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From the Editor

Send your stories, adventures, special events, memories, experiences and any other items that are relevant to your membership in Chapter 43 to Bob Young for an article about our 50 years in existence.

WHO ARE YOU?

This space is reserved for your BIO. If you want to be known better in the chapter and share your aviation career, interests, future plans or just want to see your name and picture on the cover, send the editor your info. Let your light shine. Who knows, you might make some new friends.

SNOWBUSTERS

The pancake breakfast was a success again this year. Lots of people showed up and sit under the big tent. The weather was great and the only snow around was on the tops of the surrounding mountains.



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Our next chapter meeting will be on April 12 at 7PM in the Mount Evans Room upstairs at the Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. (Jeffco)
Program for the evening will be Brent Olsen with the topic of avionics.

Minutes of Chapter 43 Meeting March 9, 2008

Our President, *Greg Hall*, opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

The February minutes were motioned on, seconded and approved as printed in the newsletter.

Visitors: *Glen Raverts* from Berthod, building a RV-7.

Treasurer Report: Our Treasurer, *Lynn Miller*, was not present for the meeting. *Greg* gave the transactions and balance of our account. Actual totals are given at the meetings and not published.

Safety Report: Our Safety Officer, *John Evens*, was not present for the meeting. *Gene Horsman* mentioned that while reading accident reports, he noticed that plastic (composite) aircraft always burned upon impact.

Stephanie Wells (FAA) administered a "709 Ride" to a pilot in Western Kansas after he ran off the runway during landing. He needed to hone his skills more as a pilot.

Trip Reports: *Greg Hall* told of his trip to Hawaii. He had rides in commercial, a helicopter and a two place biplane. He presented a slide show of pictures taken from the biplane (N572TB) of Kevin Britt of Tropical Biplanes. *Greg* could not get the Nene goose (national bird) packed in his luggage through security.

Progress Reports: *Dean Cochran* got the wings back on his T-18 after a ding was repaired. *Chad Ambrosius* (51%) and his wife (49%) are continuing construction of their Zenith tail section.

Dave Corder finished the firewall forward on his RV-7.

Greg Hall built a window frame and cut the cowling so it could be opened and closed on his Fisher Horizon.

Old Business: *Greg* said he had the "Snowbuster" flyers ready to go and was just waiting for EAA Headquarters to approve the insurance coverage for the event. *Steve Beach* passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

Dean Cochran mentioned the Air Racing Association in Florida was going to rebuild *Ron Denight's* Special "97" and put it in a museum.

New Business: *John Reuterskiold* announced that to be in the chapter roster, dues would have to be in by the end of March and the applications would have to be completely filled out. *Brian Cabebe* had the EAA Credits for the pilots that flew Young Eagles in 2007. He also is planning to have a Y.E event for Legacy High School and some other small groups on April 12. There might also be an event at the "Snowbusters" breakfast. *Brian* will send out an E-mail to inform the chapter about the Y.E. event at the Regional.

Bill Mitchell mentioned that about 8 kids were involved with the Taylorcraft rebuilding project being done by the Antiquers.

Meeting Minutes Continued

Greg mentioned to the group that the chapter website is being updated. Anyone is encouraged to send in pictures of their plane, projects, flyins, etc. The site is a very useful tool.

Greg threw out the topic of chapter scholarships for discussion. A figure of \$3,000 would be allotted for Air Camps, flight training or A&P education funding. After some discussion, the \$3,000 was M/S/A to be allotted for the scholarships. The scholarship committee would screen the applications and the board would vote on them.

Greg brought up the topic of a "Builders Forum". This would include involvement from other chapters and have different areas of the aircraft building process. The event could be done in the fall to allow time to organize it. Interest level was good.

For Sale: *Roger Standard* had won a raffle at Oshkosh for an Emergency Maneuvering Training Program valued at \$2,200. He would sell the 2-day training program for \$1,500. Anything above that figure would be donated to the scholarship fund.

Other News: *Greg* read a letter about the continuing relationship between EAA Headquarters and the Regional flyins.

Steve Beach covered an update on the 2008 R.M.R.F.I. at Front Range. The airport has lost some of their financing with AIG and Adams aircraft pulling out and they also lost a freight contract to D.I.A. The show will go on.

Greg brought up membership issues and then read different points of the Chapter 43 By-laws covering that issue.

As the final item, *Greg* asked the group to think about having a chapter calendar for next year. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

The program for the evening was by Stan Specht and one of many Alaska adventures. He was a passenger this time in a RV. Three planes toured Alaska and went to such towns as: Seward, Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks, Bettles and Talkeetna. Stan traveled with Robert Oliver (RV-8A), Dennis Walsh (RV-6A) and Jerry Knievel(RV-6A). Thank you Stan for the great pictures and presentation.



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Minutes of Board Meeting March 30, 08

Members present: *Greg Hall, Kyle Heckman, Gene Horsman, Bill & Mary Mitchell, Lynn Miller, Steve Beach, Roxie Juul, John Reuterskiold and Bob Young.*

Agenda: Monthly programs, Treasurer's report, Logo shirts, Scholarships, Snowbusters, Metro open house, Erie Airport improvements, Aviation building, & EAA advertising.

Kyle started with ideas for the monthly programs. *Brent* was confirmed for April. A location and date will be decided for our May picnic. A speaker from Univair will be called for a program.

Treasurer's Report: *Lynn* gave the balance of the checking account and mentioned 2 CD's are coming due.

Lynn has a contact that is making up some polo shirts with the Chapter 43 logo. They will be in four colors and various sizes. Cost will be a \$25 donation. They will be available by next meeting.

One scholarship application came in. One boy has started flying lessons and would like to advance further in the aviation field. The review board will have a meeting with him to determine the outcome.

There was further discussion on setting up a separate scholarship fund if there was sufficient donations for scholarships.

Snowbusters: *Greg* will make up some signs to provide info about the pancake breakfast. *Roxie* discussed final plans and listed food items to be supplied.

Gene brought up a topic of improvements at Erie Airport. The Town of Erie has some money coming from FAA and CDOT to use at the airport. They would like your suggestions as to projects worthy of spending money on. *Mike Gugeler* will collect any ideas at skookish@hotmail.com

The Metro Airport Open House is coming up on June 7. The Jeffco Aviation Assoc. is looking for some more judges for the aircraft entries. The airport is also offering free booth space. All exhibitors must have a tent and general business liability insurance. Chapter 43 could have one to promote the chapter.

EAA can send out info to members within a 500-mile range of our zip code to advertise any of our events.

Steve brought up the multi-use aviation building. The plan is still on the board, pending funding. 17 different aviation related groups would use it. The monthly upkeep fees would be approximately \$130 per group.

Calendar Events

- April 8-13 Sun 'n Fun Lakeland Florida (Hurry, you can still make it)
- April 12 Young Eagle Rally for Legacy High School & a Boy Scout Troop at Erie. 8-11
- April 12 Regular meeting of Chapter 43 at Metro. Brent Olsen on avionics.
- April 19 Taylorcraft Project workday. See web site: www.dekle.net/AAA
- May Annual Chapter 43 Picnic Date and place to be determined
- May 17 Erie Town Fair
- June 4-8 B-17 Tour hosted by Wings Over the Rockies
- June 7 Metro Open House
- July 28-Aug 3 Oshkosh (somewhere in Wisconsin)
- Sept 19-21 R.M.R.F.I. Front Range

I am in the process of building a Sportsman 2+2 (from Glasair) and am looking for someone to either buy the kit or partner with me to finish the airplane. The kit is deep into the construction process. My father gave me his plane and I can't support both. I would consider many options including a 50%/50% buyout or someone to complete it in their own hangar with only the investment of time and materials needed to complete the project. Visit these websites.
<http://apache4470p.myhosting.net>
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Stephanie Wells is looking for a partner to go in with her on buying this RV-4. It will sell for around \$53K. She would like to find someone in the chapter who's got good tailwheel experience, and wouldn't mind a partnership where she can split all fixed costs, and share in the work of maintaining it.
Contact: 303-238-2537 or

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CHAPTER 43 LOGO POLO SHIRTS

Lynn Miller will bring these great shirts to our next meeting. They come in 4 different solid colors and in various sizes. You can have one with a donation of just \$25.



SEAWIND AMPHIBIAN FOR SALE



Al Reach is needing help in selling his *1999 Seawind Amphibian* due to poor health. Because of expensive medical bills, Al is desperate for money and letting go of his beloved aircraft that he has spent nine years building is a last resort. The Seawind is in mint condition. Only 58 hours on both the airframe and engine. Fully loaded and has been in a hangar from the beginning in Phoenix, Arizona (Deer Valley Airport – DVT). Consequently, he is highly motivated and is willing to hear all offers as long as they are reasonable. I can tell you that this is a beautiful plane that was carefully built and well cared for. Over \$400,000.00 USD has been invested into this aircraft. KIAS: 140-15. Total Airframe/Engine time: 58 hours .Lycoming 10-540-KIAS (new, no overhaul yet), KT76A Transponder, KR-21 Marker Beacon w/ Lights, K1209 VOR Head, KY92720 Com, KX155 Nav-Com w/ Glide Slope, Depth Finder, Magellan GPS w/ Moving Map, VM1000 Engine Monitor, Century Auto Pilot, ADF-140-Digital (Collins 890), Vertical Compass, 4 Place Intercom, Vox Cassette/CD Input/ Output, Fuel 104 gal. useable, Finger Tip Steering on Ground, Transponder (2/2009), Pitot Static (12/2008), ELT(1/08).
 Asking \$295,000 or Best Offer. Contact: Dave Lanman, President, EAA Chapter 515.
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There are still openings for the Light-Sport Repairman/Inspection course for E-LSA airplanes in Broomfield, Colorado (Denver), scheduled for the weekend of April 25-27. After successfully completing the course, the owner of an E-LSA airplane will be able to perform their own annual condition inspections.

What: E-LSA Repairman/Inspection Course for Airplanes

Where: Broomfield, Colorado (NW of Denver)

When: April 25-27, 2008

Tuition: \$299 for EAA members; \$339 for non-members

If you are interested in registering for this class or would like more information, please call the EAA SportAir Workshops at 800-967-5746 or visit www.sportair.com for additional details.

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