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THIS MONTH: This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, January 10, 1987 at the Rocky Mountain Energy Center at 7:30 P.M. The program hasn't been finalized as of this writing, but a program is guaranteed.

LAST MONTH: With 68 members and guests in attendance, Chapter 43's annual Christmas Banquet began around 7:30 P.M. at Colacci's Restaurant in Louisville. After most all had finished eating, President Kirby White called everyone to order at about 9:30 P.M. for a short business meeting, at which time the minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

Guests: There were many, many guests present, in the form of relatives and friends, and Kirby welcomed all of them to the Banquet.

Treasurer's Report: There was none given.

Old Business: Herrill Davenport reported that Brad had started his medical treatment process in Houston, Texas, and was doing well. He said that Brad might even be home for Christmas. Kirby let everyone know that Treasurer Cathy Sheeon still had a good supply of calendars to sell at \$5.00 each.

New Business: Kirby felt that some thanks were in order. First, he thanked all present for the excellent turnout. Then, he thanked Willie and Rita Byrd for hosting us. He thanked Cathy & Guy Sheeon and Denise & Roy Maneely and Daphne Seabury and Herrill Davenport for the wonderful decorations and cookies. Cathy told everyone to help themselves to the decorations. Chapter 43 member Larry Constable made an important announcement about his engagement to Karen Page earlier in the day. He said that a date had not been set. Everyone congratulated both of them for getting engaged.

Gene's Corner: Gene Horsman talked about the award that he and Mike Cochran and Dick Greenwall received from the Civil Air Patrol for the 1940 Luscombe 8-A that they own. The award was to honor them for maintaining the airplane in flying condition. It was recently determined that the airplane flew in CAP service during World War II. (Editor's note: The press release from the CAP and other articles regarding this award are reproduced in this Newsletter). Gene told a few aviation related jokes for our entertainment and enjoyment. Gene also invited those interested to take a look at his copy of "Pilot's Guide to Southwestern Airports" that he had recently bought.

Progress Reports: There were none given.

A&P: The business portion of the banquet adjourned around 9:45 P.M. Kirby said that there would not be an actual program, because it gave everyone a chance to talk to one another. Kirby invited all present to stay as long as they liked.

DUES: That's right, it's dues time again. There will be no increase in amount again this year. Dues are still \$10.00. Please take a couple of minutes and fill out the 1987 Membership Renewal Form which is included in this Newsletter.

CALENDARS: We still have 1987 EAA calendars to sell for \$5.00 each. Please see Treasurer Cathy Sheeon at the meeting for yours.

MARKETPLACE: For Sale: Unopened 5 gallon can of clear nitrate dope, \$25.00. Guy Sheeon 232-9535

For Sale: 1947 Aeronca 11BC Super Chief. Approximately 900 TTAF. Undergoing restoration. New wood bulkheads and floorboards installed. Stringers formed. Have headliner and Ceconite envelopes for fuselage and control surfaces. Fuselage sandblasted. Needs envelopes for wings. Fuselage epoxy primed. Needs engine to complete project. \$1,500. Bill & Marilyn Schneider 750-5535

For Sale: McCauley 1A90CM71/44 propeller. 100 hours since overhaul and repitch. Excellent condition. Logs available. This is a 75 HP Continental prop. Gene Horsman 279-5782 or Mike Cochran 469-4853

For Sale: Aluminum Piper Cub skis. 63" long x 14" wide. Includes all hardware. \$400.00 OBO. Ken Williams 892-9219

For Sale: Aeronca 11AC Chief project. Fuselage covered. Wings need cover. Includes Continental A-65. Greg Platt 659-8419

For Sale: C90-14 and A65-8 engines. Lyle Muir 659-9511

For Sale: Antique aircraft wheels and tires. 26x4 spoke wheels with 1 1/2" hole for axle. Make offer. Milo Rebne 423-7324

Wanted: Left hand tachometer for a Continental A-65 engine. Billy Anderson in Niwot 652-2395

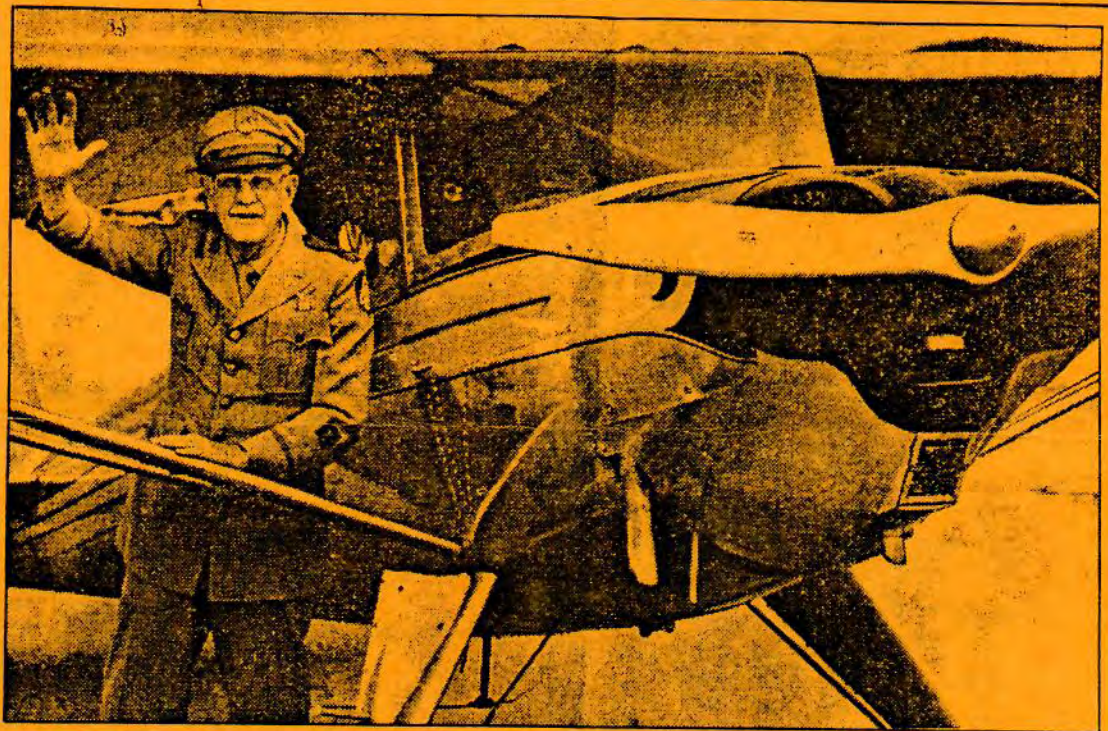
To all my Special Friends;

I want to thank all of you for what you have done. I hope that I am worthy of such a tremendous gift. Just maybe by playing a guinea pig, we may be opening the door to a whole new world of hope for a lot of people, possibly one of you. If this procedure works like they say, and it sure feels like it is, it will save all the risks involved in open heart surgery. And the best part is, it will reverse and remove most of the build up in arteries, maybe up to 95% of it.

Thank you all for this new lease on life.

Your Very Greatfull Friend


Brad Davenport



The Denver Post / Dave Buresh

Bill Madsen flew a 1940 Luscombe Model 8A just like this one for the CAP during World War II.

Civil Air Patrol honors 3 aviators as it celebrates 45th anniversary

By Fred Gillies
and Ann Schrader
Denver Post Staff Writers

ERIE — A Civil Air Patrol ceremony on Saturday turned into a reunion of current and former owners of a vintage aircraft flown in the Civil Air Patrol Courier Service during World War II.

The three current owners of the spotless 1940 Luscombe Model 8A were honored by the Civil Air Patrol, which celebrates its 45th anniversary on Monday. The Colorado Wing of the CAP and its 38 squadrons in the state will join more than 1,900 CAP units across the nation in observing the anniver-

sary.

The two-seater plane — called “a real good old bird” by a former owner — was flown by Lt. Merrill Oakley in the CAP-2nd Air Force Courier Service in 1943-44. The courier missions, based out of Colorado

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Springs, flew mail, messages, cargo and aircraft parts to 17 Western state, said Lt. Col. Bill Madsen.

Now the Air Force Academy's public relations director, Madsen once flew an identical plane in the Civil Air Patrol. On Saturday, one of the owners, Michael Cochran of Denver, took Madsen on a sentimental flight above the Tri-County Airport.

The other current owners are Richard Greenwall of Boulder and Eugene Horsman of Golden.

"We're the 19th set of registered owners," Horsman said. The plane, based at the Tri-County Airport and still flown, cost \$1,995 when it was built. It then spent most of its life in Kansas, Horsman said.

Other former owners and pilots also attended the ceremony, including Ron Denight of Northglenn who learned to fly in it. Denight heard Madsen talk about old Civil Air Patrol planes and helped to track the plane's heritage.

Presenting a plaque Saturday to the three owners was Col. Harry E. Kouts, commander of the Colorado Wing. He said the CAP nationally was credited with saving 116 lives, including 10 in Colorado.

So far this year, Kouts said, the Colorado Wing has flown more than 1,200 hours on emergency missions and has saved the lives of at least 13 people. Headquartered at Lowry Air Force Base, the wing has more than 1,200 adult members and almost 500 teenage cadets.

Last year, CAP units in the nation logged 14,210 hours flying search and rescue missions and other humanitarian missions, such as transporting blood and live tissue and looking for stranded motorists and ranchers — as the Colorado CAP did in April on Colorado's northeastern plains.

The Civil Air Patrol was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, by a group of light-aviation enthusiasts and private pilots who offered to donate their time and aircraft for the nation's civilian defense efforts, Kouts said.

In World War II, Kouts noted, the Civil Air Patrol won fame for its extensive civilian defense operations. They included a submarine patrol along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, as well as flying a courier service to free military personnel and aircraft for other assignments.

In its current activities, the Civil Air Patrol conducts air search and rescue missions authorized by the Air Force. It also assists with disaster-relief activities, and cooperates with civil defense, state and county agencies, Kouts said.

Denver's Rocky Mountain News, Sat Nov 29, 1986

Civil Air Patrol to celebrate anniversary

Rocky Mountain News Staff

The 1,300 adult members and 500 teen-age cadets in the 38 squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol Colorado Wing will join more than 1,900 other CAP units throughout the nation Monday in celebrating the organization's 45th anniversary.

The CAP was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, by a group of flight-aviation enthusiasts and private pilots as a means of donating their time and aircraft to civilian defense efforts.

Its World War II operations included a submarine patrol along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, and courier

and delivery services.

Today, the CAP conducts air search and rescue missions, assists with disaster relief, cooperates with civil defense, state and county agencies, and conducts comprehensive aerospace education and youth leadership programs.

It is a civilian auxiliary of the Air Force.

One of the state's birthday observances will be a display of a vintage aircraft flown in CAP service during World War II.

A 1940 Luscombe Model 8A with a 65-horsepower engine, used by the Kansas CAP Wing for courier and delivery missions, will be on display today at Tri-County Airport near Erie.

COLORADO WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL
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FACT SHEET

WHAT: Civil Air Patrol commander to honor owners of a vintage aircraft flown in CAP service during World War II.

The 1940 Luscombe Model 8A with its 65 hp Continental A-65-8 engine was flown by Lt. Merrill Oakley on CAP - 2nd Air Force Courier Service in 1943-44. Oakley, then a member of the Kansas Wing of the two-year old CAP, flew courier missions from Topeka to Salina, with occasional parts flights to Omaha, Nebraska.

The owners will be presented a plaque, inscribed:

THIS HISTORIC AIRCRAFT WAS FLOWN BY THE CIVIL AIR
PATROL ON ACTIVE DUTY DURING WORLD WAR II

and suitable for placement on the instrument panel.

WHO: Colonel Harry. E. Kouts, Commander, Colorado Wing of Civil Air Patrol, will make the presentation to Richard Greenwall of Boulder, Michael Cochran of Denver Eugene Horsman of Golden.



Vintage Aircraft

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WHO: Also attending will be CAP Lt. Col. William E. Madsen of cont'd Colorado Springs. Madsen, a member of the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame, was guest speaker at a 2 April meeting where he met one of the owners, whereupon the identification process was started. Madsen also flew courier missions in the early 1940s and will be wearing the distinctive uniform from those days at the presentation.

WHEN: Saturday, November 29, 1986; approximately 1 p.m.

WHERE: Tri-County Airport, Erie, CO.; Hangar 29.

Directions from Denver: I25 north (about 15 miles from downtown) to Exit 229 (Highway 7). West 3 miles to signs "Tri-County Airport" and "B J Strawberrys Convair Restaurant". North to stop sign. Bear to the left and follow the road to the hangars. Convair will be behind you on the right.

WHY: As Civil Air Patrol celebrates its 45th anniversary, it is fitting that such an aircraft, just recently identified as having served the nation during World War II, be appropriately marked and its owners honored for having maintained it in flying condition. The aircraft is still being used as a trainer.

Upon being informed of CAP's wish to make this presentation, co-owner Horsman noted, "The three of us who currently own the airplane are proud of the old bird and would be pleased to participate in a ceremony accepting a plaque and certificate of wartime service of the airplane with Civil Air Patrol."



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8 December 1986

Mr. E. A. (Gene) Horsman
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Dear Gene

It was a genuine pleasure to meet the venerable aviators who today are owners of Luscombe 8A N25342.... a great aircraft flown on CAP-2nd Air Force Courier Service in 1943-1944 by the Kansas Wing. It was used to transport official Army Air Corps mail, training manuals for B-17 and B-24 Liberator bombers, and parts for aircraft and engines. The flights were made from Topeka, KS west to and Walker, an other round trip flights from Topeka to Omaha.

Attached are several color prints taken at the Tri County Airport on Saturday, Nov. 29, during the activities there. Perhaps there are enough of the pictures, shot by my son Dan, for each of you to have a scrap book. In addition, I have enclosed three 8x10 b/w prints which shows the 2nd Air Force Courier Service network. It covered 17 western states, and CAP pilots flying their own airplanes flew in and out of the bomber training bases. It was a great wartime activity of CAP, but is little known today. The operation was VFR daytime only. No instrument flights, no night flights. 7 days a week, month in and out. Yet we were able to rack up 96% of flight completions during the summer months, less in winter. The uniform I wore for the ceremony is the same summer suntan-brown shoe uniform I wore in 1943-44. It still fits! CAP members were required to wear red shoulder loops and red braid on blouse sleeves with official CAP insignia, buttons and pilot wings.

Congruatulations to the three of you who own the warbird Luscombe of WWII fame. I enjoyed looking at the scrap book of some of her past history. Now you have another small chaper to add. Please convey my warm greetings to Dick Greenwall and Mike Cochran, with whom I took the nostalgic flight. My thanks to all of you.

Keep the great legends flying - happy landings. May you always fly with a warm tail wind and a clear star to steer by.

Sincerely

WILLIAM D. MADSEN
Lt.Col. CAP
Members CAP National Historical Committee
Historian Rocky Mtn. Region CAP

P.S. Capt. Deither Hant-schall, the Wolorado CAP Wing public affairs officer, will send a picture story to CAP NEWS, national paper. I will send a copy on publication.



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