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"I'VE GOTTA FLY!" From the *Sidewinder e-lines* Newsletter

Check out the latest movies at your local theatre and what do you find? The ones doing well at the box office are either action movies like the new James Bond – "Die Another Day" or movies made for children like – "Harry Potter". These shows have one trick in common with each other. It's the element that awes the crowd, stimulates the imagination, and thrills the viewers:

IT IS FLYING !

In the Bond film there is at least one of almost every type of flying vehicle including parachutes with winged body boards.

If you look closely while Bond is inspecting the latest gadgets in the spy shop you might notice the nose section from the old BD-5 that was left over from a previous picture. Harry Potter not only flies on a broom in aerial sports with his classmates, but he and his friend have a great time in a flying car. It's not "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" or the one in the EAA Museum, but a regular old auto that flies on MAGIC. Even an old favorite like "Treasure Island" has been remade into

"Treasure Planet" and adds the element of flying in space to help capture the imagination of viewers.

The list is almost endless in recent releases that include some aspect of flight. The important part is that flying is still being introduced to kids and adults as an interesting, exciting, adventurous, activity. Not only the movies are having a positive impact on young people relative to flying. The EAA Young Eagles Program is going strong and reported ahead of schedule in providing real flying experiences for many youngsters.

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Next meeting: ANNUAL BANQUET, SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1:00 P.M. O'BRIAN'S RUNWAY GRILL. Please expedite completion of the form on page 3 and mail to Bob Wilson ASAP! The Runway Grill is located at the Jefferson County Airport in Broomfield in the Denver Air Center Hangar, the big white building just east of the Jeffco terminal.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2002 MEETING OF EAA CHAPTER 43.

President Roger Standard called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Roger introduced Lee Woody from Chapter 72 who is conducting a survey about the new Sport Pilot Licensing requirements. Later on in the meeting he passed out surveys for everyone to complete. It is part of his Masters Degree theses.

We had one guest, John Campbell of Erie, building a Mustang II.

Some people are having trouble opening the e-mail version of the newsletter. Mark Graf suggested we try it one more month before putting some people back on the snail mail list. Tim Tracey said he might be able to help Kelly Koop with the web site postings and volunteered to offer his services.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

Bob Wilson gave the Treasurer's report. Last month \$219.90 was deposited and paid out was \$665.98. (The high amount was because final bill was paid on the potential hangar heating elements purchased earlier) Our balance was \$8795.60.

Steve Beach: He mentioned the Wings Over The Rockies, Centennial of Flight, kickoff on the December 17. He also passed on the information that Raeanna Elms, our Air Academy participant this past summer, had won the Student Of The Term award at Longmont High School. This is a high honor for her. The first meeting of the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In Committee for the 2003 event will be January 12 at 3:00 at Longmont. If you are interested in attending contact Steve for details. He indicated that they had sent out election ballots for the committee to all chapters in the area and got only 5 back.

Mike Guegler: Told of his Dads misfortune with his J-3 Cub. He went to fly it on his 80th birthday and it got away from him on hand propping, got airborne, crashed and burned. He wants to rebuild it and is looking for a fuselage. Has most of the other parts needed. Only Mike could tell a sad tale like this and have everybody in stitches.

Joe Jones showed a copy of the illustration he had completed on the B-25s on the assembly line he had completed. It will be displayed in the Wings Over The Rockies museum and also the Air and Space Museum in Washington. He was donating the autographed copy to the chapter. We hope to have it framed and displayed on the wall in the meeting room.

George Hayes: He has purchased a homebuilt Super Emeraude at Wray, CO. They have run it but not flown it back to Longmont yet.

President Roger completed his checkout in the RV-6A this day, and soloed it for the first time.

Ron Denight reported he and others in the chapter had flown to many fly-ins during the summer. Bartlesville, OK; Abilene, TX; Copperstate, AZ; and one in Fairview, OK

George Meshko reported on a dream flight with his old copilot from Frontier days, who invited George to accompany him on his retirement flight over the islands of the South Pacific. Stops at Hawaii, Guam and 4 other islands. This was in a 737-800. Some of the strips were only 5,000' long.

Ron Denight Safety Item: He showed us one of the P leads from his airplane. It had shorted out and he had a hot mag. Proved it by turning it over with the mags off and it started immediately. He was cautioning us to watch out for such a situation. He then got a big round of applause when he announced he had gotten his A&P ticket.

Mark Graf: Told the group that they had put together pictures for the color calendar for the chapter. Thought they might have a few available by the banquet. He also made the announcement that the chapter has been approved for hosting the B-17 for May 30 through June 2.

Roger said the banquet would be from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 11, 2003 at the Runway Grill at Jeffco. He also told us that the price would have been lower except for a built in \$250 room charge and a 18% tip figured in. He said it would be a beef entrée buffet and the price worked out to \$16.50 per person. He indicated we had to give them a headcount by January 2. Dave will try to get the newsletter out early with a form.

Bill Mitchell asked for a show of hands for those who would purchase a calendar. Seventy-five indicated. He also asked if we could find a video on proper airport pattern work. Gary Henderson said he would try to track one down.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M. followed by hangar talk.

Jim Loyd gave a slide talk on the history of ultralight aircraft in the world. They all fell pretty much in the category of less than 3 lbs./sq.ft. wing loading and very small engines. The Europeans did much more design work than the Americans. Great talk Jim!

Respectfully submitted, Gene Horsman, Acting Secretary

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The rare exceptions to the rule are now presented to the world as headline news and lead to false assumptions about the safety of flying and the character of pilots.

Now, more than ever all who fly should join together to promote and safeguard our flying privileges and pass on to others the knowledge that flying can be transportation, recreation, sport, and...

Just plane fun!

EAA CHAPTER 43 ANNUAL BANQUET

Our annual chapter banquet will be held **January 11, 2003**, at **O'Brian's Runway Grill** at the Jefferson County Airport in Broomfield, CO, at **1:00PM**. Please note the change in time from our usual meeting time. We are in a bit of a crunch situation here, so please mail your reservation **immediately** upon receiving this newsletter to ensure your reservation will be made on time! The banquet will be buffet style. Return the form below.

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ @ \$15.00 ea.

TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make check or money order payable to EAA Chapter 43 and mail this form and your payment to chapter treasurer Bob Wilson, 1818 Sunlight Drive, Longmont CO 80501. Reservations must be received by Bob no later than Dec. 31, 2002.

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