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## PREZ SEZ

As many of you know, Britt Crowell will be moving to Alabama in June, and the upcoming meeting will probably be that last time we see him for awhile. Although Britt is leaving town, he has agreed to continue to publish the Chapter newsletter through the end of the year, or until another member of the Chapter takes over the responsibility, whichever occurs first.

Since I joined Chapter 515 in late 2002, Britt has been the Young Eagles Chairman. In addition to his Young Eagles duties, in January 2004, he began publishing the newsletter for the Chapter. By serving in two positions at once, Britt's service to the Chapter has been above and beyond the expectation, and will be missed. I hope everyone will join me in saying "thank you" to Britt, and wishing him and his fiancé the best of luck in Alabama.

In addition to wishing Britt well, I would like urge those members of the Chapter with either the talent in electronic publishing (or the willingness to learn), or the desire to give something back to aviation (by coordinating the Chapter's Young Eagles program), to step forward and volunteer for either of the positions.

Britt, we hope you will be back to visit often.

Thanks again,  
Tom Barlow, Pres.

## EAA Chapter 515 Presents

**When:** Tuesday, June 7th, 2005, 7:30 PM

**Where:** Hair Dynamics, 6464 S. College, Fort Collins  
Please Park in front, west side of building

**Program:** Crash Survivability by Dean Hall



**EAA MEETING 5-3-05**

Tom Barlow called the meeting to order. One Guest was in attendance

Ernie Stevens gave the treasurer's report.

Britt Crowell gave Young Eagle's Day report. There were 15 kids from an Aviation Club at a school in South Loveland, 2 from last year, and 5 others.

Tom Barlow helped and with just the 2 of them, they were BUSY. The pilots that flew

Young Eagles were: Ron Grob, Sue Wolber, Randy Bailey, Rich Roberts, Dale Matuska, Mickey Hansen, and Paul Reader. Gilbert Wheeler e-mailed that he is in charge of the Young Eagle's Day at Centennial Airport on May 21st. They are looking for airplanes to fly Young Eagles.

Britt is moving to Alabama the first of June so we need volunteers for Young Eagles Coordinator and for newsletter publisher.

June 11th is National Young Eagle's Day and we have nothing planned at this time. At the Rocky Mountain Fly-In, Young Eagles will fly in the mornings and they are looking for volunteers to fly or work on ground coordination. If you volunteer, you get free admission and qualify for a drawing for 12 chances for a B-17 ride.

Dale Matuska reported that the Memorial Service for Ivon Klohe will be held on May 14th. Dale had a photo album belonging to Ivon and announced that all

could look at it and if you are in the picture, you may have it. He passed around patches that Ivon had earned by volunteering at the Rocky Mountain Fly-In. They were numerous! There will also be a service at the VA hospital in Cheyenne on the 13th. Dale said there is a plaque at the door of the VA hospital that says "The price of freedom is visible here."

Sale of tickets for Kit Log Pro drawing continues.

Steve McClintock reported on the Friends of FLN. There will be a meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. at the city building. Southeast Ft Collins residents are expected to be there "in force" so it will be important for pilots to be there too.

Tom Barlow announced that nominees for the EAA Major Achievement Award are due May 31 so if you have any ideas get with him soon.

It was announced that Bill Cherry is looking for a hanger for his RV-6A. Dave Klink said there was a notice on the board at the FBO about one for rent Tom Barlow will check it out. On the 3rd Saturday morning of each month, Firewall Forward will be hosting a get-together at their hanger. All are welcome.

Dave Klink brought chapter history records for somebody else to store for a while. He also reported that the chapter scales are NOT in his hanger. It was reported that Bill Sheel has

the scales. Dave also reported that he had loaned a roll of RG48 coaxial cable to someone and he needs it back.

Dale Matuska reported that Sun and Fun was GREAT! The premier attraction was Glacier Girl. Steve Sample also attended Sun and Fun and agreed that it was a wonderful show.

Bob Van Dalsem telling about his flying and military experiences presented the program.

When he was 8 or 9 years old about 1933, he had his first flight when he and his mother flew in a Watkins Skylark. When WWII broke out, he was a senior in high school and volunteered for the Navy V5 program. His training consisted of 35 hours in a Cub, 100 hours in a Stearman, Basic training in a Vultee Vibrator and Advanced in SNJ (AT6) at which time he became a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. He then went to Cherry Point, NC for operational training in a Corsair. He trained as a carrier pilot at El Toro. Carriers of the time had a landing area of 504 feet total...1/2 for landing and 1/2 for taking off.

In 1946, he went to China...near Peking...to keep the rail lines open. From Okinawa he went to Guam. John Glenn was in his squadron there. In 1947-48, he went to Oahu, Hawaii. It was there that he experienced his "Hardest Landing" in the trees. He spent 5 weeks in the hospital recovering

from burns from the hip down. Having the shoulder strap tight saved him but the nylon flight suit contributed to the burns.

His next assignment was as instructor for Corsairs at Cherry Point. In 1952, he went to Korea and flew his combat tour in Corsairs. He later qualified aboard carrier in the TBM and flew aboard US and British carriers. He told some fun stories about flying to Chodo where they had to land on a 3000' beach. Some planes were landed better than others.

At Alameda, he became carrier qualified in a FJ4 (derivative of the F86) with a tail hook. In Jacksonville, FL flew an evaluation program with the Army Aviation Board, flying the Fiat G-91, Northrop N-156 and a modified A-4.

At Buford he was boss of the maintenance squadron for F8 Crusaders. He told his boss that he HAD to fly it in order to service it.

In Vietnam he flew A-4s. His last Vietnam combat flight was in an A-4 on his 43rd birthday. He then went back to Cherry Point where he was Group Executive Officer, Commanding Officer of the A6 Squadron and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 27+ years of service.

## Events:

June 18: COLORADO PILOTS ASSN. MOUNTAIN FLYING & HIGH ELEVATION AIRPORT OPERATIONS GROUND SCHOOL – Centennial Airport (APA) – for more information contact Terry Barbo at 303-367-0670, tbarbo@comcast.net, or visit [www.coloradopilots.org](http://www.coloradopilots.org)

June 25–26: AVIATION EXTRAVAGANZA II - Kearney NE Airport (EAR) – for more information contact Calvin Kelly 308-468-5189 [ckelly@nctc.net](mailto:ckelly@nctc.net)

June 24-25: B-17 FLY THE FORTRESS – 2005 Allied Victory Tour at Centennial Airport (APA) – for more information call 920.426.6840 or go to [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)

June 25-26: ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAA REGIONAL FLY-IN - Front Range Airport (FTG) for more information go to [www.rmrfi.org](http://www.rmrfi.org)

July 2: MIDDLE PARK EAA GRANBY PANCAKE BREAKFAST – for more information contact Bob Doubek 303-771-8148, 970-887-3871, or email [idacrase@4dv.net](mailto:idacrase@4dv.net)

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## Announcements

- Dave Klink is trying to locate his spool of RG142 coax cable that was loaned out some time ago. The spool itself is 10" to 12" in diameter and made of wood. The coax cable is light brown in color. The cable is needed to hook up the antennas in a Tri-Pacer restoration. Anyone with information can contact Dave at hanger 5115 at FNL, or by email at [dave@thunderaerie.com](mailto:dave@thunderaerie.com).
- Kitlog Pro Raffle II is underway. The drawing will be held at the June meeting.
- Bill Cherry is looking for hanger space for rent at FNL (or close to FNL). His plane is an RV-6A. Anyone that has space or can give Bill additional information can reach Bill via phone at 970-481-3534 or email at [rwc@cherryfarm.com](mailto:rwc@cherryfarm.com).

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**(and save Chapter 515 some money)**

If you have email, please consider having your monthly newsletter emailed to you. This saves considerable labor and postage and makes more money available from dues to pay for chapter activities. If you are willing to help us all by doing so, please call Ernie Stevens, Chapter 515 Treasurer, 663-0829, or contact Britt Crowell, 484-4995, or [britt@brittcrowell.com](mailto:britt@brittcrowell.com).

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## **REMINDERS**

**PLEASE PARK IN FRONT, WEST OF BUILDING** for all future meetings at Hair Dynamics. Our gracious host, Dale Matuska, conducts business meeting nights and the parking area north of the building is needed for customers. Thank you.

As of January 1, 2004, in order to be a member of Chapter 515, you must also be a member of the national EAA: P. O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086, [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org), membership services at 800/843-3612.

**If you have not yet paid your EAA Chapter 515 2005 dues (\$18), they are now due!** Our treasurer is Ernie Stevens, 3656 Catalpa Court, Loveland, 663-0829.