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WHO AM I ?

Hello brother and sister aviators. I am writing this note from Cusco Peru. Prior to now, I spent a month in Ecuador, so I wanted to report the state of visible general aviation in these two countries. In Ecuador, I noticed that GA was noticeably absent, to say the least. While in the Amazon, I saw one Twin Otter and while at the Guayaquil airport, I saw only about a dozen GA aircraft including a Diamond, a 336 or 337, a couple of Cessna singles, a couple of twins, a Beechcraft, a Maule-looking plane and some others. No experimentals!!

That was it for Ecuador, including the Galapagos Islands. Here in Peru, I have not seen a single GA aircraft. They must be hiding somewhere. So, I'll keep looking. The Cusco airport in 10,500 feet in elevation, but there are higher airports around, such as La Paz, Bolivia, where I hope to visit next week. Tomorrow is my long awaited visit to Machu Picchu and then to Lake Titicaca. I'm having a terrifically great time but my Spanish learning leaves something to be desired. Oh, one of the best, make that the most interesting, experiences I have had was having cuy (guinea pig) for lunch yesterday. Try it sometime, you'll like it!! All for now. Hasta luego mi amigos!!

Some of you know me as sourdostan while others know me as Stan Specht.

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Next chapter meeting will be December 13th at 7PM in the Mount Evans Room upstairs at the Metro Airport Terminal building.

Chapter 43 Minutes of Meeting November 8, 2008

Our Vice President, *Kyle Heckman*, called the meeting to order at 7:07. *Greg Hall* was not present.

Visitors: None at this meeting.

Minutes of Oct. meeting approved as written in Nov. newsletter.

Treasurer Report: *Lynn Miller* gave the report and was busy taking money for dues and our upcoming banquet.

Trip Reports: *Dave Bieseimeier* and *John-Pierre Verdier* flew their own planes to the Copperstate Regional at Casa Grande, Arizona. It was good weather both ways and they had a good turnout.

Bob Young went to Alabama to meet his 4 sisters not previously known about.

Bill Mitchell flew a Luscombe to Longmont.

Robert Johnson spent time in Boston, Houston and San Jose.

Stan Specht is spending about 3 months in South America.

Progress Reports: *Gary Motley* is building a Sonex and designed and made a quick and easy deburring tool.

Don Smith has the rudder finished on his Rans S-19.

Glen Rewerts has the canopy almost finished and the IO-360 engine put together on his RV-7.

Joan and Ulrich Hauser have been asked to do some missionary work in their Kitfox in Guatemala. They also had an incident around Ft. Collins where their plane was targeted by a laser.

Safety Reports: *Bill Mitchell* suggested that anyone with a tilt up canopy should install an uplock to keep it from falling on you. Also he reminded anyone flying or taxiing to look outside the aircraft. Don't always rely on your instruments.

Gene Horsman reported on his Luscombe. Gene had not been flying for awhile because of medical reasons. After improving, he asked a friend to do a check ride with him. While landing at Greeley, the plane went into a ground loop. Gene showed pictures of a crumpled right strut and gear and a prop strike. The plane had too much damage to rebuild. Unfortunately, this also ended a long enjoyment of flying as PIC for Gene.

Old Business: Pictures of the builder's forum were shown. *Greg Hall* submitted the photos. *Steve Beach* reported that we had a good turnout. The weather was warm enough after sunrise. The classes and forums went very well and the project was successful for our chapter's first attempt at a builder's forum.

Young Eagle Report: *Brian Cabebe* reported on the Y.E event at Erie. It was for the Legacy H.S. Aeronautics students and friends. 8 planes took part for 19 kids. See letter in newsletter for participants.

New Business: EAA National sent the chapter a plaque commemorating our 50th anniversary. It was passed around for all to see.

Steve Beach reported on a requirement by the FAA. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) requires private, commercial and airline transport pilots to have a certificate stating that the holder is proficient in the use of the English language. Regular replacement certificates will include the endorsement and a replacement has a \$2 fee. The deadline is March 2009.

Joe Jones and Bobby Baumgartner promoted a "Salute to Veteran's event at Metro Airport. It will be taking place from Nov 14-16. The EAA B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" will be there. See later in newsletter for the outcome.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:13.

After the break, the annual elections were held. Two board member positions were to be filled and one vice-president position. Brian Cabebe filled the vice-president by acclamation. Steve Beach and Dave Bieseimeier will fill the open board member positions. The other positions were filled by acclamation.

The 2009 Officers will be Greg Hall (pres.), Kyle Heckman and Brian Cabebe (vice-pres.), Bob Young (secretary), and Lynn Miller (treasurer). Board of Directors: Greg Hall (chairman), Steve Beach, Gene Horsman, Bill Mitchell and Dave Bieseimeier.

Our scheduled speaker, Michael Bond, had to cancel because of bad weather over the mountains. Brian Cabebe filled in with the results of his trip to an EAA chapter leader academy.

Brian explained what was covered at the academy. Topics included: programs, fundraising, recruitment, websites, chapter resources and many fresh ideas from other chapters. He had plenty of pictures of the airfield, airplanes, members that attended and different discussion groups. Great presentation Brian, and we look forward to putting your ideas to use in the chapter.

The Banquet is Coming

**Notice: Only 40 more seats left.
Don't wait any longer**



The banquet is set for Saturday, the 10th of January, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Vista Ridge Golf Club in Erie. The meal will be a steak buffet with soft drinks, tea and water included. There will be a cash bar that the Chapter **will not** pay for. You guys will have to pay for your own beer. There will be a limit of 100 people total as that is all they will allow in the room. So, the first 100 people who register and pay me will be put on the guest list for that night. The cost will be the same as last year, \$10 for a member. The member will be allowed to bring one guest for another \$10 or \$20 for the member and his/her guest. If a member wants to bring more than one guest, then they will have to pay \$28 for each additional guest. Also, when the checks are sent, please say if the check is for the banquet, for dues, or for both. I need to know how to record them accordingly. I would prefer a check so we have a paper trail as to who has paid.

IT'S TIME

I don't like to use 4 letter words, but this one is necessary. **DUES** They become due January 1 of each year. Still \$20. Let's not wait until the last minute to pay. Get them in before your taxes go up. If you pay early you can get a gold star next to your name in the rooster. Note: Keep your membership dues current in EAA National to insure your voting rights and insure our insurance coverage at chapter events.

Colorado Sport Aviation, Inc. (CSA)

Colorado Sport International Air Show and Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In

The Board of Directors is excited to bring its 2009 Air Show and Fly-In to the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport August 22 & 23, 2009. The event will be in combination with the annual Metro Airport Open House.

B-25 PACIFIC PROWLER

Remember last year when the B-25 came to town? A friend of ours, Lynn Daker of Boulder, showed pictures and talked of his time in B-25s in the WWII Pacific. He and the Pacific Prowler crew have come up with a plan to locate Lynn's shot down plane and recover the remains of his top turret gunner, who never got out of the sinking bomber. In about a month they leave for the Philippines and could use some help from all of us. The story can be found at: <http://www.b25.org/PhilippinesB25.html>

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(Needed for 2009 Roster & Chapter documents)

PLEASE COMPLETELY FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION, even if nothing has changed from last year. We particularly need EAA # and Renewal date.

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Scholarship Donation (Optional)	<u> </u> .00
Total	.00

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If you prefer to receive the newsletter by Snail Mail, check here. _____

AIRCRAFT INFORMATION:

Note: Category - Standard, Experimental, Ultralight, Light Sport, War Bird, etc.
Status: ----Built, Building, Restoring, Considering, etc

<u>Make, Model</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Since (Yr)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Based At</u>
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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING 2009?

Would you?

Run for a Chapter Officer Post For 2010? -----	Yes ___ No ___
Arrange, Or Be, The Program For One Of Our Meetings?-----	Yes ___ No ___
Host A Chapter Meeting At Your Project?-----	Yes ___ No ___
Work as a volunteer for 2009 Builders Workshop?-----	Yes ___ No ___
Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as pilot or volunteer? Pilot	Yes ___ No ___
Volunteer	Yes ___ No ___

Suggestions: Please provide any suggestion on things you would like to see the chapter improve on or provide in the future on a separately attached sheet of paper. The board will review suggestions.



Rocky Mountain Aviation Center, Inc.

Progress Report, by Dave Bieseimer

Raise your hand if you know what the Rocky Mountain Aviation Center is. Don't know or don't remember? It is probably the most important project our EAA chapter has ever undertaken! It is the endeavor to give Chapter 43, Jeffco Aviation Association, The Colorado Aviation Historical Society, The Colorado Ninety Nines, and The Antique Airplane Association a place to call home. It will be an **aviation education facility** to provide everyone with a passion for learning about all aspects of aviation a **first class facility**, and a pool of scholarship funds to be made available to worthy students. It will even house an Aviation History Museum. There are an additional 15 to 20 aviation oriented groups that have expressed an interest in utilizing the facility when it is finished.

The committee that has been working on making this a reality has made some real progress: The 501 (c) (3) non-profit status has been obtained and fund raising has begun in earnest. Jefferson County Commissioners; **Jim Congrove, Dave Auburn, and Kevin McCaskey** have worked to grant a **100 year lease to RMAC, Inc.** for a premium 25,000 square foot lot located just north of The Denver Air Center. It will have direct hangar taxi-way access and face the airport entrance road. This valuable asset is conditional on the committee raising sufficient funds to match a **\$33,000 grant** from the county **before the end of 2008**. This \$33,000 grant can be **"ours"** if we can prove that we are serious and viable. That makes \$66,000 in "seed money" that will go far toward making RMAC, Inc. a reality! Preliminary design work has begun on a 130 by 150 foot building that will include a very large hangar, workshop, classrooms, meeting rooms, office space, library, and commercial quality kitchen. It will even have a 50 by 130 foot basement for additional space.

I know that you are asked to donate for this and that at just about every chapter meeting, but this time it is for **us, our airport community, and most important, the future aviation education of everyone with an interest to learn more about flight.** aviation careers, and math, science and technology as it relates to aviation. The RMAC, Inc. committee is in immediate need of someone to design and implement a web site to aid our fund raising efforts. If you can help with this please contact me, **Dave Bieseimer at 970-669-2286**, e-mail: dbieseimer@comcast.net, **Daril Cinquanta at 303-423-9846**, or **Steve Beach at 303-547-0100**. To show how serious I am about the importance of this project, I have written a check for the first \$1000 donation to the project. I hope you will follow suite and join me in your generous **tax-deductible** donation. I will also be meeting with JAA, the Ninety Nines, and the Colorado Antiquers to ask them for their donations at their upcoming meetings. If we can just get at least 33 members of the four groups to ante up for a grand each, we will reach our seed money goal. **Your donation of any size will help and be appreciated!** Thank you for your assistance, and, like Larry the Cable Guy, **let's git 'er done!**

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