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JULY MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted by
Jeff Dinius, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Derek Johnson.

Visitor

Brian Cabebe of Chapter 43, who presented the program for the evening.

Treasurer's report

Ernie says we are still solvent and have not been effected by the economic downturn (I believe there are a lot of companies that would like some advice from Ernie on his financial management). See Ernie Stevens for more details.

On the Spot

Derek asked Ron to be "On the Spot" this month. Ron began flying at age 15 while he was still too young to drive. His mother provided transportation to the airport. Ron worked for his father during the summers and saved his money for flying lessons. Ron reminded us the price for instruction was \$100 for 11 hours or aircraft rental (wet) and it included an instructor, back in 1955.

Ron soloed a Cessna 120 and his instructor was an old P-51 pilot. Ron learned to do everything that could be done in a 120 from this instructor. Ron then progressed to a Cessna 140 to work toward his private license. Ron also reminded us that this was the time period when spins were required for the check ride. Ron has owned a Cessna 172 and 182 along with a Cherokee 6-300. He currently owns a Lancair ES.

Seems Ron had a harrowing experience when flying one of the early Cessna

120/140s. He was landing on a grass runway with a crossing runway at a small angle. Ron believes the local rules said to use the other runway under certain circumstances but he was not familiar with the local rules so he chose the runway most directly into the wind. As he was concentrating on the landing he noticed out of the corner of his eye an airplane landing on the intersecting runway. Ron gauged the speeds and time would lead to a meeting at the intersection. Both aircraft were on their brakes hard but the grass was not offering much resistance. Ron made a rather drastic maneuver and crossed in front of the other aircraft. Ron knew his front portion of the aircraft made it past but was not too sure about the back. All Ron heard was the engine roaring of the other aircraft. Following the maneuver and near miss Ron ended up headed for a row of parked aircraft at too high a speed to stop. Another sudden maneuver had Ron stopped just short of the parked aircraft. Both pilots exited their aircraft on wobbly knees and insured the other had not suffered any damage.

Young Eagles

Leslie has 11 kids signed up for flights. If there is not anyone that wants to take a YE before then they will wait on a fall rally. The opinion of the group was September would be a good choice to fly. The first weekend in September is Labor day so Leslie was going to send out an email polling people as to the best date and alternative. We would have more information during the August meeting.

Leslie also collected more information on the fuel price break offered to YE

pilots. There is a \$1 price break on Phillips fuel. Unfortunately the Ft. Collins/Loveland FBO is not a Phillips dealer. The general consensus was that Greeley may be a Phillips dealer so there may be an option for cheaper fuel in Greeley.

Old Business

A reminder of the approaching Longmont Expo was given along with a comment about there not being any Chapter 515 volunteers. Seems the Expo needs help with aircraft parking so this may be an opportunity for our help.

It had been mentioned earlier that the FAA would not be present at the Expo. That has changed a few times and it is now understood that one FAA inspector would be present along with a couple trainees. There was also a promise of no "ramp checks" but with a couple trainees this promise may be empty. Be prepared!

Dale commented that one Chapter 515 member is volunteering as he is scheduled to fly around the flag jumper and to do some formation passes during the demo time period. Thanks for representing the chapter, Dale.

Dale gave a little info about the differences between the Yak 52 tricycle

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gear and the TW (tail dragger). There are some differences and the word “tighter” was used often when describing the TW. Before Dale took the TW out he got some refresher time in a Citabria. He found it VERY different from either Yak. The Citabria is very light compared to the “heavy iron” he has been flying of late.

Program for the evening

Brian Cabebe is the VP for Chapter 43 along with their Young Eagle coordinator. Brian took over the YE coordinator position in 2006 and his first rally was at the Rocky Mountain Regional Fly In that year. Brian continued to coordinate the regional rally along with all Chapter 43 rallies since 2006. The regional fly in will not have a rally this year due to some issues but may be back the following year.

Brian provided some very useful information about how he has set up his rally staff and the supplies he has organized for each event. He also pointed out several web resources to obtain the paperwork and tools for rallies.

In general Brian shoots for 10-30 kids per rally. He likes to have between 5 and 10 pilots with one ground assistant per airplane/pilot. This combination seems to provide the most safety for the non-flying public and allows the pilots to concentrate on the kids and flying the aircraft.

Brian also covered a typical rally from arrival of the pilots for a safety meeting to the last bit of paperwork.

Brian was also sent to a Leadership Academy and gave a short picture overview of his experience. He encouraged any person interested in leadership of a chapter to take the opportunity to attend one of these valuable training sessions.

LONGMONT AIRPORT EXPO FLY-IN

Submitted by Derek Johnson

What: 2009 Longmont Airport Expo (In Honor of Cole Kugel, Airport Founder)

Where: Vance Brand Airport

When: August 29th 8am-3pm

Why: Fun, Flying, Food, Antique Cars and Motorcycles, Skydiving, Shopping and Live Music

How: Fly, Drive, Ride, Walk (Crawl if you have to) Come and be part of the fun for the whole family.

There won't be an air show but there will be aircraft fly-bys.

Volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer, please contact Seth Hornstein at airportvounteer2009@gmail.com (I'm not sure if there should be an “L” in that address or if it was a typo. If that one does not work I'd try putting an “L” in “volunteer”.)

For booth information, contact Anita Burki-Bragg at 303-682-0019

EAA SPORTAIR WORKSHOPS

When: September 11-13

Where: Broomfield, CO

Info: www.sportair.com/schedule.html

AUGUST PROGRAM

When: Tues. August 4th - 7:30 PM

Where: Hair Dynamics, 6464 S College, Fort Collins

Note: Please park in front of the building so the students can use the North side parking.

Program: CarolAnn Garratt will talk about her most recent record setting trip around the world in her Mooney to raise money and awareness for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

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