

# MILE HIGH FLYER

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**FROM THE LEFT SEAT:**  
*Steve Beach*

## FEBRUARY MEETING:

**FEBRUARY 14TH, 1998**  
**JEFFCO AIRPORT TERMINAL**  
**PAPA BEAR WHITMORE PRESENTS**  
**HIS RENOWN SURVIVAL COURSE.**  
**BRING YOUR VALENTINE!!**

## LUNCHEON / BANQUET

I hope that everyone enjoyed the January Luncheon / Banquet as much as I did. It is always fun to get together with not only the members but their wives, significant others and families. I wholeheartedly endorse involving your family in EAA. More family aviation activities along with the aircraft activities is a direction that many EAA chapters are going and I personally believe that to be very healthy for our organization.

I have to admit that I wasn't sure how well a luncheon would be accepted compared to our normal banquet. Looking back I have to say that it was a huge success. Weather was not a factor this year, but if it had been getting around during the day is generally much easier than at night. Everyone seemed to like the more relaxed feeling of a luncheon compared to a more formal banquet. And last but not least the cost is far more palatable than an evening affair.

John Evens did a great job in locating the 'Old Neighborhood' and setting up the entire Luncheon. The atmosphere was pleasant, I didn't hear a single complaint about the food and how about those colorful name tags. Vicki, John's wife, did a fantastic job with the table and room decorations, and who would have ever thought that paper airplanes could be such a hit (in fact did anyone get away without getting hit?).

**A Chapter 43 round of applause and thanks to John and Vicki for their involvement, leadership and expertise.**

## 1997 THANKS!!

As I did last year I want to take a little space in the column to once again acknowledge and thank the members that went the extra mile for the chapter in 1997:

### THANKS TO:

George Hayes -	VP & Programs
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Don Coleman -	Picnic, EAA Support
Mark Yelich -	Tri-County Visit & Program

I was remiss at the banquet in not presenting Don with his certificate. I dropped the ball when I was transcribing my notes to the computer and Don's name got dropped. Don not only provides a fabulous site for our annual picnic and always provides support for the chapter, but he also is very involved with the Rocky Mountain Regional and Oshkosh as a judge for both events. **Thanks Don!**

I also want to thank all of the wives that provide great support for the picnic and banquet. As I have said before, all of you are invited to all of our meetings and we have some really great ones coming up this spring.

## **FEBRUARY PROGRAM - SURVIVAL!!!**

This month George Brady has arranged for Papa Bear Whitmore to do one of his nationally known survival speeches and demonstrations. If you are not aware of Papa Bear, he has developed a survival course for anyone that may ever need to survive in any conditions that are not normal everyday life. (That encompasses just about everyone)

I have heard one of his short talks on survival and George has attended one of his day long classes. Both of us can attest to the fact that he is very knowledgeable, and can promise that you will not leave the meeting without picking up at least a tidbit of valuable survival information.

This is a meeting that everyone in the chapter can enjoy and benefit from. Bring your wives, family and friends for a fun evening.

**NOTE<NOTE<NOTE: The meeting this month will be at the Jeffco Terminal.** Yes it falls on Valentines Day, but presented in the right way you just might be able to bring your loved one along.

This month we will be trying something different. Because of the cost involved with the terminal and speaker we will have a jar out for donations to help defray the cost. Don't feel that you have to donate just because you're coming, but if you can spare a couple of bucks the chapter can use the help.

From The 12/22/97 AVFlash: Worth it's weight in GOLD? The FAA last week figured out a response to the Pentagon's \$25,000 toilet seats and \$400 hammers: a \$100,000 closet door. That's the amount the agency proposes to fine Delta Air Lines for operating a 757 "with an inoperative first class coat closet door."

## **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!?**

While talking with Dave Gordon last week, about the possibility of getting back into the Jeffco Terminal for a meeting place, I asked how the plans were coming along for the southwest side expansion. Dave showed me the plot layout of the new hangers, how the roads will be run into the property and the relationship to the runways. They have, at least what appears to be, a good plan in the works. The timing on this project is much sooner and faster than most of us thought it might be. As early as this fall or next summer the first four hangers could be going up.

Charlie Graf and Dean Cochran from '43' had spoken with Dave, a while back, about the prospects of getting a piece of property on that side of the field for a meeting clubhouse for the chapter. It was a general conversation without any real outcome at that time. However it may have planted a seed because Dave is very interested in having one of the hangers (as in one full row) owned by a non-profit aviation related group.

Dave's idea would be that the hanger could house rental space for aircraft, meetings room/s for aviation related groups, a meeting/gathering place for people with the same aviation interests, etc. This is very preliminary, but to keep the momentum going I am contacting the other local chapters, 648 & 660, the Antique's (Gene Horsman), the 99's, and any other aviation groups that may have an interest in being a part of the project.

Gene and Charlie have already said that they would serve on an exploratory committee, and I am hoping to find at least 6 other representatives from '43', the Antique Association, and ?? to be a part of the committee. Very key to this effort will be finding someone that has some expertise in chairing a committee like this. If you would like to be involved or know of someone that could represent us on the committee please contact me at home or at the February meeting.

Timing on this opportunity is critical because the land leases will go in a heartbeat when the project gets the final nod from the airport commission. If chapter 43 would like to participate in this venture we will have to have our plans ready sometime in the next couple of months. The scope of this undertaking by the chapter is grander than anything in the past, but doable. Other chapters around the country have taken on hanger ownership with great success, and some have failed. We can get information from all of them to help avoid the pitfalls.

Because of Papa Bear's presentation in February we will not have much time to discuss the possibilities this month. However, by the March meeting I am hoping that a committee can formulate some concepts that could be presented for the membership to contemplate.

## **RV'ers MAKE NOTE:**

For anyone that does not get the "Rocky Mountain RVators" newsletter and has an interest in an RV, they are having a meeting in February. Hangar 32C (Charlie Graf's hangar), Feb. 14th at 10:00 am. Charlie Graf, Pat Claar, and Frank Woods will have their RV's there. Contact Stan Wawrzyniak (Pres.):303-795-2365.

## VOLUNTEERS!

Two of the annual aviation events of the year are coming up. The first is the Air Fair on March 7th & 8th. It is held at the Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum at the old Lowry AFB. The second is the Rocky Mountain Regional EAA Fly-In. It will be on June 27th & 28th this year at the Longmont airport.

Both events can use volunteers. The Air Fair will have an EAA booth and needs volunteers to man it on both days. Volunteering for a couple of hours to talk to visitors at the booth will be a big help. The museum is also in need of volunteers to help with the expected 25,000 visitors on the two days. If you would like to help with the booth, sign-up at the next meeting, or if you would like to help the museum contact Carol Leyner at 442-5002 or Mary Senft at 303-776-7481 or just show-up and volunteer. The Air Fair is Free so tell all your friends, especially the ones with kids. Featured this year is Rod Machado with his humorous "Laugh and Learn" presentation.

We have been talking about the regional fly-in for the last couple of months. I again want to commend the 35 members that have already indicated that they can help out on one of the two days. We will have the official RMRFI sign-up sheets at the March meeting.

## BOARD MEETING:

On January 29th the chapter 43 board met to discuss a variety of issues. The one that took the most amount of effort and still does not have a solution is a meeting place. Colorado Aero Tech has worked well for us for the last two years, but unfortunately the people that have been making sure that the facility was open have moved out of state.

A number of ideas were suggested during the meeting and various members are following up on the prospective locations. If you have any contacts at Jeffco or close-by where we could meet please let any of the officers or board members know. For instance does anyone have an in with any of the companies in the Interlocken Industrial Park: **Office Express, Sun Micro Systems, Up With People, etc.** All of these companies probably have large meeting rooms that may be available.

## HANGAR FOR RENT:

Tri-county, south end of center bldg. faces east, #10.  
George Meshko...(303) 573-1702

## PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 1998 FLY-IN

The Regional Fly-In Committee met on Tuesday, January 13 at McAir Aviation, Travis McGinnis hosting, to continue the planning for the 20th annual, Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In. It will again be held at Vance Brand Airport in Longmont on June 26, 27 and 28.

The many little things that have to be taken care of are well underway. Letters are going out to potential vendors with prices for a spot. The committee is looking into furnishing tent covers for those who want them. Dates of the event have been sent to the aviation publications. Posters are available as well as business card type handouts.

Bill Marcy wants to have someone else from the committee go with them to Sun and Fun in April and learn the ropes for representing the Fly-In at this and other national events like Oshkosh.

Anyone interested? Call Bill or Carol Leyner.

It was decided to give McAir Aviation a free ad in the program for hosting the committee meetings during this winter season.

Greg Kielian is to be our new "volunteer" chairman. Don Coleman will again handle judging. Todd Harvey will handle the Antique Airplane Association of Colorado's Fly-Market.

Walt Breedlove gave a treasurer's report and the committee has \$5700 currently in the treasury.

We are still looking for food vendors.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 P.M. at McAir Aviation at Jeffco and all are invited to attend.

**Gene Horsman, AAA of Colorado  
Chapter 43 Representative to the Fly in Committee.**

**Thanks also to Gene for providing the sample letter concerning the National Civil Aviation Review Commission, and addresses for our Senators and Representatives**

## FOR SALE:

**Lycoming 0-235 C1B**, with impulse mag. 1000 hours SMOH, 3177 TT, with starter, generator, carb and mags. \$4700 outright.

**Ron Denight...(303) 452-0458.**

## RAMBLINGS

By the editor

And this time I mean it! I have a column and a half to fill so here goes.

At the risk of being sued for plagiarism, I can't resist quoting William K. Kershner from the January *AOPA Pilot* in his article "Aviation Myths and Insight". It is an excellent article, both amusing and thought-provoking. He has 29 rules for flight including such witticism as "Don't fly wearing spurs, don't take off if the motor is dripping, never eat at a cafe' called 'Moms', never fly with a guy named 'Ace', and during aerobatic lessons, never upchuck on the instructor".

Reminds me of a story my hangar partner, Roger Klemm told me of an instructor with a green (literally) student who complained of nausea during a lesson. The instructor, being without a sick sack, handed the student his new ball cap, just in case the student couldn't wait for the steadying effect of Terra Firma. After an uneventful landing and taxi to the parking spot, the instructor shut down the engine, looked over as the student exited the plane, turned and barfed in the instructors new cap. Oh well, it's the thought that counts.

Terry (T-Rex) Sickler, Chapter 660 newsletter editor and VP wrote the following in his January issue:

### *"A Definition of Term"*

"Have you ever tried to find the definition of "Homebuilder" in your handy Webster's? (No, don't call Clint real quick!) I'll save you the trouble... it's not there. Literally, it would obviously mean "one who constructs an aircraft at his or her place of residence". However, from my perspective, it equates to far more than that. It means a person who thrives on the technical challenges of building and flying an aircraft that they themselves constructed. One who is always ready to come to the aide of his fellow "Homebuilder" and always searching for that next great idea. Intense and often long term dedication to success is a must. Above all, there is a bond between "Homebuilders" that provides the newbie and old-salt alike with a sense of pride and a feeling of belonging to a special breed. In my opinion, "Homebuilder" is very well defined within the minds and attitudes of this chapter's membership. The ADVENTURE is HERE and we THRIVE on it!"

## BATTERY TENDER

There is a product used for keeping motorcycle batteries up to snuff during periods of non-use, like during the winter, called the Battery Tender. It is highly advertised in the bike mags, and also rather expensive - about \$65.95 at the bike shop.

A less expensive solution that might be of use to us airplane owners who don't fly often enough to keep our A/C batteries fully charged in the winter is a small 12V 1 1/2 amp., fully automatic charger, **The Shraeder Mity Mite**, available from your local WalMart for about \$25. It is designed to be mounted on or near the battery, has a durable plastic case with a green LED that lights when the battery is fully charged, whether plugged in or not. The unit maintains the charge when plugged in by fully charging the battery, and cycling on and off whenever the battery voltage drops below 14 volts...just like the more expensive unit.

## DUES!!

Please send your checks and membership forms to chapter treasurer **Mas Yoshida**

**5305 West 40th Avenue**

**Denver CO 80212**

or bring them with you to the meeting. Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 43. Cash will also be readily accepted!

By the way, there are also a few chapter patches available along with some remaining calendars. Get yours before they are all gone. The chapter also has available a very attractive personalized name badge so that you too can be called by name rather than "Hey You". See Harrill Davenport to order yours for \$6.00. And don't forget to wear it to chapter functions. (I know, that means me, too! ed.)

## BENDING 4130 TUBING?

There are at least two places nearby to get 4130 tubing bent if you have the need. Gene Horsman has used **Mike Lupfer Industries at 5580 Harlan, Arvada, (phone 452-4578)**, who can bend tubing from 1/2" dia. to bigger than you will use on an airplane. He is located just down the street from Ib Hansen's shop.

I have had tubing bent at **Rocket Chassis, 15500 West Ararpahoe Drive, Golden (phone 279-6039)**. Gary Frye, owner. He can bend tubing from 3/4" dia. on up. He is located 1 block south of 44th and 1/2 block east of Macintyre in Golden.

GENERAL AVIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The National Civil Aviation Review Commission, which had a stacked deck, as appointed by the President and Congress, has now turned in its report. As could be expected, with only one member representing General Aviation, the airline and industry members of the board and its chairman came up with user fees again and also privatizing the Air Traffic Control system. Both of these attempts were shot down by Congress in the past, but the administration is not willing to let it die. This report was set up to automatically submit draft legislation to both houses. This means that it will come up for debate and unless we make our wishes known, it just might pass and the ramifications are bad for GA. Below is a copy of the FAX your editor sent to both Senators and Rep. Dan Schaefer. You may use this as a guide to draft your own individual letter or FAX, but please help inundate them with protests. There is very little time to get a letter of FAX off to them, since they have already gone back into session a week ago. Please help! It could mean your not flying in the future!

Current Date

The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell  
380 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510  
FAX (202) 224-1933

Subject: National Civil Aviation Review Commission

Dear Senator Campbell,

In response to the recent report submitted to President Clinton and the Congress, from the National Civil Aviation Review Commission. I ask that you help to put a stop to any discussion it brings up as draft legislation.

The commission completely ignored the needs of general aviation and catered instead to the wishes of the administration and the airlines. The report calls for user fees and developing a performance based air traffic control system. Both of these ideas have been shot down in the past by congress and they should be now and in the future.

The FAA is making progress, at the moment, in beginning to clean up it's act, although at a snails pace, and Congress has the ticket and fuel taxes back on line in the Aviation Trust Fund. Even so, the commission with its "sky is falling" approach wants to revamp everything and yet it refused to consider taking the FAA out of the Transportation Department, something that should have been done long ago.

Why must the Congress continue tinkering and micromanaging the aviation system in this country? They only succeed in making matters worse and driving a large segment away. Or is that the object?

As an active general aviation pilot I ask that you do all you can do to remove this report from active discussion and further action.

Respectfully,

Your Name  
Your Address  
General Aviation Pilot

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be held at *THE JEFFCO AIRPORT TERMINAL* FEBRUARY 14, 1998, at 7:00PM . See inside for details..

