

# MILE HIGH FLYER

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**FROM THE LEFT SEAT:**

*Steve Beach*

## **A SCALE SHERPA??**

Many thanks to the Young's for hosting the August meeting at their workshop. Tom & Sonja are very gracious hosts along with their two great dogs. Their canines have to be the best-behaved and mannered animals in this area.

The fact that Tom started with a Pacer frame has very little to do with the aircraft that we had the opportunity to see that night. For those of you that missed the meeting (could not be too many as the turnout was fabulous), Tom is building a true bush aircraft that he hopes to use in Alaska. The Pacer fuselage has been extended, a new tail has been added, and the wings are basically being built from scratch.

Tom is hoping for extreme stol characteristics when he is finished and it sounded and looked like he knows what he is doing. He bought a partially built Sky-Bolt for the engine (O-360) and has the remainder of the aircraft hanging in his workshop. He sold the remainder of the Sky-Bolt but the deal has not totally gone through so he may have a set of wings to sell later.

Tom is a CFI and one of Chapter 43's Flight Advisors. If you're building an aircraft talk to Tom or Bill Mitchell about the FA Program. It can save you money on your insurance, and allow you to have insurance from the first flight of your aircraft instead of ten hours later. Tom also enjoys giving bi-annuals, especially in aircraft that are relatively new to him. If you need a bi-annual give him a call.

Thanks again and our appreciation to Tom and Sonja.

## **Jeffco & YOUNG EAGLES:**

August 15<sup>th</sup> was Jeffco's Open House and a Young Eagles Rally. Bob Lee headed up the effort for the Young Eagles Rally and reports that six pilots flew 58 kids. Participating were Mark Graf - RV6, Dean and Tony Cochran - Thorp

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING:**

**SEPT. 12TH AT 7:00PM**  
**MAD EAGLE AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY**  
**(Blue Grassfield's Complex,**  
**Tri-county Airport)**

T-18, Tom Young - PA11 (Daryl Cinquanta loaned his for the day), Bill Mitchell - Thorp T-18, and John Scott - C-150. If you look closely at the numbers you will notice that each of them flew almost ten new YE's each. In aircraft that only take a single passenger per trip that is a lot of flying in one day. Thanks to everyone that helped out. Bob also said that we need to have one more rally this fall to fly all of the kids that couldn't get a ride at Jeffco.

The aircraft judging favored three of chapter 43's members.

First Place - Customized  
Daryl Cinquanta's '48 PA-11

First Place - Original Design  
Gil Geisz's Gizmo

First Place - People's Choice  
Bob Wilson's Long EZ

Congratulations!!

Daryl Cinquanta headed up the JAA (Jeffco Aviation Association) participation for the fly-in. He felt that the day was successful (estimated visitors were 7,500 to 8,000), however, he has a long list of items that could make it better next year. This is an event that Chapter 43 might be able to get more involved with in 1999.

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING: MEAS - Tri-County**

The September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Mad Eagle Aeronautical Society at Tri-County at 7:00pm. If anyone has not been to Blue Grassfield's complex call any of the officers for directions on how to get there.

This month George Hayes is going to throw in his two cents worth on building ribs. He uses a router to cut out the lighting holes and I've seen the results, which are very impressive. Hopefully George will give us a complete update on the progress of the Ultra-Piet and expected completion. (It has to be real close)

We will also have another 50/50 drawing to raise funds for the Air Academy. There will be a couple of videos for prizes along with the cash. If you have an item that could be used for a prize and you wouldn't mind donating it to the chapter please bring it along. And don't forget to bring all those unused dollar bills that have been laying around the house.

## THE NEXT BIG EVENT!

The Rocky Mountain RVators Annual Fly-In ( a chapter 43 event) will be taking place on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. It takes place in Burlington with the town giving tremendous support to make sure that it is a success. I know that many of the 43 members will be attending and remember that it is open for everyone in all types of aircraft. If you have the least bit of interest in an RV this is the place to see them. See the ad elsewhere in this letter for more info.

## ELECTIONS ARE COMING:

I know, I know, you are probably tired of me harping on the same subject, but it is having a positive effect. The annual officer elections are coming up in November and we are garnering a group of people to run that can take the chapter into the next millennium. Do we still need more interest? Absolutely!!

As I mentioned in the July Mile High Flyer there are a number of volunteer positions that are open that can use some ambitious people to fill them. I should also mention that I am making a presidential decision and raising the wages of all volunteers by 20%. OK so the perks aren't great. But the satisfaction of being a part of the workings of Chapter 43 certainly is.

I had a discussion one night at Oshkosh with Charlie Edwards, a Chapter Advisory Council Member from Tennessee. He was remarking on the fact that he had stayed longer this year than any previous visit and had enjoyed his stay more than ever before. As we talked about enjoying Oshkosh (AirVenture) it became obvious to both of us that being involved, not only generated more friendships, but also increased the fun factor by about 10x. I try to spend two weeks at Oshkosh each year, the week before and the week of the event. Because of the people that I have met and friendships that have developed over the years, those two weeks fly (pun intended) by faster than any other time of the year.

The time spent with Chapter 43 has essentially the same effect. Volunteering gives you an opportunity to get to know more people in the chapter and the aviation community in general. Volunteering for a small position in the chapter can get you started. Below are just a few of the jobs that will need to be filled for 1999:

Officers For 1999: President, (2) Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer  
 Flying Start Coordinator:  
 Young Eagle Coordinator:  
 Government Issues Advisor:  
 Newsletter Editor and Assistant:  
 Flight Advisors:  
 Technical Counselors:  
 Refreshment Host:  
 Membership Roster / Data Base Facilitator:  
 Café 43 Coordinator:  
 Banquet Organizer:  
 Web Page Designer:  
 Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In Representative:

Some of the same volunteers that held these jobs this year will fill them again this year. However, there are still a number of positions that need to be filled and if you would like to get more involved, please give any of the officers a call, or volunteer your assistance at the next meeting.

## Dancing - HANGER DANCING!!

Will and Sarah Barclay from Business Aircraft Sales in Boulder are hosting an appreciation Hanger Dance on Oct 3 at 6:30pm. They are supplying the live music and the cost to have fun is ZERO. This sounds like a great evening of fun.

Will and Sarah are the same fine people that sponsors and hosted the first Flying Start Program in the Denver area. If you like airplane folk, swing music from the 40's, and cool airplanes, come to Business Aircraft Sales 2nd annual full moon hangar party on Saturday, October 3rd, starting at 6:30pm. The location is Business Aircraft Sales hangar located in the southeast corner of the Boulder Airport.

The Dean Bushnell Orchestra will play the night away. Food and refreshments are also served. If last years attendance (over 200 people) is any indication, this should be a great event to attend. The party is **free**; all Sarah and will Barcly ask is that you give them an RSVP call so they know how much food to prepare! RSVP to: **Business Aircraft Sales** at (303) 444-5560.

This dance should really be a fun event!

## NEW REGIONAL FLY-IN

The first annual Golden West EAA Regional Fly-In will take place on September 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> at Castle Airport, CA. This airport is the former Castle Air Force Base with a 11,800 x 300 foot runway to accommodate any aircraft. They have put a lot of planning and money into this event and are hoping for a big turnout. The airport is located about 5 miles north of Merced in the San Joaquin Valley in central CA.

Their budget is 15x greater than we have at the Rocky Mountain Regional. Sometimes you can throw enough money at an event to make it successful but it will take a lot of people and aircraft to make it happen. If you have that weekend free and want a place to fly, it will probably be worth your time and effort. I was in San Diego last week visiting Chapter 14 and the Miramar Air Show. There was a lot of talk at both places about this fly-in and quite a few people indicating that they were planning on attending.

To find out more about the event surf the web at:  
<http://www.gwfly-in.org>

## MID - AMERICA FLY-IN

On the day of our next meeting, September 12<sup>th</sup>, there is a fly-in in Kearney, NE. Chapter 1091 is trying very hard to make this a fun and well-attended event. The pancake breakfast, 8:00 to 11:00am, is free to Fly-Ins. They are hosting a Young Eagles Rally on the same day and can use some little help if you venture up that way. For more info call: 308-236-0106

## FLY-INS and EVENTS WORTH NOTING:

Aug 12	EAA Chp 1091 Fly-In	Kearney NE	Pancake Brkfst 308-236-0106
Aug 15	Jeffco Airport Fly-In & Open House	Jeffco	688-6099
Aug 15	CPA Mountain Flying Course	Centennial	Brian Lewis 303-665-5262
Sep 19	Pueblo Airport Air Festival	Pueblo Municipal	Pancake Breakfast 719-584-4321
Sep 19-20	Chp 43 & RVators Fly-In	Burlington	John Stewart 719-346-8471
Sep 19-20	Great Western Airshow	Durango	Michael Cooney 970-259-3381
	Air Force Thunderbirds Only Public Appearance in Colorado this year		
Sep 25-27	Golden West EAA Regional Fly-In:	Castle Airport CA	www.gwfly-in.org
Oct 3	Hanger Dance 6:30 - No Admission Charge / Live music		
	Business Aircraft Sales - Boulder Airport	Sponsored by Owners: Will and Sarah Barclay	
Oct 15-18	Southwest Regional Fly-In:	Abilene Texas	Stu McCurdy 512-388-7399

## FOR SALE:

**N3 PUP ULTRALIGHT** - 'Cub Look Alike' - Not a kit, this one is flying!  
 Mosler 2 cylinder 4 cycle engine 37 HP. \$10,500 Call **Gene Milligan, (303) 466-0831** (Make him an offer!)

**NEW LYCOMING ENGINE PARTS:** 8.5:1 Superior pistons, 4 ea. @ \$30 ea., Superior compression rings for steel cylinders, \$100. One iron ring set for chrome cylinders, \$150. **Dave Bieseemeier, (303) 384-3760.**

**Elliot Crawford** has located a source of aircraft supplies in Denver. They carry Poly fiber covering and materials.

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# Rocky Mountain RVators

## **Annual Fly In for all Van's Type airplanes at Burlington, Colorado.**

**Saturday and Sunday, 19-20 September, 1998**

Early Friday arrival is encouraged for all and expected of the Texas mc

The Rocky Mountain RV ators are pleased to announce the Third annual Fly In Extravaganza at Burlington, Colorado!! This festive event is an old fashioned fly in and get together like the good old days. Come on down to Burlington, bring your favorite flying partner and have a great time. Van's will be represented. We will have a program of seminars with show and tell of some marvelous RV's.

- Spectacular prizes will be awarded, but emphasis is on flying and cross talk among RV builders, flyers, and would be's.
- \$15 Registration fee this year. This includes the famous Saturday burger lunch, transportation to events and the programs.

Dinner and evening program on Saturday evening. Tickets will be sold at registration. Departures on Sunday.

- Special Rates at local motels. Comfort Inn (719) 346-7676. Lots of Tourist attractions in "Old Town"
- Camping is allowed
- Bring tie downs. Based on last years heavy participation it is possible some late arrivals will have to park on grass this year.

Free booth space for Vendors. Must be RV related.

For more details contact John Stewart at 719-346-8741.

## RAMBLINGS FROM THE EDITOR

### AUGUST MEETING MINUTES:

Called to order by Pres. Steve at 7:30pm.

-The Burlington RVators Fly-in is set for September 19th & 20th.

-Treasurer's report: I was too slow & missed it! (ed.)

-Chapter Scholarship Fund: Dean Cochran's birthday bash netted \$135 for the fund. Thanks Dean! Names of potential candidates for the EAA Aviation Camp need to be submitted before Jan. 1, 1999. Members are encouraged to bring kids to the meetings. The cost of the camp is one week: \$500, two weeks \$900.

-No "50/50" raffle was held.

-Oshkosh "Airventure 98": 850,000 paid attendance. Terrible weather until Sunday, few mosquitoes, good times!

-**Rich Clements** won the Outstanding Workmanship Award for his *Meta-Falco*.

-**Duane Hitchcock** of Burlington, Co won Grand Champion Custom Built - Kit.

-**Marvin Wahl's** metal working workshops featuring his "air hammer" proved to be very popular.

-Jeffco Open House and Young Eagles Rally, held August 15th, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

-Past Jeffco Sheriff **Harold Bray** (and Dean Cochran's former hanger partner) passed away in August.

-Placerville California will host a T-18 Fly-In over Labor Day weekend. (T-18: Meta-RV-6? ed.)

-**Gene's Corner**: A new Anti-aircraft noise group has been formed in Thornton. It's not known if this is to be directed at General Av. or DIA, but it sounds like bad news. User's Fees were voted down in Congress again, 420 to 0.

-The FAA has a Document Handbook available.

-**Marvin Wahl** has donated folding chairs for Chapter meetings at Blue Grassfield's complex. If you can help load the chairs onto the trailer at Marvin's, please come to 1974 South Zuni in Denver at 5:00 - 5:30pm Saturday, Sept. 12th (the night of the meeting).

-Project report: **Bob Johnson** is reportedly almost ready to fly his Kolb Firefly folding wing ultralight.

-Come on people - we know there is more progress to report, and if not; get busy!

### CHAPTER 43 BOARD MEETING:

August 27, 1998

-A change to the bylaws has been determined to be necessary to change the number of board members from 7 to 9. This will be voted on at the next chapter meeting.

-Its election time, and a nominating committee is being formed. Some names mentioned for the committee are Ron Denight, Mark Yelich, Charlie Graf, Pat Claar. Also needed are volunteer officers.

-Winter Party: ideas are needed, as well as volunteers for planning and arranging the party.



-**AOPA Air Safety Foundation** has a new safety education project called "Seminar in a Box". It is designed to help local pilots conduct their own quality safety seminars utilizing an all-in-one kit. The kits are free, paid for by pilot donations and corporate sponsors of the Air Safety Foundation. Users are required to cover shipping and handling costs of \$15.95 per kit. The Board decided by vote to try one of the four available kits to see how they work out, with the option of obtaining the rest if it looks like a good program. Watch for this in the coming months.

### MEMBER-TISIPANTS:

OK, its soap box time! As is the case with all volunteer run organizations, this chapter needs **Y-O-U** to make it a success. It is officer election time (yeah, I can hear the collective groan!), but believe me, you will receive gratification proportional to your volunteer efforts. There are many volunteer positions besides the formal elected officer positions that also need your help. Many of these posts have been held by individuals for more than one year, and while they will probably serve again if no one expresses an interest in replacing them, it would be nice to give them a respite.

Along these lines, this chapter is moving into one of the most important phases in its history. I'm talking about the formation of the independent 501c3 non-profit organization of which our chapter will be an affiliate, if all goes as planned. There will be numerous opportunities for you to volunteer for committees overseeing the planning, architecture, construction, and occupation of the new aviation complex planned for the south side airport expansion.

This is obviously a very ambitious project, and is in the very earliest of stages at this point, but it is feasible...**It could happen!** Not only that, it **will happen**, but only if you are ready to make a commitment to see it through with your donations of **time**. Many other chapter have made it work and we can too!

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

Will be at TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT, SEPT.12, 1998 at 7:00PM. See inside for details..