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## Our Next Meeting:

The next regular Chapter 43 meeting will take place at 7 PM on March 9th, at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building (our normal meeting time and place). Details for our program are being finalized.

## Minutes From the February Meeting:

The meeting was held on February 10th at the Jeffco Airport Terminal building; president Gene Milligan presiding. Minutes from the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter. No formal meeting was held in January due to banquet.

New Member: See April newsletter.

## Visitors:

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| → Tom Redfield              | → John Juul                       |
| → Ron Richmond              | → Steve Kelling                   |
| → Mike Pullen               | → John Flaherty                   |
| → Lonnie Snyder             | → Art (Butch) and Cathy Hernandez |
| → Claude and Nancy Williams | → Howard and Nancy Hardy          |

## Old Business

- Meeting place may need to be changed to a different location in the near future. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.
- Chapter patches were shown and #9 (submitted by **Gene Horsman**) was chosen.

## New Business:

- A motion was introduced to pay \$60 for a booth at Air Fair '96. Motion passed.
- A motion to increase dues to \$15/year was made and passed.
- Newsletter editor instructed to investigate lowering costs.

## Brad's Safety Corner:

- **Think! Think! Think! Never, never, never assume fuel OKAY!**
- **Always top fuel tanks.** Full tanks do not condensate and it doesn't cost any more to burn fuel at the top as the bottom.
- **Measure twice, cut once.**



## **The Presidents Corner:**

Those who ordered books from EAA, through Gene Milligan at the February meeting bring check or cash to next meeting. The total comes to over \$500 and no books will be ordered until payments received!!!

Due to popular demand, **Marv Wahl** will be giving a demonstration on his English Wheel on March 15 at EAA Chapter 301 meeting. Time and place to be announced at our meeting.

### **COMING EVENTS:**

- March 9-10 '96. . Rocky Mtn. Air Fair, Wings Over The Rockies Museum, 303-659-7265.  
(See attached schedule of events.)
- March 16 Pancake Breakfast at Tri-County by Tri-County Pilot's Association, 8 A.M. to 11 A.M.
- March 31 Palm Sunday Fly-In at Platte Valley, 10 A.M. Services and blessing of aircraft (every little bit helps!)
- April 14-20 Sun & Fun '96, Lakeland, FL 941-644-2431.
- May 11 Centennial Airport Annual Open House. (See attached flyer.)
- June 21-23 12th plus 1, Annual Luscombe Assn. Reunion, Moraine Airpark, Dayton, Ohio.
- June 28-30 18th Annual Rocky Mountain Sport Aviation Fly-In, Longmont, CO., 303-442-5002.
- Aug. 1-7 Oshkosh '96 - Make plans now for the 44th annual convention. 414-426-4800.

Call the Flying Activities Hotline at 766-3596 at any time for current listed flying activities.

### **Editor's Notes:**

- **Bill Mitchell reports that EAA will rebate \$10 to Chapter 43 for each new membership collected at Air Fair by a Chapter 43 member.**
- Please send "For Sale" and "Wanted" advertisements to Dwight Cresap, P. O. Box 572, Niwot, CO 80544 for inclusion in the next newsletter by the 28th of the month.
- Send project information with photos and a brief description to above address.
- Printing of the newsletter expenses has been adjusted by **Fred Yates**, printer, and a rebate of \$71.20 has been made to Chapter 43 for January and February newsletters.

### **FOR SALE:**

- **REDUCED:** SONERAI IIL (2 place, low wing) Experimental, N423ST, built in 1984 with 400 total time and 200 since top end on Continental A65. New wing, sliding canopy, 20 gal. fuel, Maule tail wheel, wheel pants, Nav/Strobe lights, new interior ---a solid, special a/c hangered at VanAire. Cruise at 135 mph on 20 foot wing span, 20 foot length, 616 lbs. empty wgt. All metal wing with tube/fabric aft of cockpit. **\$10,900 firm.** No trades. Call Larry Church at 303-972-0690--leave message.
- SCORPION II Helicopter, 95% completed project started in 1980. This project has a water cooled 132 hp V.W. Rotor blades still in box. Full set of gauges. \$7,000, OBO. Call Bruce Russell at 443-7836, leave message.
- Parts of two Lycoming engines.....0235 and 029G, call Bob Johnson at 303-494-4998.



## **LAST but not least:**

# **A PILOT'S "RAMP RIGHTS"**

*From Flight Paths: News About Aviation 260, Vol. 29, #7, July 1995*

Ramp checks are one way the FAA enforces safety. Conducted at random, they can increase a pilot's stress factor (especially if the pilot is a student). But this need not be the case if pilots clearly understand their rights and have a pre-established course of action should such a situation arise.

First, failure to adhere to two FARs can set your ramp check on the wrong heading. FAR 61.3(h), Inspection of Certificate, states: "Each person who holds a pilot certificate, flight instructor certificate, medical certificate, authorization, or license required by this part shall present it for inspection upon request of the Administrator, an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board, or any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer."

FAR 61.51(d), states "a pilot must present his logbook (or other records required by this section) for inspection upon reasonable request by the Administrator, an authorized representative of the NTSB or any State or local law enforcement officer."

If pilots always have their pilot and medical certificates on their persons when they fly, they will generally not have a problem, unless their medical has expired. Pilots need not have their logbooks with them when they fly, unless they are students on a solo cross-country (or recreational pilot flying in circumstances listed in FAR 65.51(d)(3)).

In other words, pilots holding private certificates or better need not present their logbooks on the spot. Students and recreational pilots should have their log in the situations described in FAR 61.51, and they should have the proper flight instructor endorsements.

With the above in mind, keep the following checklist in a convenient place, and instructors might consider giving it to their students.

### **RAMP RIGHTS**

1. **ATTITUDE:** Don't panic. Be polite and cooperate. Belligerence has never helped anyone.

2. **AUTHORITY OF REQUESTER.** Ask the inspector to present his or her FAA identification for your inspection, and copy the information on it. Inspectors don't wear a uniform, so their ID is the only way you can verify their authority to conduct the ramp check.

3. **WITNESSES:** If at all possible, have one or two witnesses present to listen and to observe the ramp check, in case there is some future dispute about what actually occurred during it.

4. **INQUIRE:** Unless the information is volunteered, ask why the ramp check is being conducted and what the inspector will be doing during it.

5. **NO WARRANT NECESSARY:** Keep in mind that an inspector does not have to have a warrant to conduct a ramp check, but he or she must observe that you are the pilot of the aircraft. There is no "Miranda Warning". These proceedings are civil in nature.

6. **DON'T VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:** If questioned, cooperate with the basics; give your name, acknowledge that you are the pilot, and show the required documents the inspector is authorized to request. You need do no more, and babbling on has turned many a ramp check around for the worse.

7. **AIRCRAFT INSPECTION NOT INCLUDED:** The investigator does not have the right to touch or board your aircraft. If he or she is about to, courteously ask him/her to refrain.

8. **NO RETALIATION:** If you feel you're being harassed, treated discourteously, or discriminated against, keep your cool and remain courteous and cooperative. After the ramp check, you and your witnesses should immediately and independently document what happened. Then seek legal advice to protest the inspector's actions. The inspector must be reasonable and you should be caused no undue or inappropriate burden.

9. **NO LOSS OF CERTIFICATE CUSTODY.** Inspectors have no right to confiscate or retain your pilot certificate. They only have the right to "inspect" it. You need not give up your certificate.

10. **CONTINUED AIRCRAFT OPERATION.** Finally, do not allow the inspector to ground you or your aircraft based on a ramp check. Take the inspector's advice into consideration, but the final decision is yours.

That's it. These are your "RAMP RIGHTS". All pilots should be aware of their responsibilities and obligations, as well as their rights. Every airman should be aware of the limits to a ramp check as a part of safe aircraft operation.

*By John Scott Hoff, flight instructor and attorney, and Theodore J. Young, law student at Loyola University.*





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## **Centennial Airport Holds Annual Open-House MAY 11, 1996**

Plans are underway for the annual *Just Plane Fun for Kids* Centennial Airport open-house to be held Saturday May 11, 1996. This **free** event is becoming a tradition for the airport and those looking for an early spring activity. Open-house '95 saw more than 10,000 visitors, many making a full family-day of the sights. "This year's open-house will be even more fun than last with additional activities and aircraft for the 'kid' of all ages," said Kenneth Maenpa, Centennial Airport Authority planner and coordinator of the event.

Planned for this year will be static displays of historic warbirds, home-built aircraft, classic aircraft, corporate aircraft, life saving fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, radio/television aircraft and helicopters, and modern military aircraft and machines. In addition, there will be opportunities to fly flight simulators, meet the pilots who fly out of Centennial Airport and view static and flying model airplanes and helicopters. The Federal Aviation Administration is scheduling its Wings Program for pilots attending the event. Those wishing to make a day of the free activities, reasonably priced food and drink will be available along the display area. The plan is to "just have fun" and view some of the nation's finest aircraft at one of the nation's premier airports.

*Just Plane Fun for Kids* is sponsored by the Arapahoe Public Airport Authority, the Community Involvement Subcommittee of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the Centennial Airport Business Association.

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**Editor:** Please help place this event's date on your publication/program activities calendar. Here are just a few of the beautiful restored aircraft that will be on display at the open-house. **Classic/ Antiques:** Ercoupe, Piper J-3 Cubs, Luscombe, Cessna 140, Stearmans, N3N, Staggerwing, Beech -18, DC-3, Wacos, Taylorcrafts, Stinsons, Cessna 195 and a rare Eaglerock. **Warbirds:** L-5s, O-1s and O-2s, T-34s, T-28, T-6s, C-45, C-47, P-51s, Spitfires, Venom Jet, Provost Jets and a Gnat Jet. There also will be a full line of home-builds, business jets and helicopters. Last year there were nearly 100 aircraft on display.



# RM AIR FAIR '96

3rd Annual Rocky Mountain Air Fair to be held at the  
**WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AVIATION AND SPACE MUSEUM**

Lowry AFB • Denver, Colorado

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, March 9-10, 1996

## FEATURING:

- Maintenance Technician Program
- Pilot safety/general interest seminars
- Nationally renowned speakers
- Over 100 trade exhibits
- Static aircraft displays
- Aviation jobs & careers forum
- Repeat of last year's highly acclaimed "Fantasy of Flight Program" for kids
- Free Parking
- And FREE ADMISSION!

## SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS & SEMINARS

*(Identical Schedule on Saturday & Sunday)*

### 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Lecture Hall	Maintenance Technician Seminars
Room 110	Companion Flyer Course for non-rated flyers . Colorado 99s (Part 1)
Room 151	Surviving the Crash (Part 1) - <i>Mick Wilson</i>
Room 119	Mountain Flying Course (Part 1) - AOPA Air Safety Foundation - <i>Kent Eckhart</i>

### 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Lecture Hall	Maintenance Technician Seminars
Room 151	Surviving the Crash (Part 2)
Room 119	Mountain Flying Course (Part 2)
Room 110	Companion Flying Course (Part 2)
Room 111	Seaplane Pilots Association Meeting (Sat only)

### 11:00 to 12:00 Noon

Lecture Hall	"Mach 2 with Machado" - <i>Rod Machado</i> , Aviation Lecturer and Humorist
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### 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch Break

### 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Lecture Hall	"From Russia with Mig" - <i>Alexandr Zuyev</i> , former Soviet Union "Top Gun" fighter pilot
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### 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Lecture Hall	Maintenance Technician Seminars
Room 151	Survival after the Crash (Part 1) - <i>Papa Bear</i>
Room 119	Collision Avoidance - AOPA Air Safety Foundation - <i>Kent Eckhart</i>

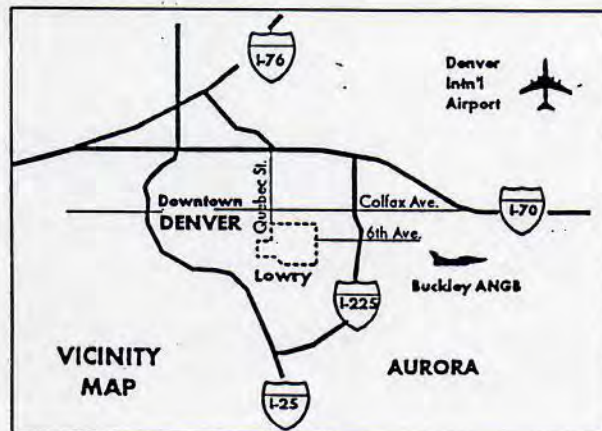
### 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Lecture Hall	Maintenance Technician Seminars
Room 115	Survival after the Crash (Part 2)
Room 119	Flying Friendly; Operations at Non-Towered Airports - AOPA Air Safety Foundation

## HOW TO GET THERE:

The Wings Over the Rockies Museum is located at the deactivated Lowry AFB. It is easily accessible from major thoroughfares in the Denver area. Access to the base is through the West Gate on Quebec Street, the East Gate on 6th Avenue, and the South gate on Alameda Avenue. The gates remain open during daylight hours. Look for the two hangars near the center of the field. The museum and site of RM AIR FAIR '96 is next to the B-52. Acres of free parking are available adjacent to the museum.

The conference hotel is the Red Lion Inn located at Quebec Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Reduced rates are available for Air Fair attendees. For reservations contact the hotel at 303/321-3333 or 1-800-547-8010. Identify yourself as a participant in the Rocky Mountain Air Fair.



For additional information on Air Fair related activities or exhibit opportunities, contact Marilyn Taylor, Director, RM Air Fair at 303/659-7265.

*Seminars meet requirements for FAA Wings Program*



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