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JUNE MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted by
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The meeting was held at the Fort Collins Loveland airport. The intent was to walk around and look at airplanes on the ramp and in hangers. The weather was cool and very damp/rainy. There were 10 members present when Mike Bond called the meeting to order.

Mike asked if any visitors present and there were none.

On the Spot

Mike put Jerrold Jorritsma On The Spot for this month: Jerrold said he got interested in aviation at an early age when he accompanied his family on a trip over seas via airliner.

Jerrold went the route many do when interested in flying before they can afford to learn in full scale aircraft. He built and flew models and kept the fire alive until he could afford to take lessons. Jerrold got his license when he was 18 years old but then stopped flying for a period of time.

Jerrold returned to flying when he moved to Colorado. He rented for a while but decided he wanted to build something. He wanted something different so the Rutan designs appealed to him. He was searching through a magazine one day looking for a canard kit when he ran across the Berkut. He put his money down and began building the kit. He wanted something even more unique so he decided to power his Berkut with a turbine engine.

Jerrold reported the only real issue he has encountered in installing and operating the turbine is finding enough battery power to start the engine. He has recently found a couple batteries used in the current generation of hybrid cars. They are fairly small but still provide good power to turn the turbine up to starting speed.

Jerrold has had a couple other issues but mostly just in getting all the electronics to communicate with each other. He is making steady progress.

Jerrold's hanger flying story caused him to open his eyes and never become complacent while flying. Jerrold and a friend were flying in Indiana in a Bellanca Viking. They were in a nice steady cruise a good distance from any airport or airway. They were relaxed and possibly not scanning the sky as well as they should have. All of a sudden a twin crossed their path directly overhead. Jerrold stated it was close enough for them to hear the twin's engines as it passed over them. That was a close call.

Mike added an experience when he was in IMC conditions in and out of clouds. In one open spot he noted a twin crossing his path within a 100 vertical feet or so. When Mike asked the controller if there was anyone else on a flight plan in the area he was told no. This guy was flying in IMC conditions with no one aware of his presence.

Treasurer's Report

Ernie was not present at the meeting so no treasurer's report was available.

Young Eagles

Leslie was present and reported that she had looked into the YE credits that we

had accrued. She stated there were 67 for this year and that they were now worth \$5 each, an increase from \$1 per credit in previous times.

The primary use of these credits is to help offset the expense of sending a student to Air Academy. Leslie reported that there was one camp in June for 13 and 14 year olds where they would lean about flight from many different vehicles including the construction of some models to help cement the idea. This class had a \$600 price tag for EAA members. There was another class aimed at 14 to 15 year old students. The topics were a bit more advanced with additional hands on time. This class was \$800 for EAA members.

Since these credits expire at the end of the year and the chapter had not identified a student we were looking for other options. A question about pooling resources with another chapter was suggested. This approach would take addition research to verify if this was acceptable.

Another option was to receive items or supplies for the chapter. A banner was one option. Leslie would continue her research.

Leslie also noticed an offer from Sporty's for free on-line flight simulator

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and other training items for Young Eagles that have completed a flight. Sporty's has some sort of password that a YE receives with their certificate and also a log book.

Leslie also mentioned that some of the YE information mentioned some fuel compensation for Young Eagles flights. She mentioned paragraphs 91.146 and 91.147 being the regulations that govern this type of compensation. Mike agreed to look into this for future flights.

Leslie mentioned she had 6 students signed up and if anyone wanted to take a Young Eagle up to contact her and she would be glad to provide the information.

Along this line Leslie has had a very persistent lady calling her and complaining that there was no information on the web site concerning the Young Eagles (the lady did admit she got Leslie's name and phone number from the web site). She wanted to make certain her child was on the list for the next rally. Two action items resulted from this conversation. First was to look into scheduling a rally for the fall and the second was to contact Edna with a suggestion to place rally information on the web site.

A question was asked about the Boy Scouts that wanted to work on a merit badge. One requirement Leslie had was that the Scout be included in the preflight and have the pilot sign some sort of certificate that the Scout had completed a walk around. This in addition to the YE certificate was thought to be enough to earn the badge.

Leslie made mention about working with older students being a good idea as they seem to have a longer term view and possible better based in reality than younger students.

Announcements

The Stearman FlyIn held at St. Francis, KS will be held June 13th and 14th this year. For more details search the web site at: <http://www.stearmanflyin.org>.

New Business

The FNL pilot's association sent us a letter stating that we had an ad on their web site. The letter was sort of a form letter as they were trying to get money from corporations. Since we are not a business we took this to mean we were exempt. A comment was made that we would continue to keep their link on our web site in exchange for ours being on their site.

A second item was a request for volunteers during the Collins Bombers visit at the airport. This will be held over the 4th of July weekend. Dave Biesemeier planned to attend the FNL meeting and was going to volunteer at that time. He would gather more information as well. A comment was made as to whether we would be able to place a booth at the event like was done 2 years ago. It was stated that this was not being billed as an open house and therefore would probably not be an event to promote other organizations.

Dale brought some pictures of the Red Star gathering at Gaston's White River Resort. It turned out that the Herpa DC3 was at the resort at the same time. An offer was made to fly formation with the DC3 as they were trying to break the record set in Oshkosh last year. Dale was coaxed into flying and ended up directly on the left wing tip of the DC3. Seems his group was a bit close and he got involved with the wingtip vortex. It did not cause an issue other than he could not lower his right wingtip. Dale assumed he was "surfing the wake" and it was pushing up harder than he could control the aileron to force the wing down.

This turned out to be the only incident of the 5 day event and Dale had a good time and enjoyed the facilities.

The group then adjourned to the soggy flight line and viewed the few aircraft parked outside. Dale offered to have everyone meet in his hanger but the group continued to wander among the aircraft. A second offer by Dave Biesemeier was made to view his Sidewinder and a couple more aircraft in his hanger. The other two aircraft

were a Kitfox model 7 and a Zenith CH701. The group observed the contrast between the sleek and racy Sidewinder and the somewhat more draggy CH701. Each aircraft has a mission and they are certainly not the same.

A few members stopped by Dale's hanger to continue the discussions.

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

JULY'S PROGRAM

When

Tues. July 7th - 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

TBD

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