



April 2019

Launched!

The new CPA website is *LIVE!* Webmaster Brian turned it all on March 15th as planned. We still need many of you to sign in for the first time, reset your password, and start perusing the new digs!

Enough about the website, let's fly! The fly-in season begins in Thermopolis, Wyoming and I hear there's something about "bones!" Also, sign up for two one-night fly-ins coming up in June, and a big one heading southeast in July.

Also, check out a new feature within Flight Lines, "Website – Tips & Tricks," where each month I will highlight a new or cool feature of the website. This month I, along with all of the Board of Directors ask that you please verify your personal information. See page 3 for more!

Send me any and all ideas of what you want to see in future issues of Flight Lines. I can take any format except for .pdf.

Deadline is the first of the month!

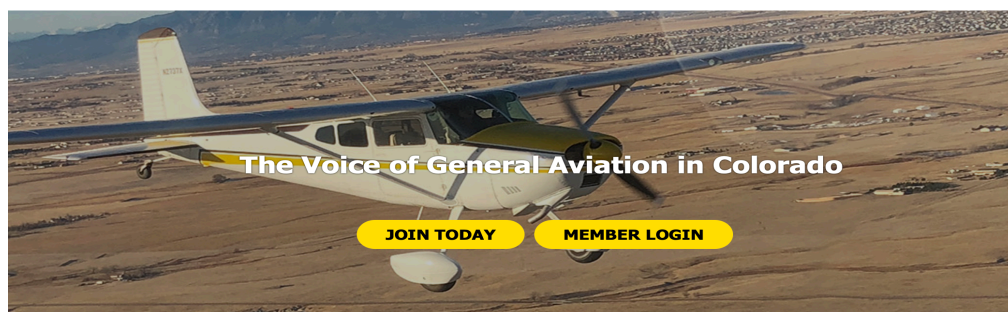
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On organization of pilots and aviation supporters dedicated to the furtherance and enhancement of general aviation interests in the State of Colorado

Live and Flourishing, but...Check your Spam Folder!

As planned the new CPA website went live on March 15th. The administration team, along with webmaster Brian Garrett have been responding to questions and suggestions. We have seen a good number of members renew their CPA membership. We are also tracking the number of members that have signed on, or more importantly, who have *not* signed on. Please help us get the word out! Talk to your fellow CPA members and encourage them to sign on. If they are missing the email with the sign on information, ask them to take a peek in the email Spam folder.



Membership Survey



Once you have signed on and checkout all the new and exciting stuff on the new website, please complete the short survey you'll see on the home page.



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April Board Meeting Highlights!

- Boards gives expression of support to Nathan Kurth Back Country efforts
- Town of Glenwood Springs has hired a consultant to evaluate airport land options
- Tuskegee Airman at BJC, April 14th. See CPA website
- Colorado CAP Wing assisted in recent Bombcyclone
- Save the Date! Annual Holiday Party – Sunday, December 8th. Stay tuned

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President's Message

FANTASTIC!! That's my reaction to our new website. Brian and Rob have pulled it off and it was worth the wait. Already well more than half our members have signed on to the new site and the feedback has been very positive. With all the possibilities that this new site creates I am confident it will become the focal point of our communications for years to come. For those of you who have not yet signed on check your email as Brian sent out sign in instructions which could not be easier to follow. Even I got it right the first time and it only took a few minutes. While we celebrate our new website lets pause to remember and appreciate the creative effort and dedication put forth by Rob Duncan and Walt Barbo in the creation, from scratch, of our first website that served us so well for something like 20 years. It is contributions like these coming from so many of our members that make me proud to be associated with the CPA.

Speaking of contributions, a shout out is in order to our Back Country Chairman Nathan Kurth for his efforts to reclaim a back country airstrip. Last year Nathan teamed up with the Recreational Aircraft Foundation (RAF) to engage with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) when it was discovered that they were engaged in a revision to a 30-year-old Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Bonny Reservoir. Some of you might recall that decades (?) ago Bonny lost its water and that an airstrip, long ago closed, was located next to the reservoir. That airstrip was historically used for Bureau of Rec and CPW purposes and by recreational flyers (like me). Though closed, the strip is still in decent condition but the draft RMP did not include any verbiage relating to the airstrip until Nathan and the RAF engaged with them to incorporate it. As a result, with some work and education by Nathan and the RAF, the airstrip was included in "Alternative A" to the RMP revision. You may recall that last summer you were asked to write in support of the airstrip and a number of letters were received. Nathan was at the meeting and was impressed with the committee's time and interest in all the comments submitted. Each voice (letter) made an impact and was reviewed. Now fast forward to February 2019 and the finalized RMP was released. Unfortunately, and despite Nathan's and the RAF's efforts, the RMP only included the airstrip as a possibility for future opening but they (the Bureau of Rec) are not addressing it which means the airstrip is not open or even officially recognized. That puts the ball in CPW's court as they have responsibility for land management. Nathan has determined that they are open to working through the planning and other requirements to open the airstrip, but they have no funding for it. It looks like some kind of partnership with the CPW will be needed to push this forward.

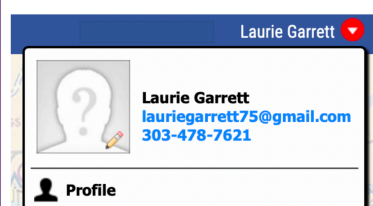
As you can see none of this is easy or quick, as we found out with our Seaplane Initiative. But we must keep after it to preserve what flying opportunities we have in Colorado. This becomes all the more important as we have lost access to La Garita Ranch, and I'm told that Doloris Point is not now safe to land on. Hats off to Nathan for staying engaged and the challenge only gets bigger.

Bart

Website Tips & Tricks

Update your Profile!

Verify your personal contact information is correct; specifically, your email address. The CPA uses your email address as the primary means of contact!



Once you have signed on, click on the small arrow next to your name, then click on Profile. Under Personal Info, click on Contact Info and verify the information is correct. Please also consider adding Emergency Contact information.

Under Profile you can also review your member status, home airport info, and create a person photo album. Check it out!

Until next month...
"To most people,
the sky is the limit.
To those who love
aviation, the sky is
home." Jerry
Crawford

News From our Affiliate Friends:



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Guess what!? Wings Over the Rockies now has its very own TV show. Yes, you read that correctly! Their very own in-house video series has been picked up by Rocky Mountain PBS (RMPBS) and season 1 will premiere on Friday, April 26th at 8:00 PM on RMPBS.

Aircraft for Sale | Civil Air Patrol

See details at: www.gocivilairpatrol.com



Colorado Future Woman Pilot Scholarship

Amount \$2500

We are excited to announce a \$2500 scholarship this year! Each year in May, the Colorado Chapter of The Ninety Nines offers a scholarship to a woman pilot in Colorado to complete her primary (very first) pilot certificate, Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, or Private Pilot. Thanks to generous donors, we are able to award the winner with a larger scholarship amount this year! The award is for flights and flight instruction in any aircraft type (airplane, glider, hot air balloon, etc.) as appropriate for the certificate. To read the instructions and submit your application, go to:

<http://colorado99s.org/scholarships.aspx>.

To Be Eligible, each applicant must:

- Be female
- Undergo flight training in Colorado
- Currently hold a Student Pilot Certificate (if required for the certificate sought)
- Have already soloed
- Have logged at least 10 hours of flight time

Application deadline is **April 30, 2019**. For specific questions, email Sarah Denton at scholarship@colorado99s.org

Colorado Aviation Museum Celebrating Aviator Dwight Eisenhower in 2019

*By Penny Hamilton, Grand County Historical Assoc.,
Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum Co-founder*

Grand County, Colorado, was one of Dwight Eisenhower's favorite places, even before he became President. After catching fish in the Fraser River, he enjoyed cooking those trout at the Byers Peak Ranch during the years 1948 through 1955. In aviation jargon, Eisenhower "flew west" at his death on March 28, 1969.

In recognition of this 50th Anniversary, this summer, the volunteers of the Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum will celebrate Eisenhower's aviation history when visitors stop by any Friday or Saturday, June 1 through August 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museum is free, family-friendly and wheel-chair accessible. Located on the Granby-Grand County Airport in the former Rocky Mountain Airways airline terminal. Fly-in, drive up, or even bicycle.

Dr. William Hamilton, museum co-founder says, "Some readers may not be aware that Dwight Eisenhower was a pilot. According to his Presidential Museum, he learned to fly while stationed with the Army in the Philippines. Eisenhower soloed in a Stearman PT-1 on May 19, 1937. Later, he flew a Stinson Reliant and logged over 350 hours of flying from July 1936 to November 1939. Eisenhower was a Lt. Colonel, serving under General Douglas MacArthur. One of Eisenhower's flight instructors was William L. 'Jerry' Lee, who was training the pilots for the nascent Philippine Air Force. Also, Eisenhower's Presidential papers reveal Ike earned a private pilot license in 1939 at Fort Lewis. This aviation knowledge was extremely important to Eisenhower in World War II planning as the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces."

The Emily Warner Field Aviation Museum has a Stinson propeller on display as a tribute to Dwight Eisenhower, who was elected President on November 4, 1952, becoming our very first pilot to take that office.

Another aviation reference is in Eisenhower's [At Ease: Stories I Tell to Friends](#). "After World War II, I had ceased to fly altogether, except that once in a while, on a long trip, to relieve my boredom and demolish the pilot's, I would move into the co-pilot's seat and take over the controls. But as the jet age arrived, I realized that I had come out of a horse and buggy background, recognized my limitations, and kept to a seat in the back."

Interestingly, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force says, "The U-4B, a U.S. Air Force version of the Aero Commander L-26, was used by

President Dwight D. Eisenhower from 1956 to 1960 for short trips. A pilot himself, President Eisenhower would often take the controls, primarily during trips between Washington, D.C., and his farm in Gettysburg, PA. The first presidential aircraft to have only two engines, the U-4B was also the first presidential aircraft to carry the familiar blue and white paint scheme."



Eisenhower was a very take-charge kind of personality, so I believe the above Aero Commander story but do understand his not taking the controls of the 4-engine Lockheed Constellation Columbine. According to www.history.com, "While many think of Air Force One as the name of the President's airplane, Air Force One is actually a call sign applied to any aircraft carrying the American president." In 1953, Eisenhower was our first President to travel aboard a plane designated "Air Force One."

First Lady, Mamie Eisenhower, who considered Colorado home named their Presidential planes, Columbine I, II, and III, as a tribute to Colorado's State flower. Columbine flew



them to Stapleton Airport on their many visits to Colorado. Logs from the Eisenhower Library indicated their Aero Commander flew into Granby-Grand County Airport during his many

fishing trips to our area. A few of Eisenhower Administration Cabinet Secretaries and many important papers and bills to be signed by the President were flown in, too. However, the President did not fly on that plane to Granby. The Secret Service required Eisenhower to be driven from Denver to Fraser.

Eisenhower was also our first President to fly on a helicopter. The first to fly in a Presidential jet. He helped found the U.S. Air Force Academy, and his Presidential L-26 Aero Commander (Columbine) was given to the Academy Skydiving team in 1969.

To learn more about aviation history and our many unique stories, plan a stop by this summer. Information on all of our Grand County Historical Association museums and events are listed at www.grandcountyhistory.org

Escape to Thermopolis – May 18-May 19

What's not to love about a town named Thermopolis! It's past meets future – Sci-Fi and ancient Greece combined! Be the envy of your family, friends and neighbors or – just be cool and join us May 18! This trip will be good for your bones! You will have opportunities to; Soak your bones, Dig for bones and Fish for bones.

Let's get down to the bare bones about this amazing trip.

- [Dig for Bones](#) Visit museums, explore fossil digs, see and learn about the dinosaurs that roamed the earth long before we did.
- [Soak your Bones](#) Enjoy the hot spring around Thermopolis. They are natural and have been a source to help people relax and feel rejuvenated.
- [Fish for bones](#) World class rivers await you to challenge your skills & abilities –take this option of tempting your luck to ensure you have something to brag about during our gatherings, other than your alleged aviation skills ☺



Schedule:

Arrival & lunch: Saturday May 18: Between 9:00 & 9:30 a.m. at Hot Springs County Airport (KHSG), 292 miles from KFTG. Then we'll proceed via ground transportation to a designated area to check in/unload then have a picnic/lunch. I am working on lodging. The website and people who registrants will be updated when it's tied down.

11:30: Stretch your bones! Following lunch there are 3 options: your choice

1) Soak your bones - depart for the hot springs then return to dig for bones

2) Fish for a bit then dig the Dinos or Soak your bones

3) Dig for Dinos then soak your bones

4:30 – Reconvene at our hotel (TBD)

5:30 – Happy hour (venue TBD)

7:00 – 8:30 Dinner: One Eyed Buffalo oneeyedbuffalobrewingwyo.com



Departure: Sunday May 19 – 11:00 a.m.

7:00 – 8:30 – Caffeinate and pack your bones (coffee, checkout and load ground vehicles)

8:30 – 9:30 – Feed your bones – Breakfast – Black Bear Cafe or Thermopolis Cafe

10:00 – Group picture and departure



REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE RECEIVED BY April 25th

Return this portion with your check made out to CPA (\$20 per plane for ground transportation) to: **Dean Lyle, 1195 Emporia St, Aurora, CO 80010, or CODeeno@gmail.com** (email may also be used for electronic payments or questions)

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____ Plane Type and N# _____

Emergency Contact: _____

How many and where do you want to start? Fossils _____ Fishing _____ Hot Springs _____

Do you have any extra seats? _____ How many seats are needed? _____

Do you have any extra seat(s) available? If so, how many? _____



Canyon de Chelly Fly-in Chinle, AZ E91 June 1st & 2nd

Come with us to explore the awe-inspiring landscape and the complex history of Canyon de Chelly.

Saturday morning June 1st we will fly to the Chinle airport (E91). Plan to arrive by 10 a.m. Transportation into town leaves at 11 a.m. The bus will take us to the Thunderbird Lodge where we will have lunch, get checked in and be ready

to leave on the Canyon tour with our Navajo guides at 2pm. The tour is in WW2 Pinzer 4wd vehicles over some uneven terrain. After the 4-hour tour, we return to the Thunderbird for happy hour 'Navajo style' (alcohol is prohibited) and dinner. Accommodations for the evening are at the Thunderbird Lodge.

www.thunderbirdlodge.com

Sunday morning, we transport to the airport starting at 10 a.m. Breakfast is available at the Thunderbird before, if you wish.

Additional Details

The airport is remote with no services or fuel. Paved tie-down space is limited so bring stakes and ropes to facilitate tie-down. If we fill the approximately 6 paved spots, there will be fairly smooth desert parking adjacent to the pavement.

Accommodations are at the Thunderbird Lodge. Please call the Lodge directly at 928-674-5842 to arrange a room. They are holding a block of rooms at the following rates: Single/double \$80; Triple \$90; Quad \$100. Unused rooms will be released on May 20th so register early.

Food and Beverages – Host David Ladd, will provide some starter beverages and basic snacks for arrival and happy hour. Please bring whatever you think might enhance those supplies, but alcohol is prohibited on the Navajo Reservation. Lunch and dinner can be purchased at the Lodge.

Local Transportation – provided by the Lodge and Navajo Nation

Canyon Tour- I have made reservations at \$58 per person, payable at the Lodge. (includes Gratuity & Park Entrance fee)

Questions? David Ladd at: dladd765@yahoo.com or 303-915-5877

Canyon de Chelly - REGISTRATION – Complete and send the following form, before **May 20th**, to:

David Ladd, 1350 Lawrence St. #10C, Denver, CO 80204 along with a check payable to Colorado Pilots Association for \$10 (covers starter beverages and basic snacks)

Name & address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Plane type & N#: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Glenwood Springs June 7 & 8

The Glenwood Springs Airport (GWS) will be hosting the CPA on Friday/Saturday June 7 and 8th. They will help with ground transportation and provide airport camping for 6 or 7 airplanes. For those who would rather stay in a motel we have blocked 10 rooms (2 queen beds) at the Hotel Glenwood Springs. The rate is \$160.00 for Saturday night. *Reservations must be made before May 8th.* Call them at 1-888-411-8188.

After a day of adventure, we will meet at the airport for BYOB Happy Hour (starts around 4:30 p.m.). Please bring some light snacks to share. Dinner will be catered at the airport starting around 6:15 p.m. Amy Helm, Airport Manager, has arranged for some musical entertainment during dinner.

Sunday morning, we have been invited to fly over to North Fork Valley (7V2) for breakfast at the airport. The pilots' group at 7V2 would like to meet us and will cook us breakfast. It's a short hop and everyone should be able to meet, chat, eat and get home before the air gets bumpy.



Questions? Walt Bell bellw@ix.netcom.com or 303-886-4575.

Here are some websites that will help you decide how to spend your day in Glenwood. Each of you can make your own plans/reservations, and we will help with transportation. We will be doing an Uber-style pickup. Just give us a call from anywhere around town and we will pick you up. Glenwood Adventures will provide transportation for rafting. Logan at Glenwood Adventures says the rafting (due to the snowpack) will be out of site. He has also offered a 10% discount on all the activities his company provides. The promo code will be CPAFLY. You can reserve a space for yourself on a raft, ATV, etc. from his website.

glenwoodadventure.com thehotelglenwoodsprings.com

glenwoodcaverns.com visitglenwood.com

Name _____ N# _____ Aircraft Type _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Passenger Name(s) _____

Arrival Date & Approximate time _____

Camping at airport? Yes _____ No _____ Attending 7V2 Sunday breakfast? Yes _____ No _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Please remit this registration to **Walt Bell 8592 E. Grand Ave, Denver, 80237 by May 8th**. Please include a check for \$35.00/ person to cover dinner and transportation. Airport manager, Amy Helms, needs a count of airplanes so parking can be provided. If you are not comfortable landing at GWS, we have made arrangements for you to use Rifle Airport. Call Walt Bell for details.

The Stafford Air and Space Museum

*As good as the Smithsonian and a lot closer!
Weatherford, Oklahoma (OJA)*

Be sure to set aside July 12-14, 2019 for our CPA trip to visit and explore this Smithsonian quality (and affiliated) air and space museum in the most unlikely of places. Astronaut, test pilot and retired USAF general Tom Stafford is a home town hero from Weatherford and the museum is named in his honor.

It contains everything from the Wright Brothers to the Space Shuttle and beyond in stunning displays of aircraft and engines, manned space capsules, rocket engines and even nuclear warheads from days past. It has memorabilia galore, much of which you can walk right up to and touch.



Following a brief airport lunch on arrival day (Friday July 12) we'll head over to the museum, which is located right next door. We'll start with a guided group tour and then be on our own to explore it the rest of the day. Some may wish to return the following day as there is a great deal to see. Entry is free to anyone who buys fuel, which likely will be all of us given the 400 NM distance from the Denver area. You'll be happy that Oklahoma avgas prices are some of the lowest in the country.

Dinner Friday night will be on your own at any of the numerous restaurants in town.

Weatherford is small but still has a steak house, BBQ restaurant, the ubiquitous Chinese and Mexican cuisines and other varieties to tempt the palate. We'll have several rental cars, so transportation won't be a

problem. The following day we'll be visiting the Route 66 museum in another small town, Elk City, about 45 minutes away.



Lunch on the return trip will be at Lucille's Road House restaurant right next to our hotel. But don't eat too much(!) because after happy hour that afternoon we have a private room reserved for a group dinner at the iconic White Dog Hill restaurant and bar in nearby Clinton. This historic 1925 house, later a country club, has 360-degree horizon views and is on a



little mountain in the prairie. Afterwards, those wishing for a nightcap back "home" will appreciate knowing Lucille's has a full bar so you can't beat the location and short walk. Speaking of which, the hotel and restaurant are only about a mile from the airport, so back and forth logistics are easy.

At some point if you wish, you can visit Wind Energy Park and stand next to a displayed blade from a wind turbine. This is at ground level, so you'll see just how monstrous these things are when up close to one that is not spinning atop a tower somewhere off in the distance.

A secondary purpose of this trip is to benefit those new to one of our weekend fly-ins who may be apprehensive about heading out over the high, rugged terrain west of Denver. The route to Weatherford is nearly a straight line from the Denver area with no intervening airspace and can be flown at 8500 feet and below. For the adventuresome who have a little time and like putting pins in a map, Weatherford's location makes for easy stops in Kansas, Texas or New Mexico while returning home. So aside from being a great trip in its own right, this is a good one for meeting your fellow CPA members and getting in some comfortable cross-country flight time for those who may be new to it.

Watch Flight Lines and the CPA web site for further information on registration. But first start right now by blocking off July 12-14 on your calendar so you don't make the mistake of missing this!

Editor's note: You may register for this fly-in directly on the CPA website. From the Calendar, find this event on the July calendar and click on it. This will take you to a page with more complete information and links. On the right side is a button that says "Register Now" – Click on it. See y'all in Oklahoma!