

MILE HIGH FLYER

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FROM THE LEFT SEAT:

Steve Beach

JUNE MEETING:

JUNE 13th, 1998

*7:00pm Tri-county Airport-
Blue Grassfield's big green hangar
on the west side of the airport.*

AND THE PICNIC ROLLS ON

It started out a little cloudy, a little bit of threatening rain, and not many people. But by noon chapter 43's picnic was on its way to becoming another great get-together. I thought I was getting to Don Coleman's early on that gray Saturday morning, but there were already at least three people in the hanger sweeping before I could get the truck parked.

Don has been our picnic host for the last three years and this year his hospitality was better than ever. He not only provides the place, but ensures that the fixuns are ready to go, ice is in the buckets, and the grills are turned on. Our appreciation and thanks go to Don for a job well done, and way beyond the call of duty.

A few other people should also be mentioned for their participation. Ron Denight started giving rides before 9:00 and didn't quit until the middle of the afternoon. I know about the first ride because I was lucky enough to be in the right seat. If you get the opportunity to ride with Ron don't pass it up. With the new engine in the Denight Special we were seeing a very easy 1000 feet a minute climb and a flat out of over 170mph. Very impressive and fun.

As soon as he arrived Bill Mitchell joined right in with giving more rides in his T-18. I had a chance to fly with Bill last month and that is another ride that you do not want to pass up. In fact there are very few aircraft that most of us would ever turn down.

Pat Hollaran made two trips up from the Springs in 'Lovings Love' to join us for a burger. The first time up was about 10:00 and the clouds were just too thick over Tri-County to get in easily. He was also having trouble with his transponder so he decided to go home. However, after changing the transponder out and checking with weather he decided to make another trip up. We were all very happy to see him when he arrived and what an aircraft!! Thanks for coming up Pat. You're welcome anytime.

Other aircraft that made the trip in were Herrill Davenport in the Nugget, new member Daril Cinquanta in his PA-11, Richard Clements with his Falco, and an Avid flyer and Davis who's pilots names I missed. There were others but the old memory is failing and of course I didn't write them down at the time.

Many of the regulars helped out with getting the hanger set-up and cleaning up afterwards. Gene Horsman, Charlie Graf, Mas Yoshida are the names that come to mind right away. Also their wives are to be commended and thanked for all of their help. As I have said before I think it is great when we can involve the entire family for some or most of our events and meetings.

Once again, thanks to Don for the hospitality, and for the cake honoring Chapter 43. For those of you that missed the great cook out this year, put the picnic on your calendars for next year. Second Saturday in May.

SCHOLARSHIP

A fantastic thing happened at the picnic. We were discussing sending a youth to the EAA Air Academy to replace the Grassroots Camp that was cancelled. Charlie Graf and I had talked briefly about maybe being able to send both of our applicants to the academy because EAA's camp is a little less expensive than the Air Camp. As it turned out we did not want the treasury dropping below \$1,000 and needed \$300 dollars to send both boys to camp.

Charlie said that we should pass the hat around and by the time it got back to the head table we had \$295 to make up the difference. Congratulations to everyone; That really shows what this chapter is all about.

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Now, the sad news. Both of the youths that we wanted to send have had to drop out for family reasons. I have made a few contacts with other aviation groups in the area but so far have not come up with a viable candidate. In fact even the 99's lost the young person that they were going to send. The timing was just wrong on this one.

If we do not send anyone this year I would recommend that we put the money aside and next year plan to send more youths to the Academy or possibly send one to a longer camp. We can talk more about the plans at the June meeting.

ROCKY MT. REGIONAL FLY-IN

The Regional Fly-In is here! Just three weeks away and it is looking better than ever. Just a quick reminder that the big event is June 27 & 28th. If you have not already volunteered, please sign-up at this meeting. Or, simply show up at the Fly-In and tell the volunteer coordinator that you would like to help out for a couple of hours.

But remember that you don't have to volunteer to come out and enjoy it. There will be seminars, workshops, aircraft to view and Marv will have his hammer or wheel (or maybe both) running. If you have an aircraft that should be judged bring it out. If you have a static display (aircraft under construction etc) bring it out for viewing and judging. That is a reminder for George Hayes and his project. Last year George brought his fuselage out and didn't know about the award for a static display. If you want to see a great wood and fabric aircraft in the making, the workmanship on George's aircraft is worth the price of admission alone.

Alexander Sportair is putting on the Builders' Workshop. If an individual chapter has six people attending the workshop there is a \$15.00 discount per person for the workshop. If you are planning on attending, check around and see if anyone else from 43 is going.

Other activities include: A banquet on Saturday night with some of the awards being given out. The spot landing contest will take place on Saturday afternoon. (and I can still use a couple of volunteers to help out)

YOUNG EAGLES

Hopefully everyone is remembering that June 26th will be a Young Eagles flying day at Longmont. That is setup day for the Fly-In and we would like to take advantage of the opportunity to fly some youth. Bill and Mary Mitchell have found a boy scout troop that wants to come out and the CAP will be helping with the set-up. What we will need are some pilots and aircraft to help fly the YE's. If the Texas RV group fly's up again, maybe we can get them to help as well.

Obviously we will need some ground support and if the kids don't show we can put you to work with the Fly-In preparations. Give Glen Grove or Bob Lee a call if you can help or just show up.

Also remember that Phillips 66 is again sponsoring the Young Eagles program with a gas incentive to all pilots that participate. If you want more information please call me.

OTHER FLY-INS

The old Kerville TX Southwest Regional is now in Abilene TX. This years will be held on October 15-18, 1998. Call Stu McCurdy 512-388-7399 for more info.

Here is an unusual combination! The Truckee (California) Tahoe EAA Chapter #1073 is hosting a Staggerwing/Lancair Fly-In. It will take place on September 11-13. Truckee sits at 5,900' and is only 20nm SW of Reno.

The JAA Jeffco Aviation Association is sponsoring a fly-in on August 15th. There will be a fun aircraft competition with 8 or 9 classes and 31 trophies beautiful trophies. This should be a good show to just have fun at.

TECH COUNSELOR & FLIGHT ADVISOR

The Tech Counselor & Flight Advisor news will now be published in the Experimenter. Unlike our chapter, others around the country were not being kept up-to-date on the latest tech and flight news. EAA has decided to start putting all of the newsletters for the techs and advisors in the Experimenter to ensure that everyone that has an interest can get the information.

HOMEBUILTS UP, ACCIDENTS DOWN

Check out Tom Poberenzy's column in the May Sport Aviation. New registered homebuilts in 1997 were near the 2,000 mark and accidents were down to 191 or 6% below 1996. He attributes much of this success to the commitment of homebuilders and EAA members to flying safety.

STEVE

PHOTOS OF THIS YEAR'S TRI-COUNTY PICNIC



PHOTOS OF THE YEAR BY TRI-COUNTY PHOTO



GENE'S CORNER

BY GENE HORSMAN

AIRPORT PROJECT MEETING

Gene Horsman, representing Chapter 43 and the Antique Airplane Association of Colorado attended the meeting at the terminal building at 6:00 pmon May 6th.

Dave Gordon, Jeffco Airport manager, briefed the group on the coming plans for the airport. An FAA grant to update the airport Master Plan is in hand. Their preliminary projections include more corporate traffic. The east and north sides of the airport are pretty much spoken for as far as new hangar growth is concerned.

They have a good working relationship with Broomfield, who will put water and sewer lines into the new development on the southwest corner. Broomfield does not wish to annex the airport so the airport remains its own entity. The airport exchanged a piece of property south of the new hangar sites for the utilities.

The airport board has put a moratorium on starting the SW site until January 1999, and will run various scenarios on the development in the meantime.

Dave Gordon displayed a layout map of the proposed SW area and expressed the hope that the committee could put together a proposal to utilize one of the 60' x 360' pads for a non-profit aviation group with club house facilities as part of the arrangement. A pad like this would normally accommodate 16 Tee hangars. We would lease and build as we saw fit. He would support a 501C C3 effort by the group and believes that the board would consider special incentives to the group under these circumstances. The ground lease rate is projected to be 27.39 cents per square foot per year.

Charlie Graff of EAA Chapter 43, suggested that the airport own the property and the group lease it from them.

Mr. Gordon would like to see the facility be available to the aviation community for meetings and as an education facility for the general public. Aircraft building and restoration might be going on at any time at the facility. He also felt that corporate funds might be obtained for building and operating expenses.

The group decided the next move was to put together a letter with a draft plan to submit to the Airport Board indicating our proposed intentions. The next meeting is to be June 2, at 6:00pm.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

The Arizona wing of the Confederate Air Force will have their B-17 "Sentimental Journey" and the Heinkle HE-111 at Jeffco on June 19, 20 and 21.

MAY MINUTES

Due to the informal nature of the picnic, no formal minutes were recorded. We'll try to be more normally formal this month! And speaking of the picnic, I'm afraid I came down with a cold that day. After stopping by Denver Air Center to wait out the low ceiling, and feeling crummier by the minute, I decided to pack it in for the day. Sounds like everyone had a great time, and I was really sorry I missed it. Next year! Another big *thank you* from the chapter for *Don Coleman* for hosting the picnic again this year.

SIDNEY AVIATION

On May 20th, the multi-state Powerball Lotto jackpot was a gazillion dollars, so the guys at work decided that since I was a winged creature, I could fly up to Sidney, Nebraska and buy lotto tickets for them. Never being one to pass up a good excuse to utilize the Sidewinder (no matter how ridiculous!), I gladly collected the pool and went on my merry way to Sidney.

Lo and behold, upon landing at Sidney International, I was aghast to find a long oily streak down the left side of the fuselage, originating in the vicinity of the oil cooler. Mr. Ed Nelson, operator of Sidney Aviation, generously offered me the use of his tools and a couple of fittings to rig up a bypass around the suspect oil cooler. I was also offered the use of the airport loaner Caddy to make a quick run into town to pick up a fitting and the above mentioned lotto tickets, with a short stop at Cabella's.

Ed, you really bailed me out of a sticky situation(literally), and I hope everyone who flies into Sidney to visit Cabella's will stop in and say hi, and maybe even buy a little gas. General Aviation needs more generous and helpful people like you. Thanks again, Ed, and sorry I took so long to send the fittings back, but I wanted to enclose a copy of this newsletter for you.

Come visit our chapter if you are ever in our area on the second Saturday of the month. Oh yeah, to show my appreciation for your help that day, here's a couple of hours of gas money for that beautiful Pitts. Say, why not fly it up to the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in June 27th and 28th!

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