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President's Message

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Have Yourself a Happy New Year!

As promised, the Colorado Pilots Association Holiday Party was special. With its look-back in time, it featured the one-of-a-kind event with CPA member Torry Krutzke receiving his Master Aviator Award from the FAA and Rudy Welch, the instructor pilot who soloed him more than 50 years ago,

being honored by receiving his CPA membership for his more than 70 years of service to aviation. And finally, more than 50 years after the solo, Rudy cut off Torry's shirt tail.

Noting a momentous historical event, CPA recognized the 75th anniversary of the formal entry of the U.S. into war after the Pearl Harbor attack. After some urging, World War II P-38 Lightning fighter pilot Walt Barbo briefly commented on his perspective as a 17-year-old at that time.

And looking forward, Craig Rathbun of the newly formed Front Range Flight School announced a very successful beginning in 2016 and thanked the CPA for awarding scholarships to three of the school's students who are also students at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Note and attend the CPA Fly-In planning meeting, continental breakfast at 8:30 and meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, January 7, 2017, Mt Evans Room in the terminal building at Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport.

Watch Out! The Colorado General Assembly opens for business on January 11. As stated before, with a Republican Senate and Democratic House, legislation out of one house will have tough sledding in the other. The effort to clear the way for seaplanes in Colorado will continue this session. Stay tuned for calls to action on this and other legislation of interest to Colorado Pilots. If you hear of any bill of concern, please inform a member of the CPA Board so we can act on it.

And bravely soar into 2017 – we are indeed living in interesting times. Let us be diligent in preserving our flying freedoms that are unique in the world. To keep general aviation strong, encourage our friends and neighbors to get train-

ing in one of the local flight schools and to join the CPA to share in the adventure and business of general aviation.

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Incessant Complaints and Legal Attacks Result In Serious Fees and Judgement Against NIMBYs

Aero-news.net, Dec 26, 2016

Kimberly Gibbs and her acolytes hate Colorado-based Mile-Hi Skydiving... that's the only reasonable assumption one might make after reviewing the hundreds of complaints, attacks, falsehoods, and accusations made by her small band of "Citizens for Quiet Skies" in their years-long effort to shut the business down.

In their zeal to accuse MHS of every NIMBY crime under the sun, Gibbs and her cohorts instigated a number of legal actions, as well as complaints and outright interference in the Skydiving company's business dealings with the airport, and the city of Longmont CO, among others. Calling themselves "Citizens for Quiet Skies", the group has fallen on hard times as their attempts to sue the company out of business have failed, again and again, leaving CQS and Gibbs, in particular, on the hook for fees and legal expenses for amounts well in excess of \$100K... with potentially greater damages in the offing... not to mention the fact that the costs of trying to use the legal system to curtail MHS's operations has to be have been considerable... even though Gibbs herself, reportedly doesn't even live in Longmont and is closer to the Boulder Airport than the MHS home airport in Longmont.

CQS' harassment of the skydiving center was incessant... going way beyond their noise complaints, extending to the business operations they conducted on the airport, the fees they paid, the contracts they worked under, and all manner of ways that they could conjure to create trouble for the aviation business. One complainant reportedly logged 850 solo complaints, in 2014, alone. Some complaints were even lodged against the skydiving center on days that the jumpers weren't even flying. Worse; the amount of misinformation put forth by CQS and their allies was astounding, confounding and simply unsupportable by fact.

In the most recent skirmishing, an appeal by Citizens for Quiet Skies was defeated by an appeals court. After a bit more than a week of deliberations, the

Colorado Court of Appeals took the side of Mile-Hi Skydiving against CQS on almost every contention raised in the appeal of a judgement awarded last year. The appeal concerned the 2015 decision by Boulder District Court Judge Judith LaBuda -- who denied each and every claim brought by CQS, whereupon the Judge added a 'special appeal' in her statements requesting all parties to 'move on' from there on out.

Unfortunately; despite the continual attacks on Mile-Hi Skydiving, and the huge losses experienced by Gibbs and Citizens for Quiet Skies, the fight may not be over as Gibbs and her counsel have signaled that they continue to fight these decisions, despite their inability to win their cases. According to recent media reports, Gibbs was quoted as stating, "We're definitely going to keep going. We already have some great ideas and some very encouraging ideas we'll be discussing in the coming weeks with our supporters and legal team... We're going to continue to advocate on behalf of Boulder County citizens and residents to support reasonable regulations."

Of course, her mandate for advocating for the citizens of Boulder County is questionable... as commentary on a number of news blogs and comment sites seems to indicate that Gibbs support is very much in the minority among the locals... and by quite a bit.

Ed Note: If you're interested in the latest court ruling:
13CV31563 Gibbs, Kimberly et al v. Mile Hi Skydiving Center Inc

Court of Appeals No. 15CA1159 - Judgment Affirmed, Orders Affirmed in Part and Vacated in Part, and Case Remanded with Directions

https://www.courts.state.co.us/userfiles/file/Court_Probation/20th_Judicial_District/Cases_of_Interest/Gibbs%20v%20Mile%20Hi%20Skydiving/COA%20No%2015CA1159%20Judgment%20Affirmed.pdf

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Mission Control to Undergo Restoration

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The Mission Control room used to direct all flights for the Apollo program is set to undergo a restoration before the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's historic first moon landing, which will take place in 2019.

NASA legend Gene Kranz visited EAA on December 16, and said Johnson Space Center only recently started listening to calls for the revival of Mission Control, which was designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service in 1985.

"For two prior occasions they've tried to get Johnson Space Center to step up to the restoration," Kranz said. "So about two and a half years ago myself and the Apollo generation decided we'd force this issue."

Since this landmark facility, which was also used for Gemini, Skylab, and Soyuz missions, went out of service 20 years ago, thousands of people walk through its storied space every year as part of a tour given by the Houston visitor center.

Space Center Houston is now gathering donations in order to return Mission Control to its original condition. Kranz said in the meantime he and other NASA veterans have been assisting the National Park Service in identifying missing artifacts not only in the Mission Operations Control Room, but also in the viewing and training rooms.

"The Mission Control restoration is very important to me," he said. "I believe it represents the work of a generation of young people who were willing to step into a highly visible, hazardous, and time-critical role in space flight and accept the responsibility for actions needed for crew safety and mission success. If we failed in Mission Control we would be the survivors ... and be publicly held forever accountable for our actions."

Although there are tributes to the astronauts who made history in space all across the United States, few monuments stand to honor those who spent decades helping control both manned and unmanned missions from their consoles in the control room.

"Nothing covers the emergency landing in the Western Pacific on Gemini 8, or the lightning strike decisions for Apollo 12, or saving the Apollo 14 mission with an emergency software patch the crew implemented during the descent," Kranz said. "Mission Control is the only place that tells the story of the controllers, there is no other."

30th Anniversary of Voyager Flight

On December 23, 1986, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made history, landing successfully after completing a nine-day flight around the world without stopping or refueling in the Rutan Model 76 Voyager. They were the first to accomplish this monumental feat in aviation. This year marks the 30th anniversary of that flight. Recount some of the defining moments of Rutan and Yeager's extraordinary flight.

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Drone Safety

Started almost 10 years ago, the Kansas State Polytechnic UAS program has made safe operations the cornerstone of its classroom curriculum, research and flight instruction.

And with the FAA estimating the number of small unmanned aircraft purchased by hobbyists in 2016 to reach 1.9 million, Kansas State Polytechnic wants to provide beginner pilots with the important basics of proper use and safety.

The first rule for hobbyists to remember is the FAA requires them to register their aircraft.

Next, the aircraft's batteries should be fully charged before flying. This will not only give hobbyists the longest flights possible with their drone, but it will also prevent the battery's charge from dropping below 20%.

Unmanned aircraft carry lithium polymer batteries, which are a hazardous material, and flying below 20% could increase the volatility of the battery. If your aircraft has poor battery health, it could result in the termination of the flight mid-air, endangering your drone and anyone on the ground.

The third tip is centered on avoiding an air-to-air collision. Hobbyists should never fly within five miles of an airport unless prior authorization has been obtained from both the control tower and the airport manager. Control towers are unable to spot a drone on their radar, so it is imperative that you notify them of the time, location and altitude of your flight.

Hobbyists also should always maintain visual contact with the aircraft. The FAA requires drone pilots to always have their drone in their sights when flying it. An object or manned aircraft could be in the flight path, and if you're flying beyond your visual line of sight, it could put those in the air and on the ground in harm's way.

The final safety tip is to remove the propellers when powering the aircraft on indoors. For example, if you are working on the aircraft or conducting software updates while inside, it may require you to apply power to the aircraft. If you accidentally bump the throttle on the controller or transmitter, it may cause the propellers to begin spinning, putting yourself and anyone else in the room at risk of serious injury.

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