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The Chapter membership wants to see **your project!** Send your photos and a paragraph or two about the project to Dave Bieseemeier, e-mail: [dbieseemeier@](mailto:dbieseemeier@)



## EAA MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43

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# MILE HIGH FLYER

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## THE EAA B-17 FOUNDATION "ALUMINUM OVERCAST".

**T**he EAA Aviation Foundation's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" made its scheduled appearance, arriving Thursday, May 28th from Colorado Springs. Flown by a volunteer crew, the aircraft spent the weekend flying "missions" loaded with passengers who paid for the thrill and adventure of reliving the days of yore when brave young men flew off to fight the war in the air during W.W.II. There is only one way to experience the sights, sounds and smells of a real World War Two B-17 bomber, and that is what the tour of the "Aluminum Overcast" offers.

For those unable to spring for the price of a flight, free walk-around tours of the aircraft's exterior were offered, as well as tours of the interior of the plane for \$6.00. EAA Mile High Chapter 43 played host for this year's visit, and by all accounts the stop-over was termed a success, despite gloomy weather on Saturday morning and a thundershower on Sunday. All scheduled flights took place and all customers appeared satisfied with their experience, judging by the wide smiles seen on the faces of those exiting the aircraft. The Chapter had an excellent turn-out of volunteers, and Mark Graf and his helpers did a fine job of organizing the event. A celebratory dinner Sunday evening at the Runway Grill topped off the weekend and featured George Meshko's enthralling talk of his exploits and adventures during W.W.II as a B-17 ball turret and waist gunner.

**JUNE MEETING:** Sat. June 14th, 7:00 PM. This month's meeting will be an informative guide to the Ins and Outs of aircraft engine rebuilding presented by our own Chapter engine expert, Ron Denight. We will be meeting in our usual spot at the Tri-County Airport Terminal Bldg. Take CO Hwy. 7 to the airport entrance road, proceed to and park in the parking lot.



## ERIE AIR FAIR - THE AVIATION SIDE

It was a perfect day weather-wise. Bright and clear and virtually no wind in the morning.

On approaching the airport at shortly after 7:00 A.M. the balloons were getting airborne and I counted about 28 total in the air. They were very colorful.

On taking the Luscombe over to the FBO to join the other Young Eagles airplanes, I had no sooner stepped out of the airplane, then Kelly Koop asked me if I was ready to fly and I said yes. Y.E. number 1 for me and we were on our way. A number of other pilots were already airborne and the Unicom frequency was really busy.

After taking 3 young people for their ride (all for their first time) I got airplanes moved out of the way so I could get to the fuel pumps to refuel. I did not start with full tanks, so had to bring them up. The automated pumps had just been put back on line and it was good to get fuel at Erie again. I ended up flying 6 all told.

By this time the airport was really bustling. The Friends of Erie Airport (FEA), the pilots group, were flying adults while chapter 43 was flying Young Eagles. So there was a constant stream of airplanes moving in and out.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**June 14-15 - 21st. ANNUAL STEARMAN FLY-IN**, St. Francis KS. (SYF). Info: 785-332-2251.

**JUNE 28, 29 - ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAA REGIONAL FLY - IN:** Longmont CO, [www.rmrfi.org](http://www.rmrfi.org).

**July 12 - Chapter 43 meeting:** Cliff & Patti's Hangar, RV-9 project visit.

**August 9 - Chapter 43 meeting:** Chapter auction and Oshkosh trip reviews.

**August 30 - Williams Ranch fly-In:** Contact Bill or Mary Mitchell, 303-427-4025.

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## MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING AND PICNIC

### Meeting Minutes, Saturday May 10, 2003.

Some members came early to help Don Coleman prepare his hangar for the picnic. As president Patti Begnaud expressed it, this was Winter Picnic and not the Spring picnic as there was about 3 to 4 inches of heavy wet snow from the Friday night storm on the ground. Because of this, the hangar door was kept shut, the heat turned on and everyone was quite comfortable for the day.

President Patti called the business meeting to order about 11:10 AM. She covered the new roster just out that day and the sign sheet for the guests, including asking if anyone had picked up the one from the last meeting.

Steve Beach spoke about the volunteer situation for the upcoming B-17 visit and also the Regional Fly-In, coming up June 27-29. Steve had a sign up sheet for both and had already worked up a chart of those who had volunteered earlier. It was still possible to add to or change the times people had volunteered for.

Patti touched on the chapter participation in the upcoming Erie Town Fair at Erie Municipal Airport (new name) on Saturday May 17th. The Chapter will be flying Young Eagles starting at 8:00 AM and pilots and ground support crews would be needed.

Ms Begnaud then presented a plaque to Bob Johnson making him a life member of EAA Chapter 43. The plaque inscription read: "The Mile High Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association - Chapter 43, hereby confers upon Bob Johnson the award of EAA Chapter 43 lifetime member in recognition and sincere appreciation of his many years as a member, builder, and pilot.

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### The 25th Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In

*The 25th Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th, at Vance Brand Airport in Longmont is looking for volunteers. People can volunteer either individually or as a group. Help is needed in organizing and running the logistical part of the Young Eagles Rally, and for the Operation Hunger project, which involves making sandwiches and bagging snacks for the volunteers for one to two hours each morning. Also, volunteers are needed for Aircraft Judging, Greeting and Parking, Registration /Reception, and the Pop Stand.*

*Please contact Cheryle Sullivan at [cherylesullivan@aol.com](mailto:cherylesullivan@aol.com) or call at 303-678-8014.*

*Information about the fly-in can be obtained at the website, <http://www.rmrfi.org/>.*

**NOTE: There will be a temporary control tower in effect Saturday and Sunday, 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The frequency will be 120.525 MHz, not 122.975 as shown in some publications! Please approach the airport as you would any other towered airport during these hours of operation. The 2V2 airspace will be closed 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM Saturday.**

### SUMMIT MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C.

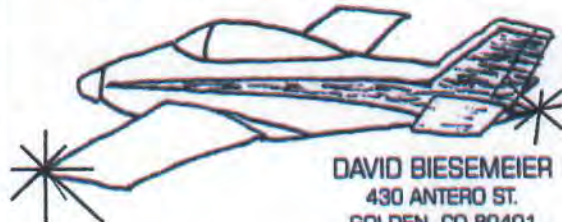
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His memorable first flight of his Kolb ultralite on December 2, 1998, at the age of 82 was a chapter first and admired by all. May he continue to enjoy the freedom of flight for many years to come.



Patti also presented similar name badges to Dean Cochran and Gene Horsman who had been made lifetime members in 1999 and 2002 respectively.

Dean was then given the opportunity to do his monthly duty, by moving that we adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

The group then moved to the food line. There was an abundance of food for all and Don Coleman and Mike Guegler kept the burgers and dogs cooking on the grills outside. No one went away hungry!

The rest of the day was spent in real hangar flying. Thanks to Gene Horsman for submitting this months minutes.

### FUEL RETURNS TO 48V (ERIE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT)

The management of the Erie Municipal Airport (formally known as Tri-County Airport) has announced that the self serve pumps are once again operational and that discounted prices are in effect at \$2.05/ gal. for 100LL, \$170/ gal. for Mogas.

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ERIE TOWN FAIR, CONTINUED

The 3 ship formation of Russian Yak trainers put in an appearance with some very nice formation flying. Bill Greenwood showed up in his two place Spitfire and after one high level pass, we heard him say on Unicom that he was leaving and we see us later. He never did come back.

There were two T-6s, one Cessna 195, and a sailplane to add to the vintage and interesting aircraft lineup.

There were a few vendors, food sellers and the RC model airplane group display. The FBO provided the grill and burger flipping this year for noontime snacks

The airport was closed at 12:00 for the RC modelers to fly and by that time the wind had come up some. They decided not to fly the regular models but put on an awesome flight display by two of the turbojet powered models. Think 150 to 170 mph and they sound just like their big brothers. By the way, these engines, putting out about 27 lbs. of thrust are completely FADEC controlled from startup to shutdown. How come the big two of aircraft engines are just now getting into this?

I did not get a final count of Young Eagles flown, but I know we hit the 100 mark and the FEA flew 72 adults and have another 80 signed up for future flights, like try Saturday, June 7. They could use some help if anyone is interested. Contact Cliff Begnaud - 303-673-0021.

All in all it was a very good aviation day.

Gene Horsman

**EAA FLY-IN SCHEDULE 2003**

- \* **Golden West EAA Regional Fly-In**-June 20-22, Marysville CA (MYV) [www.goldenwestflyin.org](http://www.goldenwestflyin.org).
- \* **Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In** - June 28-29, Longmont CO (2V2) [www.rmrfi.org](http://www.rmrfi.org).
- \* **Northwest EAA Fly-In** - July 9-13 Arlington WA (AWO) [www.nweaa.org](http://www.nweaa.org).
- \* **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh** - July 29-August 4, Oshkosh WI (OSH) [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org).
- \* **EAA Mid-Eastern Fly-In** - August 22-24, Marion OH (MNN) 440-352-1781.
- \* **EAA East Coast Fly-In** - September 6-7, Toughkenamon PA (N57).
- \* **Virginia State EAA Fly-In** - September 20-21, Petersburg VA (PTB) [www.vaeaa.org](http://www.vaeaa.org).
- \* **EAA Southeast Regional Fly-In** - October 3-5, Evergreen AL (GZH) [www.serfi.org](http://www.serfi.org).
- \* **Copperstate EAA Regional Fly-In** - October 9-12 Phoenix AZ (A39) [www.copperstate.org](http://www.copperstate.org).

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:** Saturday, June 14th, Erie Municipal Airport FBO.  
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