



## **PLANE TALK GREENHORN CHAPTER 808 EAA, December 2010**

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**MEETING: SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH 7:15 PM, FREMONT COUNTY AIRPORT, East of Canon City, CO on Highway 50. ANNEX BUILDING #2.  
BREAKFAST EACH SUNDAY MORNING 9:00 AM SPITFIRE Grill at PUEBLO MEMORIAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.**

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## **Randy's Shop Notes**

Merry Christmas everyone! I don't know if this newsletter is going out before Thanksgiving, so I will wish you the best of both. It seems like thanksgiving just gets shoved under the rug by our local stores and TV as well as radio. Mainly because you can't make any money off of a holiday that gives no gifts! I think it speaks volumes about our current

society.

Everybody likes to get things, but rarely do we take the time to be thankful for what we have. We live in the greatest country in the world and enjoy such freedoms. I am so thankful to be a pilot and own a great old/new airplane, that takes me on so many little adventures. I landed at my friends grass strip several months ago along with my buddy, Bob Wadlington in his PA-12. It was a blast swooping down over the horses, clearing the fence and bouncing along his strip just behind Bob in his plane.

We helped Bobby Murty trim his Pacer he was rebuilding, and then blasted off clearing the horses by 300 feet. It was just a short hop back to Fremont County airport in the Cub. I drove out to his same airstrip yesterday, and could not believe how long it took me. The traffic, thru Pueblo, the long roads out towards Avondale and beyond. Flying to the strip was much more fun and soo much faster. Flying Shrinks our world, and makes those far off places seem reachable. I don't need to tell you folks that, but just wanted to share the joy I find in flying.

I hope this Christmas brings you and your families joy! Take time to count your blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, and see what the Lord has done.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Party!

**Randy**

## **Minutes From The EAA 808 November 2010 Mtg as Recorded by Grant Schemmel**

### **President Randy White Presiding**

**Guests:** Captain Ginny Walker, who heads up the Mid-air Collision Prevention Program at the Air Force Academy, Mr. Don Rund, Airspace Manger at the Air Force Academy, and Mr. Pete Eunice, Safety Manager at Doss Aviation.

### **Old Business:**

Regarding the idea of using plates as the tickets for the next breakfast, Randy feels it is a good idea, and we should probably look into getting a stamp too.

Regarding the idea of holding a brainstorming session for program ideas at every meeting, Randy feels that once a year is enough. The group compromised by agreeing to do a 6 month review for updates to the schedule. Motion was carried to amend the schedule.

### **New Business:**

Here are the details on the Chapter Christmas Party this year:

## EAA CHRISTMAS BANQUET

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 18th, 2010

**TIME:** 6:00 PM Social Hour followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Spitfire Grill, Pueblo Airport

**MENU:** Choice of Chicken or Rib Eye Steak, cooked to order  
Side Dishes and Salad  
Beverages and Dessert

**COST:** \$20.00 per person, tax and gratuity included, reservations guaranteed

**TO RESERVE:** Please call Bev Giffin @ 547-2906,  
419 S. Fairway Dr. Pueblo West, CO 81007  
by DECEMBER 10TH to make your guaranteed reservations.  
For some fun, bring a "white elephant" gift (aviation-oriented) for our "gift exchange".

**December Meeting:** There will be no December meeting.

### **Chapter Election Results for 2011:**

The following slate of Officers were elected at the November meeting thru nomination and voice approval:

President: Randy White

Vice President: John England

Secretary: Phyllis Wells

Treasurer: Tom Schilf

Young Eagles Coordinator: John England

And continuing to fulfill his 2-year term; Newsletter Editor & Web Editor: Grant Schemmel

Other New Business: Randy is suggesting that we as a chapter supply the labor to build an observation deck on the bare patch to the East of the Barnstormers Restaurant. The idea being that the County would supply the materials and handle any paperwork required. This is still in the negotiation stage and has yet to be worked out with Dick Baker or the County government.

Meeting adjourned by voice vote.

The Program for the evening was presented by Captain Ginny Walker, Don Rund and Pete Eunice regarding Mid-air Collision Prevention and Air Force Training Flights.

The Air Force Academy training program provides about 10 hours of training to cadets signed up for it, most of whom have 0 hours of initial experience. They make around 70 sorties per day at the Academy. The Academy is also considered to have the worlds largest sailplane and parachuting programs.

Doss Aviation starts with pre-selected officer trainees, with around 97 per class. They are also starting training RPA operators (remotely piloted drones) who will receive around 40 hours of training and will be another 240 students per year and include night ops.

Doss is still sending 50 sorties per class to Fremont County, specifically to give them experience with General Aviation. Most of their training flights now go to BUTTS.

Doss is still very happy with their Diamond aircraft, but feels that their big drawback is a lack of visibility due to the paint scheme and low body profile. Unfortunately, the paint cannot be changed or it voids the manufacturers warranty. The Diamonds are very hard to see out more than a mile away. Doss made the decision early on to equip all of their aircraft with TCAS units, and feel the investment was well worth it.

Another interesting thing to note, is that because of all the training activity in Pueblo now, it has become the premier training facility for FAA VFR Controllers. Most Controllers on duty now in Pueblo are trainees.

Doss makes an effort to try an de-militarize their operations in GA airspace. If anyone observes any Doss aircraft operating in a way not standard to General Aviation, please contact Pete Eunice at 719-423-8630, and it would help greatly if the call sign is noted too.

A observation/question was asked at the end of the presentation, where Pete Eunice was asked: "So you are saying that anyone who operates in this area without a transponder is flying a suicide mission.", to which Pete Eunice replied "Yes."

## Upcoming Events

11/20/10	Larry Hagerman Memorial Fly-in and Air Race, Taylot TX. (T74) – Contact Dayton Dabbs at 512-750-0332
12/08/10	EAA 808 December Chapter Meeting <b>Cancelled</b>
12/18/10	EAA 808 Christmas Party, PUB Airport. BYOB with Social Hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm
01/12/11	EAA 808 January Chapter Meeting
1/21/11-1/23/11	EAA Chapter Leaders Academy, Oshkosh, WI. <a href="http://www.eaa.org/chapters">http://www.eaa.org/chapters</a>
05/21/11	International Learn to Fly Day

### Website Update:

A Section has been added to the EAA808.org website under the “Upcoming Events” page for chapter announcements. In the future, general announcements will get a one-line brief statement on the home page, with more details in the Announcements section.

This format may change in the future as I get more used to the new web editing software I am using.

Grant