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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

The January meeting will be the Annual Banquet. It will be held on Sunday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Gala Gardens, 8383 Rosemary, Commerce City. A map is included in this newsletter.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Last month's meeting was held on December 11, 1993. Guests included Tom Young, who flew his Champ from Homer, Alaska to Colorado. Burton Mobley attended with his brother Don.

The November meeting minutes were approved as published. The Treasurer, Roy Maneely, reported that no deposits were made last month, but some money had been received.

We still have a number of member badges that have not been picked up. A sign-up sheet is also available for members to order badges.

Seven hundred fifty letters have been sent out as advertisements.

Mark Yelich has purchased a new PA system from Radio Shack for Chapter 43.

The unit was a returned system, so Mark was able to acquire it at a special price. The system works very well. Mark requested a volunteer to fabricate a case to carry the unit safely off-site. We have been planning to share the unit with the Antique Aircraft of Colorado group in exchange for some sharing of purchase price. Gene Horseman will coordinate this joint venture.

Ron Denight reminded the members that he was collecting money for the Annual Dinner to be held at the Gala Gardens in Commerce City. A number of members came forward to sign up. Due to space restrictions at the restaurant, attendance will be limited to 75 persons.

Ron Denight presented the Technical Councilor's Report. He noted that a GP-4 canopy was lost in flight, striking the empennage, resulting in a subsequent loss of control of the aircraft. A steel tube landing gear structure was discovered to have badly rusted from the inside. This defect remained undetected for a long period of time. Ron offered this as a reminder to be sure to protect the interior of your steel tube structures. 100 LL avgas is scheduled to be replaced with a no-lead fuel, probably

rated at 94 octane.

Members are reminded to fill out and return the member information sheet to the secretary as soon as possible.

1994 EAA calendars are now available from the Chapter for \$5.00 each.

Bill Marcy remains as Chairman of the Regional Fly-in Committee. Three assistants have been selected to assist Bill with special assignments. Profits from the 1993 fly-in are to be invested in tie-down cables for the Weld County Airport ramp.

Brad Davenport presented the safety report.

Gene Horseman presented the latest aviation news. Highlights included Sporty's Pilot Shop's \$33 Million bid to buy Piper Aircraft. The House and Senate conferees have agreed to add \$9 Million to the 1994 Transportation Bill to continue the operation of the DUAT system. Gene asked members to standby and be ready to phone or write your congressman when the AOPA Alert goes out regarding the new Product Liability Bill. He noted that Allard, Hefly, McInnis and Schaefer are all sponsors of the bill, as is Senator Hank Brown. Schroeder and Night Horse Campbell are not sponsoring the bill as expected.

Mas Yoshida reported that he may be test flying his RV-6 in January.

Ron Denight reported that he flew his "Denight Special" to 17,800 feet on the morning of the meeting. He did not go higher due to the restrictions of the PCA and ambient temperature.

It was noted that the good weather on meeting day coaxed several pilots into the air. Just as many were jealous.

The evening's program was presently by Dan Mobely. Dan showed a Boing 747 promotional video, and then followed with a description of various personal experiences with the aircraft. This long-haul jet transport has served the airlines since 1970, during which time it has been in continuous manufacture. Dan also answered many questions about the aircraft and its performance. He noted that the latest aircraft only require a flight crew of two - one man and one dog. The man's job is to feed the dog. The dog's job is to bite the man if he touches anything!

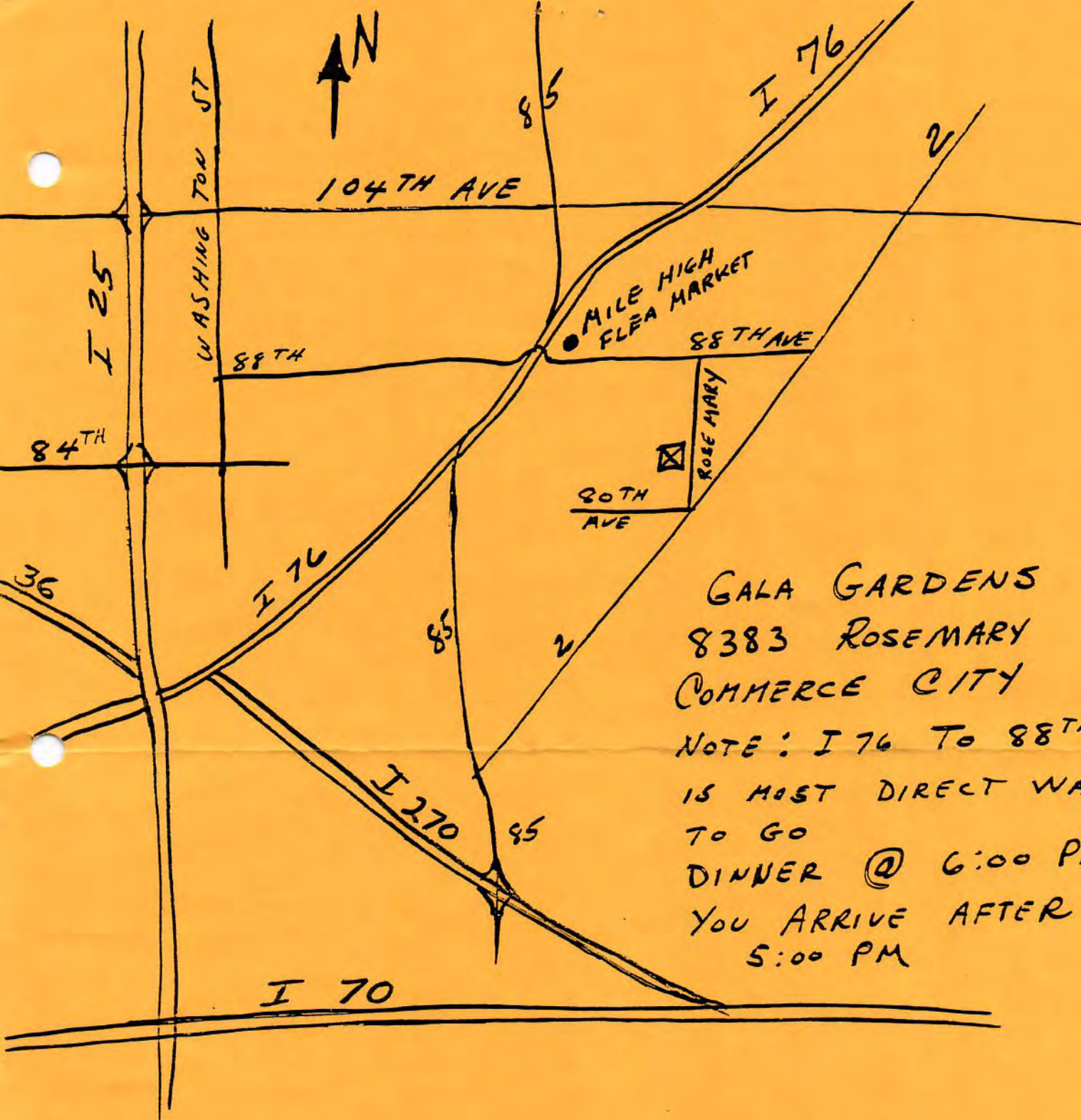
#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

On behalf of the entire chapter, I want to say a heart felt thank you to the retiring slate of officers. Mark and his entire crew has set a standard that will be hard to meet. I'm sure I speak for the entire incoming staff, we will try to do our best.

Thank you all for electing me President of Chapter 43. Even though I still think, as I stated prior to the election, any one that voted for me is almost as crazy as me. I especially want to thank everyone that congratulated me and wished me well at the last meeting.

Anyone with questions, suggestions or comments please call me at my home number, 420-2283, or my work number, 673-1522. You can leave a voice mail twenty-four hours a day at the work number.

Mark Yelich and I had a meeting last month, prior to the chapter meeting, to



GALA GARDENS  
8383 ROSEMARY  
COMMERCE CITY

NOTE: I 76 TO 88TH  
IS MOST DIRECT WAY  
TO GO  
DINNER @ 6:00 PM  
YOU ARRIVE AFTER  
5:00 PM

discuss issues facing the chapter. One of the prime issues I want to pick up from Mark is to get the newsletter out to members no later than the Monday prior to the meeting. I have asked the co-editors of the newsletter, Gary Ludeke and Bill Wright, to decide what is necessary to make that happen, set deadlines, notify the necessary people of what they need to make it happen. I anticipate the deadlines will be hard deadlines. In other words, if the necessary input is not to the editors by the deadline, it does not get into the newsletter. This certainly has my blessing, and includes me.

One other thought, I would like to suggest that the \$200 the Builder's Forum returned to the chapter treasury

be returned to the Forum, or at least kept in reserve for next year's expenses. What Doug and Mark accomplished last fall was impressive. I think that it filled a real need and should be supported to allow the fastest possible growth. Making the necessary money available without making the chairmen dip into their own pockets is one way to do this. I ask that someone make a motion to this effect at the February meeting.

#### FOR SALE:

This is a free service to anyone with aviation related parts or services for sale, trade, or... Please send your ads to the newsletter editor by the fourth Monday of each month.

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