

MILE HIGH FLYER



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NEWS YOU CAN USE**EXCERPTED FROM AVWEB**

AVwebs "Question of the Week" resulted in 600 responses to their question on winter flying. Fifty seven percent say they fly less in winter, with 50% of those flying less saying the main reason was the variable weather, while 24% indicated the shorter days. However, many pilots responded that they preferred winter flying, since the aircraft performance increases in the denser air, and passengers love the relatively convective-free ride and it's just plain beautiful looking down on the snowy earth. You can visit AVweb at www.avweb.com.

SUPERIOR/AVIALL DEAL CANCELLED:

Superior Air Parts, of Dallas, Texas, manufacturer of replacement parts for Lycoming and Continental piston aircraft engines, announced Tuesday, Nov. 21st, that it's expected purchase by Aviall is not going to happen after all. James P. Wilson, Superior's chairman of the board, said the company had decided earlier this year to explore ways to raise capital to fund growth, and in October agreed that Aviall would acquire Superior for \$43 million in cash. But when Aviall failed to deliver financing commitments by a November 15 deadline, Superior decided to remain independent.

YOUNG EAGLES TO TRY THEIR WINTER WINGS:

The EAA's Young Eagles Program has scheduled its first Winter Flight Fest for Saturday, February 3rd. The event will supplement the annual June Young Eagles Day, during which EAA-member pilots offer youngsters ages 8 to 17 a ride in a private plane to introduce them to the world of general aviation.

NOTE: AVweb's NewsWire <<http://avweb.com/n/?47b>> includes more details on how to participate in the Winter Flight Fest.

DECEMBER MEETING:

This month's meeting will be Saturday, December 9th, 7:00 PM at Tri-County Airport, Erie CO, at Blue Grassfield's Mad Eagle Aeronautical Hangar. Take CO Hwy 7 to Road 1 on the west side of the airport. Go north about 1/2 mile, bear right onto the gravel road that leads to the big dark green hangar. Turn right at the gate. The program is to be announced.

November Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Roger Standard, at the Mad Eagle Aero hangar at Tri-County Airport.

VISITORS: Brian Armstrong, Michael Welcome, Barry Johnson, Dave Krohnfeldt (C-172), and Gary Henderson (Piper Turbo Arrow).

OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES: M-S-P'd (Moved, Seconded and Passed by vote) as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Wilson reported that we had \$2,070.88 in the chapter account.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The board met on Nov. 10th to discuss program ideas for the coming year. Some of the ideas bounced around were Ed Hueber, former editor of *Plane and Pilot*, a project visit to, say, Cliff and Patti's RV-9, or maybe we could prevail upon Mike Gugeler to present a slide show of his trip to Alaska along with some smoked salmon. The board also decided that it was time to award another lifetime achievement award to one of our members. You'll have to come to the December meeting to find out who it will be. Also discussed was the necessity of possibly finding a new permanent meeting place as Blue has decided to sell the Mad Eagle complex. reportedly, it can be yours for \$850,000.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Last month, Tom Redfield reported that he had gotten his RV-6A signed off for flight on Wednesday, October 11. Shortly after that some of his friends convinced him that it was time to get it in the air and so it was that his first flight took place. Congratulations Tom! Did I hear right that it already has 6 hours on it? Or was that 26? Cliff Begnaud spoke of the simplicity of the RV-9 kit, that he and Patti have started. Parts were pre-drilled on matched and coordinated tooling and the holes line up beautifully. Ah, the wonders of CNC.

TRIP REPORTS: Mike Gugeler told of the trip he and his Dad made bringing his Dad's J-3 from Alaska to Denver. They had 45 hours of flight time and only a short spell of bad weather on the whole trip.

GENE'S CORNER: VFR Waypoints are to be added to sectional charts next year.

YOUNG EAGLES: The membership discussed the need for some type of follow-up for the kids after their introductory ride. There needs to be some type of mentoring program established to help really interested kids learn more about how to get started in aviation.

BANQUET: Two possible sites for our annual banquet were suggested: The Runway Grill at the Denver Air Center (Jeffco), and the Longmont Dinner Theatre (in Longmont). See the details on page 3.

ROGER STANDARD: Does anyone know of a good local source for aircraft grade plywood?

ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS: The 2001 officers were elected by acclamation: President - Roger Standard, Co-Vice presidents - Patti Begnaud and George Hayes, Secretary and Newsletter Editor - Al Manley, and Treasurer - Bob Wilson. Thanks to all of you for volunteering to serve our Chapter! The election of next year's board members was tabled until the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Michael Maya Charles would like to start a petition to the FCC to change the Unicom frequency at Tri-County Airport. The present frequency (123.0 MHz) is shared by several other local airports and is too congested. Next time you stop in at 48V, ask to sign the petition at the FBO.

GENERAL: Jim Ernst asked the membership to join him in congratulating Gene Horsman on his nice article and photos covering last summer's Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In. It really was an excellent job Gene! It was great to finally see our Fly-In get some coverage in *SPORT AVIATION*. Steve Beach reported that another scam has surfaced on e-mail in which the scammers target EAA members to try to obtain their bank account information. There is to be a link trainer fly off at Oshkosh next year. Best new design plans-built model wins.

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If you have a problem with your address label please let me know. My e-mail address is: ehorsman@juno.com and my mailing address is 210 Lookout View Ct., Golden CO 80401-2518. Phone 303/279-5782. Thanks. Gene Horsman, Database Editor

November Meeting Minutes, continued.

DESIGN NEWS magazine surveyed subscribers for their favorite vacation spots and EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, came in 3rd. Gee, just third place? The Altitude Chamber experience won't happen due to a general lack of interest. (Too bad. I can tell you from my own experience in the Air Force that it is a fascinating informative and worthwhile experience. Ed.)

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Dave Biesemeier, Secretary.

January Banquet

Al Manley and I have gathered a couple of quotes for the Annual Banquet and we would like you to look them over and be prepared to **vote on your choice of location and entree** so that we can give the restaurants as much notice as possible. The choices are the *Longmont Dinner Theatre in Longmont*, and *The Runway Grill* at the new Denver Air Center at Jeffco.

The *Longmont Dinner Theatre* can accommodate us **Saturday afternoon, January 13th**. The entree choices at the Dinner Theatre are beef prime rib, chicken cordon bleu, fish, or chef salad. Appetizer is included. There is one price of \$14.95 per plate including tip. A cash bar is available. There is a minimum reservation of 40 people and up to 100 can be served.

The *Runway Grill* can accommodate us **Sunday afternoon, January 14th** at 4:00PM and offers beef prime rib for \$14.50, stuffed chicken breast for \$13.00, or spaghetti and meatballs for \$10.50. Includes salad, bread, entree, desert and coffee or tea. All prices **include** tax and tip. Seating will be limited to 70 people with a minimum of 40 reservations, so sign on early if we choose to go there. A cash bar is available.

Our treasurer, Bob Wilson, will be prepared to collect your check at the meeting, or you can mail it to him before December 16th. If you can't make it to the meeting and are mailing your reservation to Bob, please call him to confirm the location at 303/682-1857.

Mike Gugeler will be our banquet guest speaker.

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors met on November 10, 2000, at Bart's in Louisville. The meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

The first topic of discussion was the need to find a new meeting place, due to the fact that Blue Grassfield wants to sell his complex. Suggested possible locations included NCAR, Denver Air Center, and the Department of Interior, all at Jeffco.

It was decided by the board that it is time to honor another chapter member with a Lifetime achievement award. It was an

easy decision on who to choose. It will be announced at the December meeting.

The remainder of the meeting centered around possible program ideas for the coming year. They include:

January - Banquet.

February - Tour of Wings Over The Rockies Museum at the former Lowry AFB.

March - Auction.

April - Gil Geist on his Long EZ project.

May - Chapter Picnic.

June - Dan Murray Museum, Travel Aire 4000.

July - summer meeting at Longmont.

August - Mountain Flying Seminar by Michael Maya Charles.

September - Weekend Workshop, including welding metal working, dope and fabric, and composite construction.

October - Skip Miller and his Wood Logic seminar.

November - NCAR's presentation on Micro-bursts.

December - Bob Greeno on helicopter flying experiences.

Keep in mind that these are ideas only and subject to change.

A MESSAGE FROM THE KEEPER OF THE DATA

I am in the process of preparing a new roster for 2001. Right now, it is based on the mailing list of this year. I then intend to drop, add, change as necessary (a much smaller job) based on all you folks re-upping for the year. I already have about 20 who have paid for 2001 and the mailing labels reflect that now.

The new roster will include wives first names, home telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, if you give them to us. Aircraft you currently own, are working on, or flying will be listed, providing you listed them for us.

I have been working from two different lists of data and would like to get it down to one. Needless to say, I would like to ask you to please fill out a registration form so I may get this information. I will make every effort to get these correct on the first try.

A cut-off date, not yet set, will trigger my final preparation to print the roster. We will publish that date in a coming newsletter. Anyone who has not paid by that time will be dropped from the roster.

Please sign up for 2001. We have a good, active chapter and we hope to make it even more so in 2001.

Any questions, call me at 303/279-5782, or by e-mail at ehorsman@juno.com.

Gene Horsman

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2000 at 7:00 PM. See inside for details.