

MILE HIGH FLYER

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**FROM THE LEFT SEAT:**
*Steve Beach***APRIL 1997****MARCH MEETING:**

Another meeting with an outstanding program by our own membership. First Bill Mitchell gave our first 'mini safety topic' talk. He covered the basics of radio communications. The basics, as he described them, are to keep it simple and say what is necessary. A complete rundown of your plans for the day are not necessary in standard radio communications. Bill told me that he has already overheard a communication since the meeting that he will tell us about in April.

The program that evening was given by Chapter 43's Ron Denight and Mark Yelich. Gentlemen, we all applaud and thank you for a very entertaining presentation.

This was the story of two friends that have spent the better part of the last few years competing with each other on aircraft mods. Although both have built remarkable aircraft it is obvious that we have not seen the end of the modifications to either one. If you are planning a modification to your own homebuilt, or to one that you are in the process of building, contact either Mark or Ron for valuable advice.

Again, thanks to Bill, Ron, and Mark for their contribution to the April Meeting.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AIR FAIR '97

I want to thank Gene Horsman and Marvin Wahl for their participation in staffing the EAA booth at the Air Fair '97. Sunday morning the crowds started slow but by noon the kids were standing in line to fly the simulator. Next year we should try to have a bigger showing. It is a fun event, and they can use our support.

AIR SHOWS 1997:**JEFFCO AIRSHOW**

I spoke with Wayne Hammack of AirSports International who is producing Air Show Colorado '97. I explained that we would be very interested in having an EAA booth at the event but would rather not be in charge of the flight line. He said that the Air Show takes complete responsibility for the flight line and the safety issues and of anyone from the chapter would like to help out they would be more than welcome. You can contact me if you would like to help on the line.

Wayne said that a booth for EAA would not be a problem. We can probably coordinate this activity with the Rocky Mountain Fly-In committee to ensure that all of the local chapters are involved.

A concern that surfaced at our last meeting was how much profit would be going to charities vs. private individuals. Although I could not get a definitive answer to the question, it should help to know that the Thunderbirds will not participate in any event that does meet specific criteria. It should be a fun weekend. Too bad that the two top Colorado aviation events of the year will take place within three weeks and twenty miles of each other.

You can get more information about the airshow on the World Wide Web:

<http://www.jascois.com/airshow/>

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAA FLY-IN

With Gene Horsman out of town I headed for Longmont to attend the monthly planning meeting for the Rocky Mountain Fly-In. Not a great deal to report other than they are making a real effort to become recognized by Oshkosh as a full regional EAA fly-in. It appears that they are probably not too far away from gaining that status.

They did get a confirmation that Cessna will be flying in the new 172 or 182 and that Van's will be represented possibly with the second RV8. Bill Marcy is also working very hard on getting more vendors to commit to the fly-in. He is headed for Sun-n-Fun to talk to many of them.

The Chp 43 volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around in March and the response was fantastic. We currently have 32 members signed up to help at the fly-in. If we can get everyone that signed up to actually help out, it will undoubtedly give 43 the highest rank for supporters. It will also help ensure a successful and safe event. There is plenty of room for everyone, so if you are not on the volunteer list, you can sign up at one of the next meetings or give me a call.

The Fly-In doesn't have a web page yet, but they are working on one.

GREELEY MALL SHOW

Chapter 720 held a mall show in Greeley on 3/15 & 3/16. I took a run up to see what they were doing and it appeared to be a huge success. They had a nice display of aircraft both finished (a kitfox) and in various stages of building (kitfox and RV look alike). A full size glider was also assembled and was pulling in quite a bit of attention.

They had sign-up sheets for their upcoming Young Eagles rally, and were telling me that the response was better than expected. They may need some extra pilots to help fly some of the Eagles. Bill and Mary Mitchell will have more info at the April Meeting.

The Greeley West High School is having an all day event on April 29th and the theme this year is 'FLIGHT'. They have a nice variety of events planned and capped off by a keynote address by Capt. Skip Johnson, a pilot with the USAF Thunderbirds. This is certainly one way to ensure that students and young people are getting the word on aviation.

OSHKOSH POSTERS:

RST is again offering the colorful "Oshkosh '97 Bound" posters. You can find all of the information on page 8 of the March Sport Aviation. Or catch them at www.rst-engr.com for artwork that you can download.

YOUNG EAGLES '96:

Last month I neglected to congratulate Bob Lee and Ron Denight on flying '10 in '96'. They were the only chapter 43 members that I recognized on the list. Let's see if we can triple or quadruple that number in '97. Unfortunately Colorado is way behind on the ratio of EAA members to number of kids flown. Maybe we can play a little catch-up this year.

Burlington Fly-In:

Mas Yoshida took a short nap at the last RV meeting and when he woke up he found that he had a 'CHAIRMAN' label in front of his name. Chapter 43 will be the official EAA host for this fly-in in late September (a final date has not yet been set). But in reality the RV group and the town of Burlington will be doing most of the work. Mas will keep us informed on the progress and what he needs for volunteers.

Because the emphasis is RV's it will probably be mainly those members that he will be calling on. However, because we are sponsoring the event, everyone is welcome and invited to participate. Last years fly-in was a major success. We have gained a few members with the RV club joining our chapter. Welcome to all of the new people. We hope to see everyone at the next meeting or the picnic in May.

Steve Beach

CAFE 43 IDEAS

Thanks to **Bud Aumann** for sending me a copy of the *FREE WINGS FLYER* newsletter which contains several good ideas for our own CAFE 43 fly - out excursions. There is a note on the Stearman fly-in at Saint Francis KS, which is located just over the Colorado/Kansas state line, on June 7 & 8.

Also, thanks to **Art Wilson and John Evens** who have submitted several ideas for places to visit. Hopefully we will get a chance to discuss CAFE 43 at the meeting, and maybe elect, appoint, or railroad a chairperson to organize these outings.

MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

VISITORS:

Larry Campbell, interested in all aviation related topics, **Jim Means**, interested in flying any airplanes, **Craig Russell**, interested in building a project, and **Mark Madden**, who wants to get his pilots license.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mas reported income of \$330 in dues and a total of \$1348.90 in the checkbook.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBERS:

A vote was taken and passed to increase the number of board members from 7 to 9, with 4 new at-large board members.

AIR SHOW:

The folks putting on the Jeffco Airshow have asked for volunteers for flight line control, and concession stand help. The chapter would also consider manning an EAA booth. Recommendations from the Pres: supply volunteers if the airshow is non-profit, man a concession stand if the pay-off looks worthwhile, and share the cost of the EAA booth with other area chapters. A vote on the choices will be taken at the April meeting.

VOLUNTEERS:

The call goes out again for a Banquet chairman for the Christmas event, and for volunteers to present a short safety topic during the meeting, one volunteer per month.

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ART WILSON'S RV-6...N151DF. FIRST FLEW NOVEMBER '94. NOW HAS 312 HOURS. ART USED A STERBA 68 X 74 PROP AND A WARNKE 70 X 74 PROP. CRUISES AT 180 AT 2550 RPM. CLIMB - MORE THAN THE PILOT WANTS TO DO! BASED AT GRANBY (GNB), ELEVATION 8203'.

BUSINESS, CONT.

DEAN COCHRAN:

Dean has been seen prowling around the airport, and reports that he is feeling better by the day, and is anxious to get back in the cockpit of his T-18. (Dean is recovering from aortic aneurism repair).

BRAD DAVENPORT:

Brad is recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery, which included a deflated lung, assorted blood clots, with a tachardia attack (fibrillation at 300 bpm's) thrown in for good measure. Yikes! He is at home, and on O2 full time, but says that he feels like he is on the mend, and will make the May meeting for sure.

GENE HORSEMAN:

Gene was recognized by the membership for the nice article he submitted to *Sport Aviation* reporting on last years Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in.

NAME BADGES:

Harrell Davenport reported that name badges could be obtained from Leisure Time Products in Boulder for \$5.25 each with a one time \$35 set-up fee, which the membership voted to approve.

CAFE 43:

Our fly-out-for-food excursions were discussed, with several suggestions made, but no one has come forth to put the definitive take-chargeanship on the deal. More discussion to follow.

GENE'S CORNER

The battle continues in congress over "user's fees", with the airlines in favor and General Aviation against. The aviation fuel tax was re-instated to fund airports.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

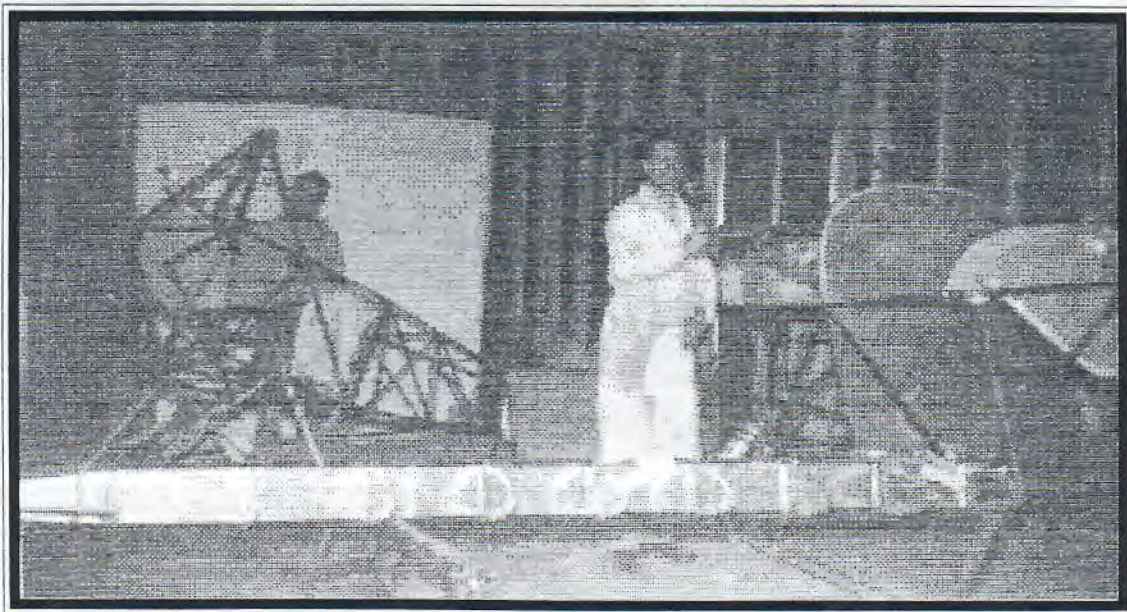
Bob Johnson has received his Kolb Firefly kit, but has not started on it yet.

Gene Horsman got his radial engine cylinders back from the overhaul shop - Project Mercury.

Gene Milligan has the left wing ready to cover on his RV-6.

George Hayes got the floor boards in his scale Pietenpol.

Denis Walsh has his RV-6 at the airport and is working at a frantic pace toward completion.



Ok, I promised you some history- can you name these two early era (1964) chapter members? That's Don Morton in the background with his Baby Ace, and Lamar Steen, foreground with his 2 place Stits Playboy. Photo from EAA Archives.

Ed.'s Notes

JUST for grins, how about flying to Pueblo CO for this year's first CAFE 43 outing. **John Evens** has suggested via E-mail that Pueblo would be a fun destination because, #1, it has a restaurant on the field, and #2, the Pueblo EAA Chapter meets for breakfast at the airport on Saturday mornings and we could surprise them by dropping in, so to speak. OK, it's semi-official then? Saturday, April 12, meet on the Flower ramp at between 9:00 and 10:00 AM.

YOUR OIL IS YOUR FRIEND!

Sounds corny, but it's true. For those of you who belong to the AOPA and get the monthly magazine, there is an excellent article on aviation oils in the form of an interview with a retired Phillips Oil Company engineer named Boggs. In the interview, Mr. Boggs explains the advances made in oil chemistry over the last thirty years, and why such things as Ashless Dispersant oils are vastly superior to straight mineral type oils, mainly in keeping the inside of your engine clean. These reduce corrosive chemicals, acids, and sludge which can accumulate on internals and shorten engine life.

Also explained is the reason for using a multi-grade oil such as 20 W 50 in your engine. Like the ad says, the worst thing you do to your engine is start it, and the more quickly you can get the oil flowing and build pressure, the less likely you are to encounter metal to metal contact between moving parts, especially when it's cold. The lower the ambient temperature, the longer it takes for the oil system to pressurize, and the more important it is to use a multi grade.

As far as synthetics are concerned, Mr. Boggs sounded unimpressed, and didn't seem to think synthetics were all that necessary. Check out the April AOPA issue.

Mark Your Calendar

April 6 -12, Lakeland, FL 23rd Annual Sun'n-Fun Fly-in. (941) 644-2431.

April 26 Denver, CO Spring Fling at Front Range Airport. (303) 371-6551.

May 10, Silver City, NM Silver City Fly-in. (505) 538-2142.

May 17, Taos, NM Taos Fly-in. (505) 758-4995.

May 31 - June 1, Jeffco Airport, CO Air Show.

June 5-9, Albuquerque, NM Double Eagle Air Fair / US Air Race / USPA Annual Meeting. (505) 827-1525.

June 7-12, Albuquerque, NM US Air Race. (817) 491-4055.

June 28 - 29, Longmont, CO 19th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-in. Carol Leyner (303) 442-5002.

IT'S STILL DUES TIME!

Please ante up if you haven't already done so. This will be your last newsletter if you haven't paid your '97 dues. See Mas at the meeting or you may mail it in to him. \$15 for '97.

THE MARKETPLACE**FOR SALE:**

- Airpath panel mount "whiskey" compass. Like new, asking \$75 **Mas Yoshida**.....421-2776
- David Clark 10-40 Headset and new Push to Talk switch \$125 **Dean Kloepper**.....798-5068
- Sensenich Metal Prop for Lycoming 0-235 or 0-290 \$995 **Clarence Corrigan**.....429-5254
- Kistling Wood Prop, 68" dia. x 69" pitch, fits SAE #2 hub \$300 **Dave Biesemeier**.....384-3760
- All King Written Exam courses, Inc. tapes & notebook Specify which course you desire \$50 each Also, 13 King Take-Off videos, \$50 takes all **Rob Martinson**.....670-0799
- **WANTED**...Hangar to rent for Cessna 180 in North area **H.M. Connelley**.....279-6110
- **For Sale (Cheap):** Remains of Pre-WWII Piper J-5 Cruiser. Taildragger forerunner of Piper Tri-Pacer, 3 place. Have wings, struts, tail feathers, cowling, spinner, seat cushions and more. The fuselage and engine were stolen. Have logbooks and all papers including owners manual with plans since coming off assembly line January 8, 1941. You could put a piece of history back in the air. Have sold building it's stored in: must move by May 15. Will also part out, but hate to! If interested call **Jim MacLagan**.....932-8632
- **Jim Loyd** would like to look at and maybe buy plans for the following homebuilts: Davis DA-2, Polywagon, Windrose Sailplane, and Volksplane 1 or 2. Call **Jim** at.....280-3271

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THIS MONTHS MEETING:

Will be held at Colorado Aero Tech at 7:00 PM, April 12, 1997. Bob James will discuss starters and alternators.

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