanks to Kelly Koop, all of the pilots, Judy Hayes, Bob Resling, ground help, and Leyner's for making this a very successful rally.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I received an e-mail from Michael Maya Charles noting that I had mistakenly reported that he has his C-182 back in that air last month. In Michael's words: "Oy! It's a ONE EIGHTY FIVE, Dave. Not a One Eighty TWO!" Oy, indeed! My apologies to Michael. I know how he feels. People are constantly calling my Sidewinder an RV-6! Oh, the indignity!

WANTED:

FRED YATES writes:

"I will have 1/2 of my hangar space available in a month or so. If anyone is interested, they can contact me at 303/427-6498 - their share of the rent would be \$84/month. I have a high wing, so a plane with a tail that can tuck under my wing works best."

SHORT FINAL

The weather was 1,700 feet broken-to-overcast with eight miles visibility underneath, an improvement from the 800 overcast that had prevailed most of the morning. As I motored along above the clouds I heard the following:

Cessna XXX: "Approach, this is Cessna XXX, we need some help getting down."

Approach: "Can you fly IFR?"

Cessna XXX: "Nope."

Approach: "Are you VFR right now?"

Cessna XXX: "Nope."

Protracted silence.

Approach: "Can you hold a heading and altitude?"

Cessna XXX: No problemo."

Approach: "Stay on your current heading and altitude until you reach VFR conditions."

Cessna XXX: "Roger."

Approach: "When you get to VFR, let's talk."

Cessna XXX: "About what?"

Approach: "I am sure we can think of something."

Thanks to Monty Haskell for this contribution.

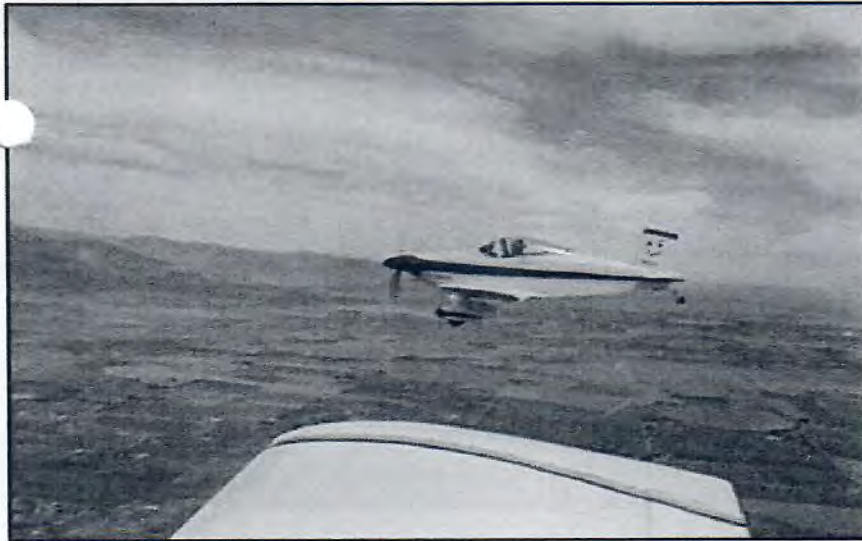
NICE RIDE

MICHAEL MAYA CHARLES is pictured at right in front of his latest ride, an unusual and rare C-41A. Built in 1939, the C-41A was a transport for military VIP's, and does not have a cargo weight rated floor. It came down the assembly line with the DSP options which included small windows above the regular windows for sleeping berths. This particular aircraft has served as a corporate aircraft since W.W.II, having been owned in the past by Atlantic Richfield Oil and others.

It is presently owned by two Denver partners and serves as a roving ambassador for Wings Over The Rockies Air and Space Museum, as well as serving as a corporate transport.

This C-41A has 1820 Pratt & Whitney engines, a galley and head, and Pan Am Speed Kit mods., which include clamshell main gear doors. It burns 100 GPH at 160 kts., and holds 804 gallon capacity.

Michael recently obtained his type rating for this aircraft and flies it once or twice a month.



YOUNG EAGLES

The photo at left is of Brent Haugen's T-18 taken during the Young Eagles rally September 30th for the CAP cadets that helped out with the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in. The shot was taken by Kelly Koop from Bill Mitchell's T-18.

CADETS AND PILOTS

Pictured at right are most of the CAP cadets that got rides at the Rally along with many of the participating pilots. Look close and I'll bet you recognize many faces. The event took place at Longmont's Vance Brand Airport.



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2000 at 7:00 PM. See inside for details.