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**Projects  
Wanted!**

The Chapter membership wants to see **your project!** Send your photos and a paragraph or two about the project to Dave Biese-meier, e-mail: [dbiese-meier@juno.com](mailto:dbiese-meier@juno.com).



**EAA MILE HIGH CHAPTER 43**

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President Patti at work on the RV-9 rudder.

We purchased our RV9A kit at Oshkosh 2000 after Stoddard Hamilton went out of business and left us with an orphaned Glastar tail kit. I had the opportunity to get the very first customer demo ride in Van's new RV9A at Arlington 2000. The plane had only 17 hours on the hobbs. I was really impressed with the short field performance, the easy handling, the slow stall speed and the fast cruise speed with only 160 hp.

We bought the plane as a cross-country cruiser that can actually haul more than just an overnight bag and though this plane is not aerobatic it is still very sporty and downright fun to fly.

The RV9A tail kit went together quickly and has made the wing kit seem easy by comparison. The matched hole tooling used by Vans is incredible. All the parts just fit together perfectly.

Our project has been on hold for over a year and a half as we built a new house and hangar in the Erie Airpark. Soon we will have a new 1100 square foot workshop in which to finish the RV. Stop by and visit us at 215 Piper Dr.

Cliff and Patti Begnaud

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**MAY Meeting and Picnic:** Bring your favorite pot-luck. Burgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments provided. **Saturday, May 10, 2003, at 11:00 A.M.** Tri-County Airport, Don Coleman's hangar, 395 Baron CT. Take CO Hwy 7 to the airport entrance, follow the entry road to Baron CT, turn east, go to the end. Come early to help set up if possible.





Building a metal airplane requires learning new skills, one of which Patti is demonstrating here - the deburring of what will be countless rivet holes in the RV-9 project. Learn more about the RV-9 and the complete line of RV's at [www.vansaircraft.com](http://www.vansaircraft.com).

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 10th.** 11:00 AM 'til ? EAA CHAPTER 43 PICNIC - Come on out and enjoy burgers, hot dogs and flying with friends! See directions to Don Coleman's on page one.

**May 17th, ERIE AIR FAIR.** TRI-COUNTY AIRPORT, ERIE CO. A day of fun and flying starting at 7:00 AM with the launch of several hot air balloons and a pancake breakfast, followed by Young Eagle Flights for the kids, free adult airplane rides by the Erie Aircraft Association, and Discovery Flights (introductory instructional flights at a nominal fee) by Specialty Flight Training. **Note: The airport will be closed for approximately one hour from 11:30AM until 12:30PM.** During this time, a demonstration of remote controlled model jet aircraft will take place.

**June 14-15 - 21st. ANNUAL STEARMAN FLY-IN,** St. Francis KS. (SYF). Info: 785-332-2251.

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## MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

### Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Patti at 19:12. The March minutes were m-s-p'd.

### Visitors

Richard Alps, KR2S, Jim Howell, RV4, Richard Enger, Lakewood. Welcome!

### Financials

Bob Wilson reported that there are 106 members that have paid dues for 2003. A balance of \$10408.79 is in the chapter account.

### Calendars

There are still a few of the Chapter calendars available. The longer you wait – the less the price will be.

### HQ

Steve Beach passed around a volunteer sign up sheet for the regional. King Soopers will also have tickets available. The 2003 regional advertising poster designed by Ch43 member and graphic artist was on display. Joe did an outstanding job on it! The poster will be raffled after the regional. Make sure you check the regional website out at [www.rmrfi.org](http://www.rmrfi.org)!

### B-17

Tom Martino, a Denver celebrity, will help with the promotion of the B-17 tour while it is in Denver.

### YE's

Joe Jones said he would try to contact Kelly about some upcoming events. Kirk Rafferty also volunteered to help with the website problems.

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### The 25th Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In

*The 25th Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, Saturday June 28th and Sunday June 29th, at Vance Brand Airport in Longmont is looking for volunteers. People can volunteer either individually or as a group. Help is needed in organizing and running the logistical part of the Young Eagles Rally, and for the Operation Hunger project, which involves making sandwiches and bagging snacks for the volunteers for one to two hours each morning. Also, volunteers are needed for Aircraft Judging, Greeting and Parking, Registration /Reception, and the Pop Stand.*

*Please contact Cheryle Sullivan at [cherylesullivan@aol.com](mailto:cherylesullivan@aol.com) or call at 303-678-8014.*

*Information about the fly-in can be obtained at the website, <http://www.rmrfi.org/>.*

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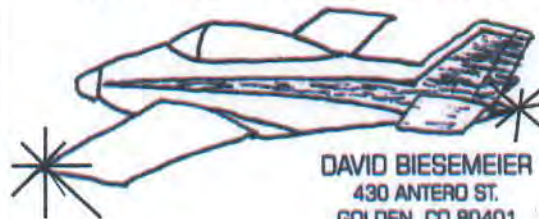
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April minutes, continued.

**Safety:**

Ron Denight stated that when you sump, which you should be, especially during the rainy season, do NOT dump the samples on the ramp if you are in the state of Florida. This is illegal and could result in a maximum fine of \$50,000.

Bob Wilson also made a comment on what prop wash does to ramp attendants how a little courtesy could prevent sand blasting not only ramp attendants, but also maybe your buddy's beautiful paint job.

**Progress Reports:**

Greg Hall has the Fisher Horizon fuselage jigs close to completion.

Kirk Rafferty said the RV-7 tail kit has arrived.

Mike Heiny said the SNJ has had a successful test flight after the complete rebuild.

Roger Newman had his new Taylor Monoplane parked on the ramp to greet us. He thanked Ron Denight, Bill Mitchell and Brent Haugen for the valued assistance.

Ron Denight has completed the installation of the new auxiliary fuel tank. Ron also said the fuel flow meter from FloScan is a marine item, [www.floscan.com](http://www.floscan.com), and is much less costly than an aviation unit.

**Joe Jones** presented the chapter with a very nice framed picture of the B25 factory in production. We will need to start locking the meeting room doors now! Joe also said business is looking much better with some excellent opportunities on the horizon. Thanks from the entire Chapter membership, Joe!

Roger Standard has some remodeling ideas for the meeting room and will need some help. Contact Roger for the details.

**Trip Reports**

Don Coleman and Jean-Pierre Verdier made the trip to Sun-N-Fun in the RV6. On the way back they got to spend a couple of memorable days in Alabama due to weather.

**Events**

Stan W 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). The association is open to all users of 48V, it is not necessary to live at the airport to belong to the association. Also 15/33 will be closed from May 5-17 from 08:00 – 1800 for runway maintenance. The fuel service should be available anytime now.

**Adjourned** 19:55 by Dean Cochran. Minutes submitted by your Chapter 43 Secretary, Al Manley.

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“And let’s get one thing straight. There’s a big difference between a pilot and an aviator. One is a technician; the other is an artist in love with flight.”

*E.B. Jeppesen*

“Any pilot can describe the mechanics of flying. What it can do for the spirit of man is beyond decription.”

*Barry M. Goldwater, US Senator*

“Obstacles are those frightening things we see when we take our eyes off our goal.”

*Henry Ford.*

“Do not spin this aircraft. If the aircraft does enter a spin it will return to earth without futher attention on the part of the aeronaut.”

*First handbook issued with the Curtis-Wright Flyer.*

“The natural function of the wing is to soar upwards and carry that which is heavy up to the place where dwells the race of gods. More than any other thing that pertains to the body, it partakes of the nature of the devine.”

*Plato, 'Phaedrus.'*

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#### **NOTES FROM GENE:**

At my presentation at the last meeting I listed people from the chapter who had helped on the Mercury restoration. I forgot one very important person who helped make the wing restorations possible. That is George Hayes, former president of chapter 43. George has made my tie rods, compression tubes and a great set of form blocks to make new wing ribs, as needed. Thanks George. In my hurry to get the presentation completed I inadvertantly missed you on that sheet and I apologize.

The Antique Airplane Association of Colorado will be holding the Fly Market again at the RM-RFI on June 28 and 29. So get your "want to sell" items ready to display. The more the better.

Thanks,  
Gene

**Gene Horsman** reports that the new 2003 Chapter Rosters will be available for pick-up at the May Chapter Picnic.



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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING:**  
 Annual Chapter 43 Picnic. Saturday, May 10th, Tri-County Airport.  
 See inside for details and directions.