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August Meeting Photos:



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August Program:

We had some discussions and related personal experiences from some of the members who attended AirVenture 2017. It seems there is always something of interest occurring at this event year after year. Phil Brown talked about an opportunity next year for volunteers to put in four hours and receive free admission (day for day?) to AirVenture. We'll hear more on this at later meetings. Also got to view a video of an elderly lady who served as a "WASP" ferrying airplanes during WW2. Very sharp recall on her part of the flying, social, and confrontational experiences she encountered during that time. Thanks to Bill Mitchell for the program.

A Message from the President

An early "heads-up" on our regular September picnic. We'll be holding our picnic on September 23rd at the Golden Ponds picnic site in Longmont.

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Recently had an opportunity to drive from Denver to western Arizona. A few months ago, a similar trip was made flying the RV. The beauty of Colorado, Utah, and Arizona from the air and from the ground is truly impressive. The list of things this country did right is long and the National Parks is near the top. The attention given to protesters, lawbreakers, and extremists by the media can get downright depressing. It's important to take the time to see what the USA is really all about, to recognize the true contributions made by many, and to be thankful for our freedom, liberty, and many God-given gifts.

Dick Socash
President, EAA Chapter 648

NEWSLETTER QUIZ

Each month, we will ask a "question" in the newsletter. Answers are given at the meeting referenced in the newsletter. At the end of the year, there will be a prize to the person who has the most correct answers. Some will be easy and others not so much.

August Question: You are flying a high wing airplane at a low power setting right at the point of stalling. You abruptly add full power. Describe what happens.

August Answer: The abrupt increase in angular momentum of the rotating crankshaft and propeller will introduce an opposite rotational effect causing the airplane to stall the left wing and enter into a counterclockwise downward spin. Old P-51 pilots will tell you they were careful to properly make power changes when landing to avoid a similar behavior that could lead to an abrupt turn into the ground.

September Question: What are the rules regarding overflight and altitude for the Nation's National Parks?

September Program: This is the month for our annual picnic which will be held on Saturday, September 23 starting at noon at the Golden Ponds Park in Longmont. See map on the following page:

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Start time for the picnic is noon. The entrance to Golden Ponds is at the NW corner of 3rd Ave. and Hover Rd. The Chapter will furnish drinks, ice, and set-ups. Bring your choice of main course to grill and a dish to share with the group. Note: Last year our drinks included soft drinks, water, juices, beer and wine, and we even had music. We will not be able to serve alcoholic drinks this year by ruling of the City of Longmont. Plan on attending. Guests are welcome so bring along that special person, friend or fellow aviation enthusiast. For those that haven't attended a 648 picnic, please come this year. This is a chance to informally get together, enjoy good food, and get to know fellow members, wives, husbands, and friends. Electricity is not available at the picnic sites. If you have a smaller charcoal grill, please bring it to augment the grilling capacity.

Chapter Tool Loan Program: The Chapter-owned borescope continues to be a popular item loaned out. It is currently being used to inspect an RV aft spar aileron attach bracket for cracks surrounding the attaching rivets.

Other Items of Interest

AIRPLANE PICTURE(S) OF THE MONTH (#38)

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NOTE: Even if your airplane was included in an earlier newsletter, don't hesitate sending in another/different picture. We'll keep showing these classics, but I don't want to squeeze out member photos. Dick



Many favor the P-51 Mustang as their favorite WW2 fighter plane. Here's my choice!

ANYONE WHO HAS A PLANE AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED A WRITE-UP AND PICTURE(S), PLEASE DO SO. THESE ITEMS FORM AN INTERESTING ADDITION TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Program Request: (Once again)

I'm repeating this request. Every time I ask someone or go to the internet to get clarification on a firearm in an airplane, I get a different or slightly modified opinion. Anyone willing to research and present to the Chapter information on this topic, or who knows a trustworthy individual willing to give us a program, please contact a Chapter officer and we'll set up a program. Also, any other ideas on programs are most welcome.

New Idea for our Meetings:

As you may recall, Phil Brown came up with an excellent idea for a regular item in our usual meeting agenda. His suggestion: add a spot in the evening agenda for members to voice a question or thought. Two minutes max, even one minute, would suffice. But open the meeting to the floor, formally, at some point. Thanks for listening!

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New Item for the monthly Chapter newsletter: Classified Ads: If you have an item to sell or trade, list it here. We publish to over 125 recipients every month, so you just might get it sold! Simply email your item description to me and I will include it in the classifieds. Doug

Also, if you get time, send a note to Bill Truax. His address is:

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To members, friends and aspiring authors. Get published! Send in Your Newsletter Items: **DON'T FORGET!!!** We need to get submissions from the members to include in future newsletters. I'm starting to run out of ideas and lies!! Let's hear from you!! Need "Plane of the Month", trip reports, technical tips, hangar tales, "beautiful planes", and aviation slanted "fish stories." NOTE: To all who have sent in articles. **THANK YOU!!**

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