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***LAST  
CHANCE!***

If you haven't paid DUES for this year please fill out the membership form enclosed and hand or mail to our noble treasurer, Bob Wilson.



**EAA MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43**

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**KEN DOWNES GLASTAR KIT**

The Glastar kit for N85KM was purchased at Oshkosh last summer after a demo ride with the late Tim Johnson. The plane's utility, versatility and easy handling were the selling points for me. I started fabrication on the tail kit (rudder, stabilizer and elevator) September 1st. I am building the tail kit and wings in a 10' by 20' space in my basement. With two boys in high school and college around the corner, I'm not expecting to be done for at least six years. I have fabricated the tail kit, and have just completed the corrosion proofing. I'd love to get this on floats some day, so I used Deft's water based epoxy paint that Boeing also uses. It's easy to use, goes on very thin, and you can't even scrape it off.

Since I am working in the house, I built a temporary paint booth for the chemical cleaning and painting that worked very well. I will take it down and store it until the wings are ready to spray. I am very interested in putting either a NSI or Engenfeller Subaru on 5KM. A Glastar with an NSI engine and prop will take flight up in Loveland early this summer, and Nolan Fredrickson is taking delivery of his Engenfeller engine this summer. I plan on watching both of these very carefully. *Ken*

**March Meeting:** Saturday, March 8, 2003, at 7:00 P.M. Tri-County Airport, 2nd floor of the FBO. Take CO Hwy 7 to the airport entrance and follow the entrance road to the FBO. Please park in the parking lot for security reasons! Program: Gary Henderson on Flying Safely!

## February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Patti at 19:05. Patti has a new email: plee@barefootpilot.com.

### Visitors

Jim Link, Pres. of Ch 355 in Moses Lake, WA. Jim has rebuilt 2 Pacers and also owns a Maule.  
Troy Lomeyer from the Denver area.

The visitors sheet was misplaced and the spelling of the names may not be correct.  
We now have a dedicated clipboard that visitors can sign and hopefully are ducks will stay huddled.

The January minutes were m-s-p'd.

### Financials

Bob Wilson reported that there were 100 dinners served at the holiday banquet and 101 paid for which leaves a balance of \$8954.96 in the chapter account.

### Calendars

38 calendars were also sold at the banquet with 33 remaining. I observed money and calendars exchanging hands so the quantity available has probably changed. Bill Mitchell said there could be another printing, if there is enough interest.

### Air Academy

We need some nominations for the Air Academy this year, and we could possibly share this award with another chapter.

### Safety

Ron Denight stressed following the proper maintenance procedures for wooden propellers. Do not over torque the mounting bolts, after initial installation, fly for 1 hour and recheck the torque, re-torque after 25 hours of flight time. Environmental conditions, humidity and rain, should also be considered when re-torquing is necessary.

### FEDeral Updates

Gene Horseman spoke on the airspace and security changes at the GA airports in the DC area. It is probably something you may want to contact your Congressman about.

### Progress Reports

Greg Hal has the Fisher Horizon on the gear.  
Chuck Garten said the RV6 has a fresh top end.  
Pete Clinton has flown the Skybolt with 3 hours and 7 landings logged.  
Mike Guegler has a J3 wing receiving some new fabric.

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## Minutes, Continued

### Trip Reports

Dean Cochran reported that the air near the WY & CO border, where the windmills are, is pretty turbulent. He thinks the windmills may have something to do with it. Hmmm.....

### Events

Erie Air Fair May 17 & 18, 2003. Young Eagle volunteers and pilots will be needed.

Bruce Morehead representing the Erie Aviation Association spoke on the reopening of crosswind runway 9/27. Their website has more info: [www.48v.org](http://www.48v.org).

Roger Standard received an email from South Africa regarding the Dream Wings project, the following is from his website:

Arthur Piercy displayed his nearly completed "Project Dream Wings" Seawind, with engine installed. Arthur was disabled when he crash-landed the missile damaged Mirage F1 he was operating in Angola after an aerial dogfight. He has become the first Quadriplegic to regain his private pilot's license, completed at 43 Air School in Port Alfred. His dream is to fly solo around the world to prove that anyone can rise above any challenge in the Seawind his is building from scratch. He believes that by speaking to the children about how to make things happen instead of expecting the government to keep handing out aid, he can make a difference to the manner in which the youth of South Africa think for themselves. For the price of R200 per entry you can enter the Dream Wings competition: First prize – a flight in the English Electric Lightning supersonic interceptor courtesy of Thunder City in Cape Town. This prize also includes a return flight to Cape Town from any city serviced by SAA, hotel accommodation and a hired car. The competition closes in 1st December so I would suggest you get your entry in as soon as possible if you stand a chance of winning this magnificent prize. Telephone: +27 (0) 12 361 9268. Website: [www.piercy.co.za](http://www.piercy.co.za)

### Programs

Pres. Patti stressed that since this is our club, we should have the programs be what WE want instead of the Board selecting the material. She had a multiple choice write in vote and the results may be available next month.

### Meeting Room

Roger Standard said that Dennis Moss gave the OK to convert the restroom next to our meeting room, into a library. There will be a need for shelving, TV/VCR, and a PC would also be a nice addition. **Adjourned 19:36 by Dean Cochran.**



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## **B-17 TOUR UPDATE**

FROM MARK GRAF. To bring everyone up to date:

We now have the chapter hand book. It looks like we have the opportunity for a great visit. I have talked with Blue Sky Bistro (The restaurant in the terminal) about supporting the tour. They are thrilled and have promised to support us. What level, prices, etc, are up for grabs at this point. I have also talked with Steve Beach. He has agreed to be the chairman for the equipment and volunteers. Since we are also working on the RMRFI, I promised him some help, so if there is someone who wants to chair the volunteers section, please contact me.

George Meshko has graciously volunteered to be the Honorary Tour Director. He is also going to see if his friends in the area from the Eighth Air Force would be willing to come out to support the tour.

This is an exciting opportunity to share some history.

## **FROM GENE HORSMAN**

A couple of things on this coming newsletter. We want to close the books for the year in order to make the new yearly roster. (Close as of the meeting, March 8) Anyone joining after that date won't make the roster.

Bob Wilson asked that you put in something about the fact that **we have 17 calendars left.** They have been paid for by the chapter and we would like to sell them out.

I wonder if now would be a good time to put in a plug for "A fly your buddy" or "Fly your chapter friends" or whatever catchy title you might come up with. We talked about doing it on the day of the picnic, May 10, at Don Coleman's. I think we also talked about it being in the morning, but it can take place all day long. The reason I hesitate to use "buddy" is that some of the gals might want to go. We probably should set a rain date also, just in case. I remember one picnic spent inside the hangar.

### **WANTED:**

Marvel Schebler MA-3-SPA carb for Continental C-85 etc. Will consider a worn out carb for a trade-in core. Call **Jim Loyd at 303-280-3271.**

## **GETTING AN "N-NUMBER"**

From the EAA Hotline Q&A.

**Q.** How does one go about reserving a registration ("N") number for an amateur built aircraft?

**A.** The info on reserving a special "N" number can be found on the FAA's Aircraft Registration Branch web site, <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraft.asp>. Click on the link "Special Registration (N-Number) request found under the Customer Service heading. This will take you to a special page that explains the process for reserving a special N-Number. You can reserve the N-Number online or by mail.

## **THIS-N-THAT**

I hope you noticed the business card ads appearing in the newsletter. If you would like to buy a commercial business card sized ad in the nine monthly issues left this year at the rate of \$10 per month (\$90 through the end of the year), send your card and a check for \$90 made out to EAA Chapter 43 and mail to me, Dave Biesemeier, 430 Antero Street, Golden CO 80401. The funds raised go toward offsetting the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Also, the newsletter has been reformatted to (hopefully) make it easier to read on e-mail & the web.

**2003 Membership Information**  
**(Needed for 2003 Roster)**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: (Opt) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*We can now send you our monthly newsletter on E-Mail. It will be in Adobe .pdf format. We can furnish a link to download Adobe free of charge if you don't currently have it on your computer.**

**AIRCRAFT INFORMATION:**

Note: Category - Standard, Experimental, Ultralight, Warbird, etc.  
 Status: ----Previously Owned, Built, Building, Restoring, Considering, etc

<u>Make, Model, etc.</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Since (Yr)</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Based At</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Tools and Skills:** (Would you be willing to help others or to loan tools?) Circle one.      Yes      No

**HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED DURING 2003 - 2004?**

**Would you...**

Run for a Chapter Officer Post For 2002 -2003?	Yes	No
Arrange, Or Be, The Program For One Of Our Meetings?	Yes	No
Host A Chapter Meeting At Your Project?	Yes	No
Volunteer To Serve On the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In Planning Committee?	Yes	No
Volunteer For The 25th (2003) Annual Rocky Mountain EAA Regional fly-In?	Yes	No
Participate in Young Eagles functions, either as a...      Pilot	Yes	No
	Volunteer	Yes

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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:**  
 Saturday, March 8th, Tri-County Airport FBO  
 Gary Henderson will present the program on Flight Safety.