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THIS MONTH'S MEETING: The meeting this month will be held on Saturday, March 14, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in the downstairs room on the Southeast corner of the large white building (B-8) which is located to the Southeast of the control tower at Jefferson County Airport. This is where the Deli is. The program will be a presentation on the Questair Venture airplane. Chapter 43 member Paul Whistle has been building two of them at the same time, and they are now being assembled in his hangar at Jeffco. Paul will talk about the design, and tell about his experiences in building the airplanes. He will open up his hangar so that everyone who is interested in actually seeing them can walk over and take a look. This should be an enjoyable and informative program.

THIS MONTH'S CAFE 43: The Fly-Out this month will be to Sidney, Nebraska on Saturday, March 21, 1992. We will have ground transportation, and will visit Cabella's Sporting Goods store and eat lunch at a nearby restaurant. This is the Saturday after our normal second Saturday meeting. We will meet at The Sidney Airport at 11:00 A.M. Ken Lysek is coordinating the monthly CAFE 43 (which stands for Culinary And Flying Expedition), so contact him at 457-9769 if you have any questions or have an extra seat to offer or are in need of a ride. Ron Denight will be this month's Flight Leader.

LAST MONTH'S CAFE 43: The Fly-Out to The Meadow Lake Airport in February was a success, with at least six airplanes and around fourteen people meeting for a nice lunch at the restaurant that was located on the field. Everyone was able to enjoy lunch while watching a broad variety of aircraft using the runway, which had recently been rebuilt and is now very nice.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING: With 70 members and guests in attendance, the meeting of February 8, 1992 was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by President Mark Yelich in building B-8 at Jeffco Airport. Mark apologized for missing his first meeting as President, as he was in California on a business trip. He related a funny event that happened while he was in California. He and several others found themselves with some extra time one day, and decided to use a rental car that someone else had arranged for. They were given the keys to this white car, and told approximately where it was parked. They all took a really nice drive down the Coast. The next day, they all planned to go somewhere with the person who had rented the car, and discovered that they had taken the wrong car on their drive! The keys had matched perfectly. As it turned out, the rental car that they had used was reported stolen by the Russian man who had rented it. He had heard before he came to the United States that cars were stolen here constantly, and he even called back to Russia to tell them that his car had been stolen. It was an honest mistake, and everything worked out just fine once the facts were known. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Guests: Guests present were Mike Gugeler of Thornton -- who is building a Cavalier, Bill Jacobs of Boulder -- who owns a Swift, Burt Mobley -- who is Don Mobley's brother, Karl Sutterfield of Eastlake -- who has recently purchased Don Mobley's Steen Skybolt project, Bill Hannah of Boulder -- who is building a Lancair 320, Chris Scharnhorst of Broomfield -- who owns a Cessna 140, and Bob Patlovany of Broomfield -- who owns a KR-2.

Old Business: Bill & Mary Mitchell, who are the main Regional Fly-In Committee Representatives, asked for any and all suggestions that we might have concerning the bettering of the Fly-In. They said to let either of them or Mark Yelich know any time an idea comes to mind. They said that a change had been made and that a full airshow would be planned for the Fly-In. Chapter 43 is in charge of the Pop Stands, so a sign-up sheet will be passed around in the near future to start making plans. Chapter 43 will not be handling the Aircraft Parking this year, as Greeley Chapter 720 and South Denver Chapter 301 have agreed to take on the responsibility. Treasurer Roy Maneely said that he was collecting the 1992 Chapter 43 Dues of \$10.00, and that in order to be included in the Roster that would be published in March, he would need for everyone to pay very soon. He also mentioned that he still had 1992 EAA Calendars for sale for \$4.00 each.

CAFE 43: Ken Lysek reminded everyone to meet at The Meadow Lake Airport at 11:00 A.M. on the following Saturday, February 15, 1992, for lunch at the restaurant which is on the field. He said that Bill Mitchell would be the Flight Leader. Ken asked for suggestions on the CAFE 43 location for March. The Sidney, Nebraska Airport was suggested and approved, with Ron Denight as the Flight Leader. Ron said that a bus would be provided by Cabella's Sporting Goods store to pick us up if we called them, and we could tour their store while we were there. A recommended restaurant that we could eat lunch at is nearby, also.

New Business: Bill Mitchell brought up the subject of the Pavilion that EAA Chapter 720 in Greeley is building at their Airport. He said that work is progressing nicely on it, but approximately \$1,500 will be needed in the near future to purchase concrete for the floor. He said that about \$4,000 has already been spent on the project. He made the suggestion that Chapter 43 might consider donating some money toward buying the concrete. A motion was made that Chapter 43 donate \$400 to the Pavilion Fund, and after some discussion the amount was increased to \$500. This amount was seconded and approved. Bill said that a nice plaque would be made up with all of the contributing organizations engraved on it. Mark Yelich brought up the suggestion that Chapter 43 might sponsor an Annual Aviation Swap Meet, and asked for comments from those at the meeting. An interest was expressed by the members, and everyone thought it would be nice to invite all of the other aviation organizations along the Front Range to the event. It was agreed that it would not be a good idea to hold it in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, as there is too much going on there to make the Swap Meet attractive. After some discussion, it was voted to hold the First Annual EAA Chapter 43 Aviation Swap Meet at the Platte Valley Airpark on Saturday, May 16, 1992. This will be our normal third Saturday CAFE 43 day, so those of you who would like to get some lunch can get a ride to the Pepper Pot in Hudson, which is supposed to be quite a good place to eat. On the same day, the Military Heritage Command will be holding an event at Platte Valley. The taxiway has been paved recently, and the runway has been patched. The runway will be repaved in the near future, and hopefully by May 16th it will be completed. Chapter 43 member Ib Hansen, who is the new Cassutt dealer in the area, stood and talked about his new compan

New Business cont: that he is very excited about. He said that he has been building a Cassutt as time permits for a couple of years, and he plans to race it in the Formula I class. He brought in a set of plans and a builder's manual and some pictures for everyone to look at during the break, and said he would be at the pool table to answer any questions that people might have. He also mentioned that he has a very complete machine shop, and can make just about any part that people don't have the tools to make themselves. Kirby White asked Ib to tell everyone a little bit about himself. He said he was born in Denmark, and grew up in Sweden. He went to Africa to work, and met a girl from Arvada who was serving with the Peace Corps. They married, and that is why Ib is now living in Arvada. He said he has flown in many foreign countries, and might consider putting on a slide show of his flying adventures in the future. Mark Yelich let everyone know that he had gotten information in the mail from Headquarters regarding the 1992 Major Achievement Award nominations. He asked if anyone had any thoughts on the subject or wanted to bring up for discussion a person to nominate. No one spoke up. The subject of Ben Millsbaugh's talk on Saturday, February 15, 1992 at Littleton High School was brought up. It was encouraged that everyone should attend this talk, as Ben is an excellent speaker, and to take younger people with them. Brad Davenport talked about some written information he had received about propellers. The article was from the EAA Technical Counselor News, and detailed some mishaps which have occurred due to modified or unsuitable propellers. Another article that Brad brought up dealt with chrome plated spinners. He said he would have Kirby put these two articles in a future Newsletter. Ron Denight had some good news to report to everyone. About twelve years ago when he was Chapter 43's President, Ron was contacted by a young man by the name of Corvin Huber who was in Denver on a visit from Germany. Corvin wanted to go to Oshkosh, and asked Ron for some advice on how he might be able to make the trip. Ron made the arrangements, and Corvin got to go. Ron recently received a letter in the mail from him, along with a picture of his Moni that he has built! Mark Yelich thanked Bill Mitchell for the nice podium that he had just donated to Chapter 43. And Mark also thanked Marilyn Taylor from Platte Valley Airpark for bringing in all of the delicious brownies for us to eat at the break.

Gene's Corner: Gene Horsman brought in and passed around some pictures that he had received in the mail of Steve Wolf and Delmar Benjamin's GEE BEE R-2 Racer Replica. Gene had spoken about this airplane at the January 11, 1992 Chapter 43 meeting. Gene made mention of the fact that John Evens had gotten a picture of his Thorp T-18 in the January, 1992 issue of Sport Aviation. It was in the article on the Kerrville Fly-In which John attended last October. John won an award for Plans Built Reserve Grand Champion. In the same issue of Sport Aviation, Billy Anderson of Longmont (whom many of you know) had his picture published as one of the participants in the Colorado EAA Air Adventure Day. It was held at the Boulder Airport. Gene brought in a catalog which lists all of the aviation books that John Roby offers. He sells reprints of old books that are unavailable elsewhere. John McCabe said that he is very pleased with the books that he has purchased from John Roby in the past. Gene spoke about some problems that he is having at this time with his Medical Certificate. At present, he is grounded due to having two kidney stones. He will have to be free of them when he applies for renewal of his Medical. He said to be very careful in talking to the Medical Examiner, because they will look for a reason to not reinstate a Medical Certificate. Gene didn't know it at the time, but he found out that he had been flying illegally because he had the kidney stones.

RV Corner: This is a new monthly Chapter 43 feature. There are now some 75 RVs being built or already flying in Colorado, with 39 of them in the Denver area! This month, Chuck Graf stood and talked about this series of airplanes that is now the most popular among homebuilders. He kiddingly (we think) said that this is now the RV Chapter, and that no other airplanes need apply! He let everyone know that 5 or 6 are flying in the Denver area, and he also felt a need to mention that there are only 2 T-18s flying around here. The engine supply has held up so far, and he said to not give up looking for one. Mas Yoshida is doing very well on his fuselage, and Art Wilson has completed his fuselage and is in the finishing stage. Chuck reported that his own wings were coming along nicely. He said to call any of the RV builders if help was needed, as they would all be happy to help out any way that they could. Some spare tools might be available to borrow, also. In conclusion, Chuck told everyone that Dick VanGrunsven may be at the Regional Fly-In this year, which he thought would be really nice.

Progress Reports: There were no progress reports given.

A&P: The business portion of the meeting adjourned for coffee at 8:50 P.M. After the break, Doug Stimpson of Colorado Aircraft Services put on a program about Dynamic Propeller Balancing. We went into the large hangar and watched him show how the balancing equipment is set up and how the propeller and engine combination is brought into a correct balance. He answered many questions, also. John Evens had his propeller balanced earlier in the day, and will give a report in the near future what changes it has made. Also in the hangar was Bill Hannahan's Lancair 320, which will fly for the first time pretty soon. Bill brought it over from his hangar at Jeffco for us to look at, and he also talked about it as the second part of the evening's program.

JIM THOMPSON: I am pretty confident that most of you know by now that Chapter 43 member Jim Thompson died in his hangar at the Aurora Airpark on Friday, February 21, 1992. It was a real shock to everyone to find out about this. Jim's funeral was very well attended by EAA people, and between them and MG Car Club people and members of his church and classmates of his three children, I estimated five-hundred attendees. At the gravesite at Eastlawn Cemetary, a missing-man formation was flown by Steve from Aurora Airpark, Bill Amos, Larry Nagele, and Addison Pemberton, who lives in San Diego. Addison and Jim were very good friends for many years. Addison flew Jim's Cessna 180 in the formation, which surprised those of us who were watching from the ground, and was the one who did the formation break. In talking to Addison a little later on, I found out that Jim's son Michael was in the right front seat with Addison, and was the one who actually did the break. Everyone felt that this was a very nice and fitting tribute to Jim. He leaves behind a wife and three children. Jim had been a member of Chapters 43 and 301 for a number of years. Everyone who went to an EAA meeting knew who Jim was. He was not the least bit shy, and would always speak his mind. There was never any doubt what Jim was thinking, and he was true to his thoughts and feelings. I know that some of you were taken back by Jim's outgoing nature and directness, but no one was about to change him. As Chapter 43's President for a number of years, I want everyone to know that I really appreciated Jim. When the meetings were getting pretty slow, Jim would come up with something to say that would get things moving again, when no one else would have much to say. Jim was an excellent pilot and aerial photographer. I could always count on him to put on an interesting slide show of the pictures he had taken of airplanes at various Fly-Ins around the country and of his flying trips. He was a regular at Oshkosh, of course. Jim will be missed by many.

DICK WEPPNER: During the past month, I haven't been able to find out much more about the unfortunate death of Dick Weppner. I had hoped that I would get a call or two from some Chapter 43 members who might have some more information for me to include in this Newsletter, but that didn't happen. I can relate a nice story about Dick during his last few months alive, though. For the very first time, Dick was able to attend Oshkosh last year. He flew there with Jim Thompson in Jim's Cessna 180, and had an absolutely wonderful time. I am told that Dick confided in some of his close friends that he felt he would not be attending any more Oshkosh Fly-Ins, as his cancer was worsening. The trip to Oshkosh was a dream-come-true for him, and I am also told by some of his close friends that he was at peace and accepting of what was to come when he died.

CALENDARS: We still have 1992 EAA Calendars to sell for \$4.00 each.

MARKETPLACE: For Sale: Sonerai IIL project, Pre-welded fuselage, 96 wings, No engine or instruments, \$4,200. David Weise 798-5807

For Sale: BD-5A project, 85-90% finished, Includes plans and drivetrain and propeller, No engine, \$1,000 negotiable. Rick Levine 986-4382

For Sale: Aluminum sheets, 4x12, 6061 T6 - .025, \$28.00 per sheet. Dan Falagradny 423-4366

For Sale: B-29 Bombardier's stick (sometimes called formation stick), \$50.00 each - have several. Dean Cochran 466-3472

For Sale: RT-7AC recording tachometer. John Evens 420-2724

For Sale: Sonerai I, Has flown 3 hours, Lycoming O-145 (65 HP?) with less than 12 hours since complete overhaul, Hydraulic brakes with wheel pants, Spare canopy, Needs work on lower cowling -- excellent winter project, Priced for quick sale -- \$4,500 negotiable. Harvey Ward 871-0872

For Sale: Terra TPX 10 handheld radio with ten crystal controlled frequencies, Does not work, \$50.00. Mark Yelich 469-0557

Wanted: Hangar space for Cassutt with 15' wingspan, Preferably Jeffco or Tri-County. Ib Hansen 940-8442 or 423-0780

For Sale: Little Toot all metal biplane project, Fuselage and tail complete, Cessna gear, Needs wings and engine, Price negotiable. Glenn Nicholls 321-7532

Wanted: Lycoming O-320 (150-160 HP) or O-360 (180 HP) for an RV-6, Mid-time to runout. Art Wilson 838-4347 in Conifer

For Sale: Scott 6" and Maule 6" hard rubber tailwheels, Propeller extension for Lycoming O-235 -- O-320 engines, Make offer on all. Mark Yelich 469-0557

For Sale: Lycoming O-320, "O" since chrome major. Jim Ernst 665-4268

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month, John Evens has arranged to have Chapter 43 member Paul Whistle talk about and show off his Questair Venture projects (yes, two of them) which are now being assembled at Jeffco Airport. If you haven't ever seen the unusual fuselage configuration of this design, you will be amazed. Hope you will be able to attend this month's meeting on the 14th!

1992 Regional Fly-In June 27-28th

February's Fly-In Committee meeting didn't generate any new details; however, Bill Mitchell will soon be asking for volunteers to help with our responsibilities during the Fly-In. During the meeting, Bob Kelly of Greeley's EAA Chapter 720 expressed his Chapter's appreciation for our \$500.00 contribution to their Pavilion Construction Fund. Gene Horsman recently made the suggestion that we ask that our contribution be listed on the Contributor's Plaque as a memorial to Dick Weppner and Jim Thompson, which I assume you will think appropriate.

February 15th CAFE 43

Once again, the weather was excellent for our Fly-Out and quite a few members flew to Meadow Lake for lunch. This was my first time into Meadow Lake since the runway was rebuilt, and was therefore the first time I could see the edges of it before I touched down.

March 21st CAFE 43

This month, we've decided to fly to Sidney, Nebraska and visit the Cabella's Sporting Goods store. If you haven't ever been there, you really ought to consider coming along. They have a huge, three-story, 77,000 square foot building along Interstate 80 that looks like a large shopping center. It is filled with hundreds of different species of wild animals, including an elephant, moose, bears, big horn sheep (on a three-story mountain), and all sorts of smaller animals. Besides that, they have the largest selection of sporting goods I have ever seen. It's like the McGuckin's of sporting goods.

Board Of Directors Meeting March 14th

This month, I would like to have a brief meeting before the regular Chapter 43 meeting, starting at 6:00 P.M. I'd like to discuss our participation in the Regional Fly-In, and a couple of other subjects. I hope that all of the Directors and Bill & Mary Mitchell will be able to come early!

Mark Yelich, President



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To Our Friends of EAA Chapter 43:

This letter is written to personally thank all of the members of your Chapter for their generous contribution toward completion of the community picnic pavilion at our airport. Your support and understanding of this project and its ultimate ability to enhance and promote the image of general aviation to the community is commendable.

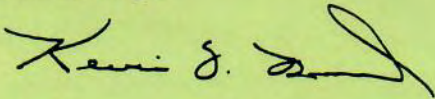
Our goal initially began with thoughts of a 20' x 40' structure and cement pad to be located in the grass area immediately southeast of the airport terminal building. Thanks to the generosity of people such as yourselves, we were instead able to construct the 30' x 60' structure which is now standing. We are continuing efforts to raise the necessary funds to pour the 30' x 60' cement slab by spring, and your generosity certainly helped boost us into a more favorable position to do so. We will also construct a brick barbecue and overhead lighting for use at night.

The pavilion will be available at all times to any and all individuals/organizations that wish to use it -- at no charge. This may include everything from major gatherings of the EAA and various fly-ins/airshows, to community gatherings, social functions, and family picnics. It is my belief that by making this type of facility available for use by all, we will not only be able to sponsor and promote a wide variety of "flying community" functions, but we will also be given the opportunity to expose more of the yet uninitiated public to the world of general aviation and the benefits that may be realized by getting involved. By presenting the public with the opportunity to come out and observe and enjoy what an airport and general aviation have to offer, I believe that we will not only create a more positive image of what we are all about, but we may also inspire some aspiring future pilots to find out first-hand.

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I have been an EAA member for several years, and as such I have seen the wonderful support and friendships that have been built with fellow EAA members. I support all facets of sport aviation/general aviation, and I welcome you at our airport in your endeavors at any time. I assure you that you have a friend up north, and sport aviation is alive and well at Greeley-Weld County Airport. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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