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**THE BUILDERS FORUM IS COMING
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Next chapter meeting will be September 13th at 7PM in the Mount Evans Room upstairs at the Metro Airport Terminal building.

John-Pierre Verdier will be sharing about his trip to Europe.

Minutes of Chapter 43 August 9, 2008

Our last meeting was held at the home and hanger of *Lynn and Pat Miller*. Thank you both for your hospitality.

The previous month minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurers Report: *Lynn Miller*, our treasurer, gave the balance of the chapter bank account.

Safety Report: *Bill Mitchell*, our safety officer, mentioned that pilots should clear all the dotted lines after landing to clear the runway. Also look even after clearing for planes taking off. Another tip was to always check your carb heat on your checklist for proper operation.

Michael Maya Charles advised the group to check the TFR's for Denver Metro for the DNC.

Steve Beach added to check weight & balance of your plane before flight.

Dave Bieseimeier mentioned that planes with wooden props should have their attachment bolts torque checked on a regular basis because they can loosen.

Trip Reports: *Michael Maya Charles* transported some birds of prey to Cortez and Steamboat Springs. Anyone interested in joining this program should contact him.

Dean Cochran went to Craig for pancakes and possibly some coffee.

Progress Reports: *Greg Hall* is working on some tubing and wiring from the engine and hopes to be covering his Horizon by spring.

Glen Rewerts is installing the canopy on his RV-7.

Old Business: *Steve Beach* presented a summary on the EAA B-17 Tour. For the time being, our chapter will not sponsor it at this time, but reserve to doing it at a later date. Right now the Denver market is saturated with war birds and the public attendance is low.

New Business: Greg brought up the upcoming Builders Forum in October. There is a need for someone to contact different companies to donate tools and supplies for the workshops. No one volunteered at this time. Contact *Greg* if you can help.

Greg also mentioned a Labor Day fly in at Markham's farm just north of Platte Valley Airport. There will be ultra lights there for 2 days, potluck meals and a pig roast.

Bruce Morehead invited interested people to attend a meeting of the town of Erie Board of Trustees on the following Tuesday. They are planning to use Federal grant money on other projects instead of Erie Airport improvements.

Stan Specht has made a personal goal to fly seniors that haven't flown in a small aircraft. Others are invited to help out. Contact *Stan*.

Don Smith brought up the EAA Founders' Wing. He asked the chapter to contribute \$1000 to purchase a brick that would be displayed on the Founders' Wing Wall to preserve the heritage of the EAA.

The proposal will be tabled until our next meeting.

Young Eagles: *Brian Cabebe*, coordinator, asked for pilots and ground crew for the Boulder Days gathering on August 16. Brian also mentioned he got a call from *Brian Smiley* of the Civil Air Patrol. They are having an event on Sept. 20th at the Platte Valley Airpark featuring "Aerospace Education" from 10 to 2pm. They invited Chapter 43 to set up a booth and share with kids what is available in the aviation field. Contact *Brian* if you can help.

Spirit of Flight: *Bill Mitchell* shared about his award by EAA. He passed around the plaque that was presented to him in a special ceremony. Great job, *Bill*. "You the Man".

Minutes Continued...

Program: AirVenture Review: John Evens made a presentation of his trip. Pictures were shown he and his son took. Thanks for a great review, *John*.

Dave Biese-meier had a presentation on the AirVenture Cup. He and *John-Pierre Verdier* participated in the race in a RV-7 and a Sidewinder. *Dave* showed pictures of the race planes in the different categories. Thanks *Dave* for the great presentation and congrats for winning 3rd place.

Special thanks to *Herrill Davenport* for all his effort to setup the audio-video equipment and present the slides.

Kudos to Chapter 43

Note: This email is being sent by Paul Poberezny, typed by his assistant Rene Elliott.

To: Bob Young, EAA Mile High Chapter 43

Dear Bob,

Just read your August newsletter - in reading the minutes on page two it seems like you have a very busy chapter and a lot of activities. I wish some of the other chapters had so much going for them!

Give my very best to all the members of EAA Chapter 43. A lot of us are trying to recover from the EAA Oshkosh Fly-In, returning to our desks and answering the mail.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Poberezny

Founder and Chairman of the Board, EAA

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

**ALL ITEMS LISTED FOR
SALE WILL BE IN THE
NEWSLETTER ONE TIME
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On a recent flight, an elderly passenger kept peering out the window. Since it was totally dark, all she could see was the blinking wing-tip light. Finally, she rang for the flight attendant.

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Minutes of Board Meeting Aug. 9, 2008

Members attending: *Greg Hall, Stan Specht, Bob Young, Lynn Miller, Roxie Juul, Steve Beach, Bill & Mary Mitchell and Gene Horsman.*

Steve Beach gave a report about the EAA B-17. He met with *Adam Smith* and said the Denver area was saturated with war birds. When the chapter sponsored the plane a few years ago, the public interest was high. Now, more war bird groups are stopping at Denver and the public turnout is lowering. The plane will be stopping in town in November and the chapter might be helping with hotel reservations for the crew or other small tasks.

Bill mentioned the Ultralight fly in at Markham's just north of Platte Valley Airport over the Labor Day weekend.

Builder's Forum:

Location: the Vance Brand Airport has been locked in for the event.

Topics: Some of the topics and tentative instructors will be, Welding – *Dave Bieseimeier*, Composite – *Bob Wilson & Lynn Miller*, Wood Construction - *Greg Hall & George Hayes*, Fabric Covering – *TBA*, What Should I Build? – *Bill Mitchell*. *Bobby Green* would be contacted for a topic. *Jim Pinkerton* from Canon City could do a forum on RV Rigging. Other topics are Weight & Balance, TFR'S and Metal. Some instructors will be contacted for an outline of content.

Advertising: Flyers to send out and a program of events with possible advertisers to offset the cost.

Fees: Some suggestions were \$10 prepays for EAA 43 members, \$15 at door for EAA 43 members and \$20 for non-members.

Timetable: Some discussion on length of forums and workshops.

Sponsors: Some discussion on contacting suppliers for the workshops for materials.

It was suggested that a letter be drafted and sent out to the membership to donate to a scholarship fund.

Minutes of Board Meeting Sept.3, 2008

Members present: *Greg Hall, Gene Horsman, Steve Beach, Bill and Mary Mitchell, Bob Young, Brian Cabebe, John and Roxy Juul, Dave Bieseimeier and Don Smith.*

Dave brought up the R.M.A.C., Inc. It can be the first permanent building of several organizations.
Note: see article in newsletter.

Steve Beach brought up the Leadership Workshops in Oshkosh. It was decided that the chapter could fund the airfare and EAA would pick up the rest of the expenses. It was decided we could send two members for this years classes.

Don Smith shared about the EAA Founders' Wing. "It will be a tribute to EAA's heritage and legacy, the home of our story, where future generations hopefully will seek inspiration." Tom Poberezny. It was recommended that the chapter make a donation.

Greg shared about the Builders Forum. The date is set for October 18th. It will be at Longmont Airport. Some hangers will still need to be acquired. The instructors and workshops were finalized. Breakfast and lunch details were worked out. The fees were set. A few more details still need to be worked out.

Events To Get Your Aviation Fix

- Sept 11 Dick Rutan at the WING'S new "Chasing Horizons" exhibit
 Sept 13 Parkland Estates Annual Chili Cookoff (bring some for judging) 303-929-8807
 Sept 12-13 52nd Annual Tulsa Regional Fly-In, www.tulsaflyin.com
 Sept 9-21 FlyIn and hot air balloons at Archuleta County Airport at Pagosa Springs, CO
 Sept 20 Civil Air Patrol's 3rd annual fly-in and Aerospace Education Day at the Lafayette Foundation's Vintage Aero Flying Museum at the Platte Valley Airpark.
 Sept 26-28 Grand Junction Air Show featuring the Blue Angels.
 Oct 4-5 Colorado Springs "In Their Honor" Air Show cosairshow.com
 Oct 18 Chapter 43 Builders Forum
 Oct 23-26 Cooperstate EAA Regional Fly-In

The little boy was caught swearing by his teacher.

"Jeffrey," she said, "you shouldn't use that kind of language. Where did you hear it?"

"My daddy said it," he responded.

"Well, that doesn't matter," she explained, "you don't know what it means."

"I do, too," Jeffrey corrected. "It means the O-200 won't start."

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Rocky Mountain Aviation Center, Inc.

Progress Report, by Dave Bieseimeier

Raise your hand if you know what the Rocky Mountain Aviation Center is. Don't know or don't remember? It is probably the most important project our EAA chapter has ever undertaken! It is the endeavor to give Chapter 43, Jeffco Aviation Association, The Colorado Aviation Historical Society, The Colorado Ninety Nines, and The Antique Airplane Association a place to call home. It will be an **aviation education facility** to provide everyone with a passion for learning about all aspects of aviation a first class facility, and a pool of scholarship funds to be made available to worthy students. It will even house an Aviation History Museum. There are an additional 15 to 20 aviation oriented groups that have expressed an interest in utilizing the facility when it is finished.

The committee that has been working on making this a reality has made some real progress: The 501 (c) (3) non-profit status has been obtained and fund raising has begun in earnest. Jefferson County Commissioners; **Jim Congrove, Dave Auburn, and Kevin McCaskey** have worked to grant a **100 year lease to RMAC, Inc.** for a premium 25,000 square foot lot located just north of The Denver Air Center. It will have direct hangar taxi-way access and face the airport entrance road. This valuable asset is conditional on the committee raising sufficient funds to match a **\$33,000 grant** from the county **before the end of 2008**. This \$33,000 grant can be **"ours"** if we can prove that we are serious and viable. That makes \$66,000 in "seed money" that will go far toward making RMAC, Inc. a reality! Preliminary design work has begun on a 130 by 150 foot building that will include a very large hangar, workshop, classrooms, meeting rooms, office space, library, and commercial quality kitchen. It will even have a 50 by 130 foot basement for additional space.

I know that you are asked to donate for this and that at just about every chapter meeting, but this time it is for **us, our airport community, and most important, the future aviation education of everyone with an interest to learn more about flight**, aviation careers, and math, science and technology as it relates to aviation. The RMAC, Inc. committee is in immediate need of someone to design and implement a web site to aid our fund raising efforts. If you can help with this please contact me, **Dave Bieseimeier at 970-669-2286**, e-mail: dbieseimeier@comcast.net, **Daril Cinquanta at 303-423-9846**, or **Steve Beach at 303-547-0100**. To show how serious I am about the importance of this project, I have written a check for the first \$1000 donation to the project. I hope you will follow suite and join me in your generous **tax-deductible** donation. I will also be meeting with JAA, the Ninety Nines, and the Colorado Antiquers to ask them for their donations at their upcoming meetings. If we can just get at least 33 members of the four groups to ante up for a grand each, we will reach our seed money goal. **Your donation of any size will help and be appreciated!** Thank you for your assistance, and, like Larry the Cable Guy, **let's git 'er done!**

Please mail your donation check to:

Rocky Mountain Aviation Center, Inc.

C/O Steve Beach

1156 Fern Street

Broomfield CO 80020-1036

August 5, 2008
Erie, Colorado

Dear Chapter 43 Member,

As a chapter, we launched into a new era this year. As you know, we started a scholarship program to promote aviation in practically all forms. In the past, we have given a type of a scholarship for a few young folks to attend the summer camp at Oshkosh. Now we want to ramp that effort up to the next notch.

Chapter 43 is celebrating its fortieth year as a club. We are one of the strongest clubs in Colorado as well as the nation. We have a membership that is strong and vibrant. Our goal, of course, is to promote aviation as well as help any member build/rebuild and fly their aircraft and to do so safely.

The present board feels that after awarding two scholarships this year, we would like to be able to award more scholarships as the funds in our treasury allow. Seeing young folks getting involved to take our place someday in aviation is a worthy cause.

The board was hoping that the B17, sponsored by our chapter this year, would be a great fund raiser. As you know, that is not going to happen. We have decided to take another route for such a worthy cause.

We are sending this fundraiser out to you for such a cause. However, there is no pressure to you to donate to this fund. If you want to give to the scholarship fund, the board would deeply appreciate it. But if you don't, **please do not feel obligated**. All gifts are tax deductible as we are a 501C3 organization.

We maintain between 130 and 150 members. If everyone gives \$10, that would allow another \$1,500.00 scholarship to be awarded this year.

Again, if you want to participate, that is fine, and if you don't, that is fine also. All these funds will be earmarked for the scholarship fund only.

Sincerely,

Lynn Miller
Treasurer
Chapter 43 EAA

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