

# EAR MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

The next EAA Mile High Chapter 43 regular meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Jeffco Airport terminal building. Go to the second floor and turn towards the conference rooms (left/northeast). Our meeting will be in conference rooms Alpha and Bravo. A "tech session" for all RVators, that is, anyone flying, building or dreaming of RV 3's, 4's or 6's, will be held at 6 p.m., same date, same location.

This month's meeting program will be a tour of the Jeffco control tower. Groups of 8-10 persons will go to the tower at 15-20 minute intervals until all interested persons have participated. To "take up the slack" for persons not at the tower, the tours will begin concurrent with the "social/coffee period." A video tape on flying the Boeing B-17 will also be shown simultaneously with the tours.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Last month's meeting was held on October 15th. Guests included Randy Perry and Rod Woodard. The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

## Treasurer's Report

Chuck Graf reported that we have \$594.73 in savings, and \$305.75 in checking. A \$90.00 check was given to Gary Ludeke for the October Newsletter. This newsletter had a higher cost due to the extra material on the Flight Advisor's Program that was attached. Since it is time for the election of new officers, Chuck requested that the financial records of the Chapter be independently audited. Chuck also noted he would be willing to continue as Treasurer, if re-elected.

## Old Business

Doug Bloomberg reported the status of the Builder's Forum. The 99's will provide food service for the forum, and will keep all food service profits. The forum is also the focal point for a combined Kitfox and Van's RV fly-in. There will be a RANS, and possibly a Cassutt display. Materials will be provided by Mast Comm and Leading Edge Airfoils. An introductory handout for Chapter 43 is being prepared and will be distributed at the Forum, along with last month's copy of our Newsletter. Members voted to award two free one-

year Chapter 43 memberships at the Forum. A volunteer to handle registrations beginning at 8 a.m. each day was requested. It was noted that anyone working for at least 4 hours at the Forum gets free admission.

Bill Mitchell volunteered to take over as Name Tag Chairman, since Jim Homa has apparently dropped out of the Chapter.

The Chapter 43 Annual Banquet is set for Sunday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn Sheridan, just off the Boulder Turnpike in Westminster. Cost is \$12.00/person with a cash bar. Bring an 8x10 photo of your personal or favorite aircraft to circulate for discussion. Please register for the banquet at either the November or December meeting.

#### New Business

The EAA Flight Advisor's Program was discussed at great length. Bill Mitchell volunteered to head up the program. It was noted that the FAA's pamphlet on first flights of a homebuilt aircraft is a good resource. It was suggested that a list of Chapter CFI's and other experienced pilots be developed for reference.

Phil Hughes received a letter from Bob Mackey notifying us that Chapter 43 has been chosen to host a builder's Forum sponsored by Kitplanes Magazine and Aircraft Spruce. Alexander Aircraft is also setting up a local forum. The advisability of Chapter 43 participating in these forums was discussed. Such forums may not be an asset to Chapter 43, in light of the Builder's Forum we already conduct. It was thought, however, that hearing Aircraft Spruce's

proposal would be advisable. Based on this information, we can make the appropriate decision.

The 1995 EAA Calendars are in. Suggested retail is \$9.95 each. Members voted to charge \$8.00 each at the Forum. A price for Chapter 43 members will be set at the next meeting.

Phil Hughes appointed Mark Yelich to head up a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for elections to be held next month.

An announcement was made that the restaurant at the Aurora Airpark has reopened.

#### Horsman's Corner

Gene discussed AOPA's request that pilots go on record for elimination of the 30 NM "Mode C Veil Rule" instead of another temporary exemption for 304 airports near the borders of Mode C veils around 22 Class B airspace areas. "The FAA should permanently eliminate Mode C requirements for aircraft operating at specified low altitudes under all outer shelves of Class B airspace. There's no reason for another extension," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. AOPA asks pilots to submit to the FAA rules docket their firsthand operational evidence that eliminating the Mode C veil would gain operational and economic efficiencies without compromising safety or air traffic control. At all 22 Class B areas, a new FAA SFAR 62-1 would grant an additional three-year exemption for the 304 airports. The FAA's new proposal would also change the non-Mode C operating altitudes in Mode C veils around the four areas with successfully upgraded radar coverage: Charlotte,

Houston, Memphis and St. Louis. The proposal also modifies the list of affected airports in the Denver area because the Mode C veil will now be centered on DIA instead of Stapleton.

Gene also discussed AOPA's petition to establish an alternative aircraft inspection program that would offer aircraft owners and operators the option of extending the current annual inspection to two years or 200 hours, whichever comes first, for aircraft not in commercial service. For an estimated 50 percent of the general aviation fleet, the AOPA alternative could save aircraft owners about \$1,200 every two years. For these aircraft, the primary maintenance focus should be conditions associated with irregular use, AOPA notes. Common problems include corrosion in engine and brake components, reduced lubrication of flight control surfaces and landing gear, infrequent oil changes, and dried-out rubber components. Under the proposal, aircraft engaged in the biennial inspection program would be subject to periodic, clearly defined, mandatory field service - much of it preventive maintenance that could be performed by owners and operators with the signoff of an aviation maintenance technician - at intervals of 50 flight hours or six calendar months, whichever comes first. Operators who typically fly more than 200 hours in a two-year period could continue to operate under the current annual inspection program if the biennial program would not be economically advantageous for them.

Comments should be sent, in triplicate, on both of these issues ASAP to: FAA Office of Chief Council; 800 Independence Avenue S.W.; Washington, DC 20591. Send to the

attention of "Rules Docket (AGC-200), Airspace Docket #26242" for the Mode C Veil, and "Rules Docket #27830" for the biennial inspection.

Did you know that eating foods containing poppy seeds could cause you to test positive for morphine on the fluorescence polarization immunoassay test recommended by the U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse? If this should happen, you may wish to insist on a gas chromatographic analysis, which is needed to identify heroin metabolites.

#### Safety Corner

Brad Davenport highlighted two local accidents. One was in the Boulder area, and is attributed to a distraction while attempting to fly and take photos at the same time. The other was at Frederick Firestone, and was caused by a Cleveland wheel disk coming loose which caused the aircraft to ground loop and turn upside down.

#### The Program

This meeting's program was a video tape produced by the EAA on getting started on building your own aircraft. The tape, which was provided by Gene Milligan, was very interesting and informative. Thanks Gene!

#### **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:**

Well we beat the bushes and there is no list of chapter members needing name tags. We will circulate a sign up list at the Nov. meeting. If you need a tag let us know. If you can't be at the Nov. meeting to sign the list, call Bill Mitchell at 427-4025. I know of three that need tags: Bill & Mary Mitchell and Jack

Homa. I'm sure there are many more, since we have not had any one in the position of OBERSTFUHRER OF BADGES for at least one year.

I did have a chance to talk with Jack Homa and it seems that Northern Telecom has been keeping him on the road 5 1/2 - 6 days a week. Guess where Chapter 43 falls in his order of priorities? At least it's nice to know I did not scare him away; and he did show up for the Builders Forum on Sunday.

Speaking of the Builders Forum, I worked the wood working booth on Sunday. Doug and Mark are to be congratulated again for a tremendous offering. I don't know what the final figures were, but it looked like a great outing to me.

We even picked up a couple of new members at the Forum.

I heard some rumblings that the long awaited changes to the Ultra light regulations will take effect in November. I hope some one has details to share at the meeting.

See you all at the meeting.

#### COMING EVENTS:

For information on upcoming flying events, call the Flying Activities Line at 766-3596 (766-FLYN). This service is sponsored by EAA Chapter 660 and financially supported by Chapter 43.

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