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SEPTEMBER MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted by
Jeff Dinius, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order by Mike Bond.

There were no visitors present.

Treasurer's Report

Ernie Stevens reported the club was solvent when he left home. Some wondered if anything happened on the way to the meeting but we assume Ernie has our finances under control. For a detailed accounting contact Ernie.

Young Eagles

Leslie thanked Derek for presenting the list of items she wished to purchase at the last meeting and the club for approving the list.

Leslie reported there were 6 pilots signed up for the September 26th event. She currently has 9 kids but has contacts at 3 local schools (2 Fort Collins middle schools and one Loveland Middle school) and could have many more. It was agreed that with 6 pilots 20-25 was a good number to try and fly. It was mentioned a private school wanted to bring the entire school (10 students) but Leslie pushed back and insisted parents be involved for liability and consent purposes.

Leslie also tried to generate more interest by putting something in the local papers but was not terribly successful. She felt the staffs were getting so minimal that they did not have time to talk to her.

Leslie initiated a discussion about the chapter and 501-3c tax status. A retired

pilot offered to donate a hand held radio but the donor requested a tax receipt. Since we are not a non-profit chapter and from the discussion do not want to be non-profit due to the paperwork. Some chapters use HQ's status to handle donations but it was felt that maybe they were grandfathered in from a previous time. Leslie was going to do some further investigations. A copy people offered to donate older hand held radios they no longer used. The decision was to accept those radios and postpone further investigations into donations to a tax exempt organization.

Leslie also mentioned she got a couple calls from kids that found our web site and want to fly. Leslie was glad the web was able to generate some interest and the kids actually contacted her so she felt they were really interested.

Old / New Business

Mike called for old or new business and there was none.

Program

Hugh and Merry said they had gotten a video at Oshkosh and felt it might make a good program. We talked about next month but decided a video might be best held for a colder month. This began the discussion on programs for the coming months.

Possible topics discussed:

- Maybe have Dave B hold a meeting at his hanger when he annuals his Side-winder.
- Talk to the fire/rescue group at the airport for a program on fire prevention/control or rescue topics

- Maybe look at meeting at an airport during the summer months. Better organize (and have better weather) for another hanger hopping session at FNL and Greeley.

- A session on building instrument panels may be possible.

- Possible program on the Stanley Steamer automobile (Hugh is a docent at the museum in Estes Park and would be willing to do a program.

This brought up a discussion of possible museums in the area:

- Erie (Lafayette Escadrille)
- Platt Valley (WWI airplanes)
- Wings over the Rockies in Denver

When talking about "field trips" tours of the helicopter repair facility off i-25 in north Ft. Collins came up along with possible other places that are refurbishing war birds and any other aviation related business in the area.

Hugh knows a bush pilot that flew in Alaska and is a good speaker.

Other News

Dale mentioned the Akron Radial Engine fly-in is September 12th. It

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includes a pretty good air show plus some battle reenactments with war birds, tanks, jeeps, people and pyro. Last year included some car club plus airplanes flown in. Pretty good show.

Barron mentioned he is having a good time flying from his own strip north of Fort Collins. He gets a lot of cross wind practice as his strip runs mainly east-west and he is finding a lot of the breeze is from the south. Oh well, practice makes perfect. One cannot complain too much when you can step out your back door and fly.

Dale began telling tales of his participation in local air shows last month and that continued after the more formal portions of the meeting ended. Many got into the discussion and told stories of their own.

Dale offered to show the group the new patio that was added to his business. It is a very nice addition.

OCTOBER MINUTES

*Respectfully Submitted by
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Mike Bond called the meeting to order a little later than usual. Dale was telling the tale of his latest Yak adventure.

Visitors

Larry Pilkington is currently working on a Long EZ project he acquired partially completed. It will have an O-235 for power since that is what came with the project. Airframe is complete and he is working on the controls and engine installation. Larry lives in Loveland.

Jason Roadman is Larry's friend and is helping him with the Long EZ plus they are building a Corvair based auto conversion. They will decide on airframe after the engine is complete but may be a KR2S or Quickie.

On the Spot

Larry Pilkington was gracious enough to give a little more flying biography. Larry is from the mid-west where he learned to fly. He has a flying father and his first memory of flight was from the back area of a Cessna 152. His brother was smaller so he got the right seat. Larry's dad then offered to pay for his first lesson at age 16 but Larry had to pay for the rest. Larry got his license and spent some time flying around Ouray.

Larry has experience in Cessna 152 and 172 plus some Piper Comanche. He received his glider add on but then was laid off from Adams aircraft where he got his composite experience. He was interested in the Long EZ and searched until he found a project that he could purchase. He plans to finish the Long EZ. He is working with a friend on a Corvair engine converting it for aircraft use. The plan is to then build an aircraft around the Corvair, possibly a KR2S or a Quickie.

Larry's hanger story concerns the Long EZ and how to think in 3D. Larry had placed the Long EZ in his garage and put the wing on the airframe. The winglet stuck up through the rafters and

all was well... until he opened the overhead garage door. The winglet received a nice little ding where the door tried to shorten the winglet.

Treasurer's report

Ernie reported we had money in the bank when he left home but a few people hit him up for reimbursements when he got there. For a complete reporting of finances, see Ernie Stevens.

Young Eagles

Leslie Thompson reported on the rally held September 26th. 7 pilots assisted by 7 ground crew flew 26 new young eagles. The expenses were minimal with water being the only cost to the chapter.

There were some suggestions for the next rally which included the continued use of the Allegiant Air terminal, the continued use of the CAP plane and cadets, magnets with pilot and plane info for use with clipboards to match up kids with pilots, and to advertise at least 4 weeks in advance.

Leslie found earlier in the year that we had accrued some funds that we could spend on items to make the event better. One option was to send a young eagle to camp. A couple possible people were identified and will be considered for next year.

Another nice result from the rally was a video created and posted on the web by Bill Cherry. It is at <http://vimeo.com/6849976>. Thank you, Bill.

Last item Leslie presented was a review of the items purchased with this year's funds. Several safety items and some office supplies were acquired. Leslie also worked with a member of chapter 43 that runs a banner making company. She ordered an 18"x8' banner that can be placed at future rallies to help vector the drivers to the correct location. Leslie provided a mockup of the banner in small format for all to view.

There are still some funds remaining so some thought is being put forth as to what else could be purchased to help the chapter and our efforts toward the

Young Eagle operation. One suggestion was for a canopy to be used when the Allegiant Air facility is not available. Other suggestions are welcome.

Announcements

The next several meeting will not be held at Hair Design. We have plans to visit several of the museums in the local area plus a chance to fly the United flight simulator in Denver. Not everything will be aircraft related as Hugh Beckham has offered a tour of the Stanley Steamer auto museum. Check the web site (<http://www.eaa515.org>) for dates, times, and locations for the next few meetings.

Old Business

We are still in need of programs for the meetings. If you have anything that might be of interest to the chapter, please contact any of the officers and let them know.

Other old business was a reminder that we need to get the officer search process started. We should have had a nominating committee in place already. Ernie has agreed to stay on as treasurer but all other positions are open. If you have any desire to help with the operation of the chapter, please contact any current officer for more details. Check the newsletter for a listing of positions and talk to the members currently holding them for details of the job.

Dale had another Yak story to tell while Mike worked on the video equipment in preparation for the evening's program.

(Thanks, Dale, for sharing your experiences. It is great that someone can have that much fun flying Russian airplanes. It truly represents both the educational and recreational part of experimental aircraft.)

The program was presented by Mike Bond with a piece presented by Merry Beckham and a short video of the comedian Bill Engvall's experience flying with the US Thunderbirds provided by Leslie Thompson. The members present enjoyed the activities captured on video.

NOVEMBER'S MEETINGS

Michael Bond, President

I have scheduled a group tour for the wings over the rockies museum (see: www.wingsmuseum.org) for Sunday, November 8th at 1:00pm. Don't worry about the Bronco game, it's Monday night that week! The museum is closed in the evenings, hence the Sunday date.

The self-guided admission price is \$9.00, but if we have a group of ten they offer a guided tour for only \$10.00 each. The person I spoke with said the guides were VERY knowledgeable about the planes and history. What I need from you is a DEFINITE answer as to whether you will be attending. Because I need to pay a minimum \$100 deposit to hold the scheduled tour date, if you commit to going and back out later, you may be asked to pay the \$10 if we end up with less than 10 people due to your cancellation. If we don't have ten that are willing to commit, we will still go as a group, it will simply be self-guided.

Please let me know no later than noon on Friday, October 30th whether you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. You may still decide to attend after that time, I just need to know if we meet the minimum of 10 by then.

After we know how many, we can make plans for car-pooling and we will hold the meeting and go to dinner following the tour at a location and time to be determined.

As always, don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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