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Raeanna Elms

I got interested in aviation after writing a report on Amelia Earhart in the spring of 2001. My dad noticed a flyer for the regional fly in at the Longmont airport, so we went over to check it out. It was there that I became a Young Eagle and received my first airplane flight. It was also where I met Pete Kelley. After that, I began volunteering at Young Eagle rallies and found out about the Air Academy up at Oshkosh, WI. Chapter 43 very graciously gave me a scholarship to attend. It was an awesome week where I learned a lot and met many other people my age interested in aviation. I still keep in touch with some of the people I met there. I returned to Longmont to finish up high school, during which I began lessons towards my private pilots license. I never finished because in June of 2004, I reported to basic training at the Air Force Academy. During my four years at the Academy, I had many aviation opportunities, including parachute training, F-16, C-130, KC-135 rides and others. It was awesome and now I begin Air Force pilot training in Texas in April of 2009. Many thanks and I hope to see you all again soon, Raeanna Elms.

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Editor's Note

Since 1992, more than 1.3 million Young Eagles have enjoyed a flight through the program which includes more than 90 different countries and 41,000 volunteer pilots.

Next chapter meeting will be July 12th. at 7PM in the Mount Evans Room upstairs at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport (Jeffco).

Program To Be Announced.

June Minutes Continued

The topic of builder's forum was discussed. The chapter would need to decide what workshops would be offered, who would do the workshops and where they would be held.

Steve beach asked who would be going to AirVenture this year. He asked if anyone would be interested in getting together for a picnic with Chapter 25 from MN.

Steve Beach also thanked the workers at Metro and handed out awards from the Metro Open House.

2nd Place Homebuilt – Plans: *Dean Cochran*

1st Place Homebuilt -- Plans: *Bob Wilson*

1st Place Classic –Metal: *Kyle Heckman*

Congratulations gentlemen!!!

Bob Young mentioned the article being written for Sport Aviation for our 50th Anniversary. Input needed such as: How has EAA helped you, how has Chapter 43 influenced your life, what have been your contributions to Chapter 43, etc.

Business Meeting adjourned.

After the break, *Dan Majka*, an EAA Director, covered some plans at AirVenture to be implicated over the next 5-6 years. They included moving some exhibits around, putting in a different road system, building shower and restroom buildings and upgrades of online information. Thanks *Dan*.

Program: *Stephanie Wells*, a FAA agent, gave a briefing on BI-Annual Flight Reviews (BFR). She covered such items as: accident investigation, surveillance, aviation events and the enforcement act. Great job, *Stephanie*.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Gene Horsman and Lynn Miller presented checks to Devaki Dovillard and Mike Sundberg towards solo and private license. They will be trained with Jason Hurds at Vector Air at Erie.



Minutes of June 14, 08 Chapter 43 Meeting

Greg Hall (President) called the meeting to order at 7:10.
The minutes as published in the May newsletter were approved.

Visitors: *Al Syme* of Broomfield.

Treasurer Report: *Steve Beach* reported that the chapter still had money in the bank. \$365 in deposits and paid outs of \$1507.13 for 2 scholarships, newsletter, postage and logo caps. *Lynn Miller* was absent for the meeting.

Scholarships: *Gene Horsman* reported that 2 scholarships were awarded to *Devaki Dovillard* and *Mike Sundberg*. They are taking flight lessons from Vector Air in Erie and both had their first lesson on June 10.

Trip Reports: *Kyle Heckman* flew his Luscombe up to the St. Francis KS. Stearman gathering. *Cliff Goldstein* flew his Thorp T-18 to Oceanside CA. *Stephanie Wells* took a trip to Europe and got to take a tour of the Pilatus factory in Stans Switzerland.

Progress Reports: *Don Smith* is completing the empennage on his Rans.
Chad Ambrosius and *Kristel Hinton* have just about completed the empennage on their Zenith 701.
Stan Specht did a direct replacement of the wingtip Whelen strobe/nav light units with ones that contain both the strobe and LED nav lights on his Kitfox IV Speedster. This modification saved almost 6 amps of power.
Scott Serani reported having finished the basic rebuilding of the Aeronca Champ. The plane has new wing spars, wing tanks, fuselage upgrades, new hydraulic toe brakes, new engine, etc and is in the recovering stage.
Greg Hall put toe stringers on the bottom of his Fisher Horizon 1.

Old Business: *Bob Wilson* gave a post-report on the annual picnic at his hanger. He thanked all that attended and the crews that helped setup, cook and clean up. He mentioned that he invited a few guests not in the chapter and paid for their food. It was mentioned that with our 501 (c) (3) status, inviting the public into the aviation community is part of our purpose. It was voted that *Bob* should be reimbursed for that expense.

New Business: *Dean Cochran* nominated a member for a lifetime chapter membership. It was decided that it would be discussed at the next board meeting.
Greg Hall brought up the topic of having a Builders Forum in the fall. It would be a good time since the cancellation of the RMRFI left a gap in aviation events. He asked for the members to e-mail him on ideas for the forum.
Steve Beach brought up the topic of hosting the B-17 in the fall. After some discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided to let the board members decide.

Board Meeting June 22, 08

Those present at the meeting were: Greg Hall, Stan Specht, Bob Young, Lynn Miller, Roxie & John Juul, Steve Beach, Gene Horsman, Bill Mitchell and John Reuterskiold.

Agenda: Snail Mail, Lifetime Chapter Memberships, Builders Forum, Scholarships and B-17.

The subject of "E-mails vs. Snail Mail" was discussed. The monthly newsletters send out by the postal service is approx. 30-35 per month. These newsletters go out by mail to members that request it, lifetime members or their spouses, EAA, advertisers, guests and complimentary. The expense to the chapter is about \$.95 to \$1.10 each month (\$11-13 annually), per address. The decision about how to handle this expense will be brought up to the membership in October.

Chapter Lifetime Memberships: According to our chapter bylaws, under membership classifications, there is a "lifetime" membership. The membership can award a member with at least 20 years of membership, with a "free" lifetime membership in recognition and appreciation of that person's support for the chapter. There was some discussion on how members are chosen and who would be eligible for the membership. One member (name TBA later) was awarded that membership.

The board approved purchasing a nametag (\$6) for Bobby Baumgartner to wear advertising Chapter 43 while he is traveling around the country as crew chief of the B-17 Tour.

Lynn Miller brought up the scholarship program. He gave a report on how the first two recipients were doing. They both have had their intro flight with Christopher Alley of Vector Flight Training. Devaki Dovillard has logged 4.4 hours already and Mike Sundberg has been on vacation with his parents and will continue lessons upon return. After some discussion, the idea of chapter scholarship money would go toward flight hours and ground school would be the responsibility of the student.

B-17 discussion: A letter was drafted to send to EAA about the B-17 tour stop in Denver. It had been decided at the June 14th chapter meeting that it would be mutually beneficial to both parties to do it in the future. The letter was sent of behalf of the membership, the Officers and Directors of Chapter 43.

Builders Forum: Plenty discussion on getting other chapters involved, teachers, suppliers of material, location, EAA speakers, topics, dates available, what fees to charge, advertising and time table for the sessions. Saturday, October 18th will be the date for the forum and also a pancake breakfast. A committee was established with Greg Hall being the "point man".

The next board meeting will be at Metro Terminal at 5PM on July 12th.

FYI

The "Flagship Detroit", a restored American Airlines DC-3, will be in Longmont on July 12 and 13. The plane is headed to Seattle and the crew agreed to stop in Longmont to sell rides Saturday and Sunday to earn gas money for the trip. The local connection is our friend Jack Greiner of Antique Field near Longmont, who flew this very DC-3 for American Airlines a few years back. He is in touch with the Foundation that preserves this airplane and talked the crew into stopping over in LMO for a couple days. A flight of 30-45 minutes is only \$150, and they can take up to 20 people per flight. Come to the Longmont airport next weekend to look at and help support this fine old Gooney Bird. Information: Jack Greiner at 303-709-6203. Thanks, Mike Gugeler.



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