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THIS MONTH: This month's meeting will be a banquet held at Colacci's Restaurant in Louisville on Saturday, December 14, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. Served will be spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, and a choice of coffee or tea. The price is \$6.75 including tax and tip, and there will be a cash bar. If you would rather order another item from the menu, feel free to. Guests are welcome, and no reservations are required. The paintings that Chapter 43 member Steve Ferguson (our resident aviation artist) has done of the Grand Champion and Colorado Grand Champion airplanes from the 1985 Greeley Fly-In will be awarded at the banquet. There will also be a presentation made to member Forest "Frosty" Conover in appreciation for his many years of aviation involvement in the Denver area. There will also be 1986 EAA calendars for sale, at a price which will have to be determined by the membership. Hope to see everyone there. Look for the map on the back cover of this Newsletter.

LAST MONTH: With 45 members and guests braving the snow and icy streets to attend, the meeting of November 9, 1985 was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by President Kirby White at the Rocky Mountain Energy Center. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Guests: Guests present were Scott McKenna of Denver -- who is trying to decide what type of aircraft to build, Fred Schindler of Strasburg -- a Chapter 301 member who came to the meeting to talk about Frosty Conover, and Bob Greeno of Broomfield -- a friend of Dean Cochran who is a very experienced helicopter pilot and is thinking about building something.

Treasurer's Report: There was none given.

Old Business: Willie Byrd talked briefly about his plans for the December 14th banquet at Colacci's Restaurant in Louisville. He took a general count of how many members and guests that planned to attend.

New Business: Guest Fred Schindler spoke about his friend Frosty Conover (a Chapter 43 member), whom he has known for several years. Frosty has been flying for 55 years, and has over 17,000 hours. As detailed in the November Chapter 43 Newsletter, Frosty had a landing accident in his Conover Skybolt on September 5, 1985 at the Strasburg Airport. He is considering ending his flying career now, so Fred wanted to do something special for him to say thanks for all that he has done to further aviation. Fred and a number of other people that know Frosty wanted to honor

New Business cont: his accomplishments, and it was decided that this presentation should take place at the December banquet. Also, Kirby announced that since Frosty was injured in the accident, the Officers of Chapter 43 had decided to use the Steve Ansley Memorial Fund to the maximum permitted in the Chapter By-Laws, and will present him with a check for \$100.00 to help defray medical expenses at the banquet. Phil Young brought in a flyer about an auction that was to take place in the near future. Antique engine parts were some of the items listed as being for sale. Kirby said that he had seen the crash of Dr. Chuck Carrothers (sp) on Channel 4 the night before. Chuck was doing some promotional work for the local T.V. station in Nebraska, and the camera filmed him going through his routine when something went wrong and he went in. The report said that he was listed in critical condition. Kirby asked if anyone knew anything more than he did. Brad Davenport said that he had heard that Chuck's condition had been upgraded to serious.

Gene's Corner: Gene Horsman read an article from Aviation Week & Space Technology about product liability litigation in the United States. It brought up some very good points. Gene then read another article from the same publication about some recent accidents. The causes of these will spur increased congressional concern about the FAA's role in monitoring general aviation operations, air traffic control, and the status of proposed regulations governing ultralight vehicles. Gene talked about Chapter 800 on the western slope. He receives their monthly Newsletter, and feels that they have quite an active Chapter. They have an annual fly-in campout, and Gene thought that we should make a real effort to publicize it within Chapter 43 and have a good turnout of members fly over the hill and join them next year. He and Kirby will keep everyone posted on when and where it will be held.

Progress Reports: Ron Denight told us that his Special is now back in his garage at home for some major work. He will be doing a major overhaul on the engine. He is going to build a new canopy and turtledeck. The instrument panel will be replaced. And Ron is also planning to put leading edge cuffs on the wings. He is going to try to have everything completed by next Spring or early Summer. Dave Bieseimer said that he tried an updraft cooling system on his Sidewinder last Summer. He never could get it to work properly, and put the old downdraft cooling system back on. Kirby congratulated Dean Smith for soloing on Friday, October 18, 1985 from Platte Valley Airport.

A&P: The business portion of the meeting adjourned for coffee at 8:20 P.M. After the break, Kirby showed a videotape entitled "The Prescott Pusher Story." Then Dean Cochran showed the tape of a flight that he took while flying his Thorp T-18 through the mountains. The video camera was mounted on the vertical fin of his airplane. It was an excellent tape, which everyone really enjoyed watching. Thanks to Dean for bringing the VCR and to Guy Sheeon for bringing the T.V.

ROSTER UPDATE: Please add the following new members to your Roster:  
Charles Ogden, 1861 S. Ivanhoe, Denver, CO 80224 H. 756-8920  
W. 295-1805  
Aaron Schomberg, 6556 W. Leawood Dr., Littleton, CO 80123  
H. 794-5592 W. 794-7260

GLOSSARY: From "I'd Rather Be Flying" by Donna Vasco

Lazy Eight: the airport operator, his four mechanics, and three ramp attendants.

Lift: conveyance most often requested by pilots at strange airports.

Log: building material used in the making of cabins. Not suited to aircraft construction.

Loop: a unicom operator located slightly southeast of Reno, Nevada. Her last name is deLoop, area code 702.

LOSS: Chapter 43 member Ainis Krumins passed away on Saturday, November 30, 1985 from cancer treatment complications. He will be missed by all who knew him. I will let the following obituary summarize his life very briefly. His love of sport aviation can be seen by the fact that contributions in his memory may be sent to the Experimental Aircraft Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

## OBITUARIES

### Ainis Krumins

Ainis Krumins, a Latvian native who lived in Boulder County for 25 years, died Saturday at Boulder Community Hospital. He was 56.

Mr. Krumins was born June 11, 1929, in Rauna, Latvia, the son of Arvids and Marta Bebris Krumins.

He married Sharon McLeish on Nov. 8, 1973, in Boulder.

Mr. Krumins served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. He moved from California to Boulder County in 1960.

Mr. Krumins worked as a component engineer for IBM Information Products Division for 28 years.

He belonged to the IBM Quarter Century Club, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Rifle Association.

He was a private pilot and an active outdoorsman and raised Arabian horses.

Survivors include his wife, of Erie; his mother, of Kensington, Calif.; and one sister, Rota Ince, of Berkeley, Calif.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Howe Mortuary Chapel in Boulder.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to Experimental Aircraft Association, Wittman Airfield, Oshkosh, Wis., 54903.

READER'S DIGEST: The February, 1968 Reader's Digest article which is printed elsewhere in this Newsletter is a true story and is very interesting reading. The reason that it is included is that it was written about Bob Greeno, who was a guest at the November meeting. Thanks to Dean Cochran for providing the article.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Well, now that cold weather has set in and snow has fallen, aviation activity of all kinds has come to a halt. There really won't be anything going on until Spring, except for Chapter 43 meetings. This is but one of the drawbacks of living in a part of the country such as this. Those who live in warmer climes like southern California can work on their airplanes and fly as often as they wish. No wonder they build an airplane in such a short period of time. And here we sit, unable to do anything for months at a time.

FROM THE EDITOR: That sure is a bleak attitude you have about Winters in Colorado and how they relate to aviation activities, Mr. Prez. Take flying, for instance. There are many, many days when the weather will be terrific. An airplane should even perform a little better than in the Summer. And there is much that can be done on a project if it's too snowy to fly. For example, I and Vice President Fred Seal and member Ken Williams and November guest Scott McKenna all took a drive to Conifer recently to see the RV-4 that member Bill Amos is building. He took some time and showed us what is involved in building that particular airplane. Then all five of us drove to the home of member Bud Aumann, who is also building an RV-4. We spent quite a bit of time talking to Bud about why he likes the design. We appreciated the opportunity to see both projects. I'm certain that the cold weather will not cause either of them to cease working on their RV-4's.

MARKETPLACE: For Sale: Woody Pusher, Continental C-75, Narco Escort; Also new lower cowl for PA-20, \$50.00. Bob Green 659-5829

For Sale: Mustang II spars and ribs and form blocks; Also 300 mph airspeed indicator and sensitive altimeter and Kolsman altimeter (\$50.00). Norm Garvin 466-7464

For Sale: 1947 Luscombe 6A, Metal wing, A-65, Restoration project with 70% completed, excellent workmanship, \$3,000; Also 65 HP Revmaster, 110 hours, Dual magnetos, Ready to fly, \$2,500. Kevin Bishop H. 226-5342 W. 484-0609 in Ft. Collins

For Sale: 1947 Lycoming O-235C, 100 HP, 1200 SMOH, with prop and muffler, from Piper PA-12. Guy Sheeon 232-9535

Wanted: B-16 compass. Marvin Wahl 789-3039

Wanted: A pulsator tube from an early airplane. Dave Paule H. 499-7048 W. 939-5491

For Sale: Over 100 back issues of Soaring magazine. Excellent reading. Very good condition. Dave Paule (see above item)

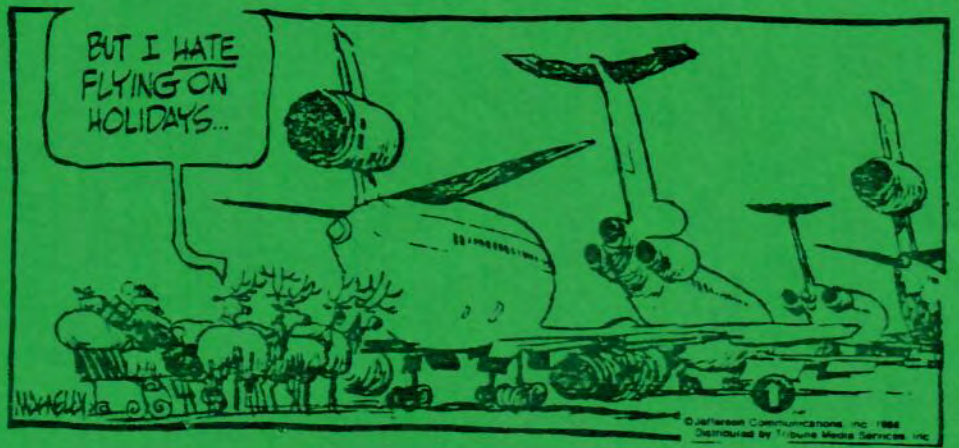
For Sale: 1952 Cessna 170B, 4250 TTAf, 1220 SMOH, 720 Channel 328T Cessna Nav-Com, built in voice operated intercom with plug-in cassette player, Cleveland brakes and Scott tailwheel, EGT, CHT, eyebrow instrument lights, recent custom upholstery with lots of pockets, September annual by Brad Davenport, asking \$14,500 or trade for nice Cessna 180. Dave Paule (see above)

For Rent: Hangar at Longmont Airport for high wing airplane, it has Bifold doors. Ed Pruss 499-4070

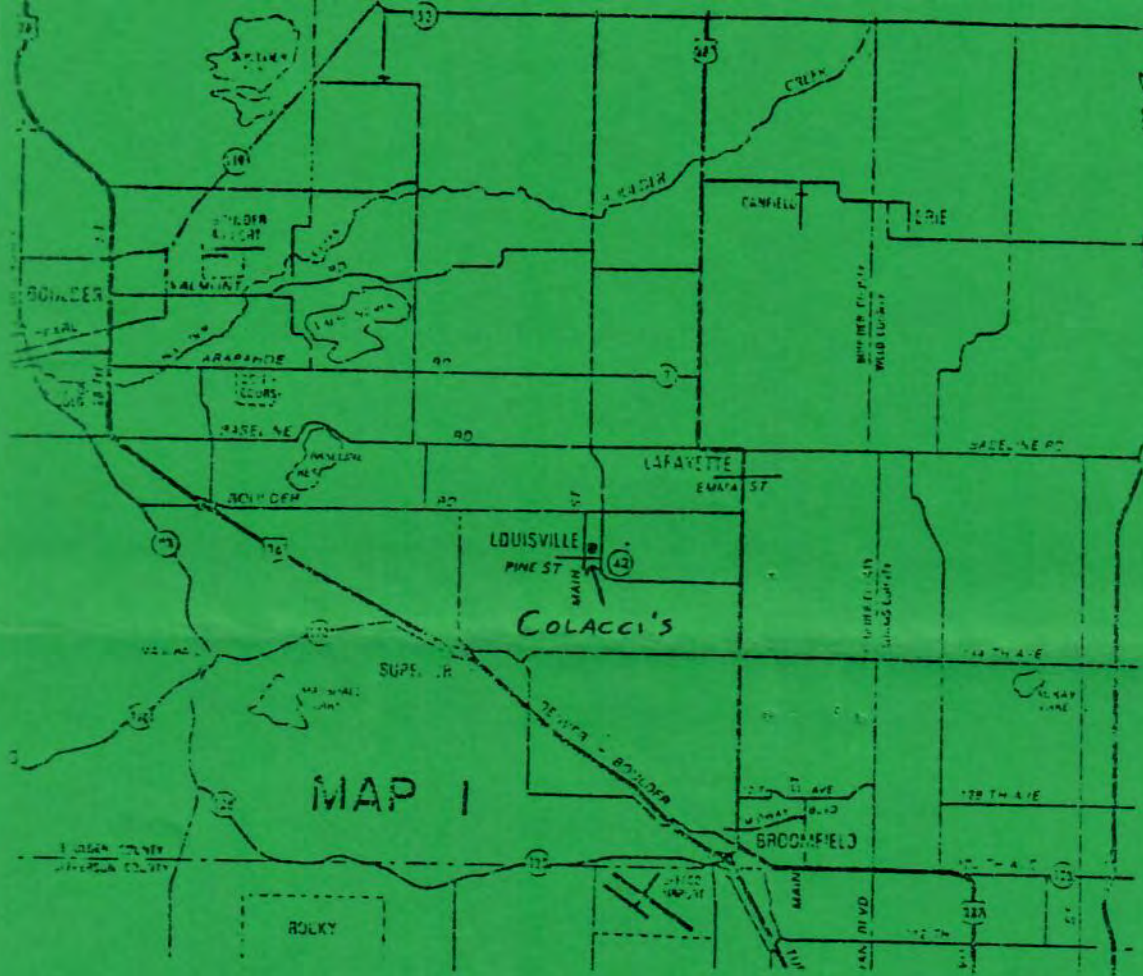
For Sale: Davis DA-2A, 85 HP Continental, 167 SMOH, 240 total on airframe, May 1986 annual. This is a side by side, 2 place, low wing, all metal airplane. It cruises at 120 mph on 4.7 gph. \$6,000 or will consider trade for project. Bob Giesen 762-1829

Wanted: 85 HP engine for a Cub. Rick Robbins 422-9389

For Sale: 2110 cc VW engine kit, all new parts, forged crank, accessory case, alternator, starter, dual port heads drilled for dual ignition, forged pistons, Revmaster carb, \$1,850 Charles Riddel 666-7027



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Louisville and Colacci's  
for our bash on Dec. 14.  
Hope to see you all there



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