

CPA FLIGHT LINES



Brophy's Broadcast

By Marty Brophy, CPA President



Days are getting shorter, dark when you get up and before dinner for many, all signals that we are nearing the end of this unprecedented and difficult year. And we have bright signs in the Colorado fires being contained and our air being breathable again. Vaccines promise a light at the end of the too long pandemic tunnel, but we are all still hunkered down for now. We have had some very odd weather in northern Colorado lately, 40 knot winds at 7,500 feet and gusty surface winds. Good days to be on the ground wishing you were aloft rather than the other way around! This, too, shall pass and it cannot come soon enough for me! Grab those infrequent good flying days and get up in the air!

The CPA annual meeting took place on Saturday, November 7. On Zoom, of course... there's a stock I wish I had bought a year ago! Thanks to all the members who attended, and to the significant numbers who voted for officers and about the proposal for changes in our bylaws. 97% of the votes approved the new bylaws, which are now in effect and should save the association significant money by allowing e-mail to be our main communication medium. All who voted were in favor of re-electing the three officers who ran again (myself as President, Cindy Jewell as Treasurer, and Laurie Garrett as Recorder) and for Joanne Brown, who will relieve Bart Jones at the Vice President spot. Great thanks to Bart for stepping up to fill that role when we needed him and welcome to Joanne!

We heard year end reviews from the Board members and the meeting finished up with a highly informative and interesting presentation entitled "Tundra Tires Rule" by CPA member Laura Herrmann on her adventures flying in Alaska. Laurie has prepared the meeting minutes which you can find on the members only part of the website under "CPA Member Tools / Meeting Minutes."

One feature of the new bylaws some of you can take advantage of at your next renewal is the creation of a new membership category - Life Membership. Any members who have passed the age of 90 years will be granted life membership and are entitled to all rights and privileges of membership but are no longer subject to annual dues payment. It is the member's responsibility to notify the Membership committee chairperson prior to the calendar year when the member will become 90 years old or older. Just a little gesture to our senior members!

We will have a special Zoom seminar instead of our usual board meeting on Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. Chris Palmer, founder and chief CFI of Angle of Attack (will give us a presentation on "Learning to be an Aviator in the 21st Century." I hope many of you will tune in – how to do so will be circulated soon in an e-mail or contact me if you do not get it. The same method will be usable to connect to our 2021 board meetings, on the first Monday of every month except November. All members are welcome to listen in or contribute to those meetings!

We are currently looking for members with IT experience or knowledge to help with the management of our web site. If you might be interested, please contact webmaster@coloradopilots.org for information or with any questions. Thanks!



The CPA exists for its members and is run by volunteer members. If you would like to get involved in the organization, contact me at president@coloradopilots.org and tell me what you might like to do and we can discuss.

Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season to all our members! May you find a nice new HondaJet under the tree! Safe flying and keep at least 6 feet away from any flying reindeer!



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Please contact president@coloradopilots.org to volunteer for any position or in any other way you can help.



Let's Fly Colorado

By Bill Marvel, the RV-14A guy

As the Colorado Pilots Association further expands, one of the continually growing benefits is group fly-ins to various destinations. These are all planned by some industrious and motivated fellow member and offer virtually turn key access to places you might not venture on your own. Marti and I try to attend as many as possible based on both cost and schedule. The event I ran in 2019 was in Oklahoma and my planned one this year (killed by Covid) was to be in New Mexico. Other far flung destinations over the past several years have included Missouri, California, Montana, Texas, Arizona, Idaho and several other states, both near and far. Personally, I love to point the spinner to some distant destination well beyond the horizon and simply enjoy the views and the freedom to fly there. The farther away it is, the better.

But as CPA web manager Brian Garrett is fond of saying, “We are the Colorado Pilots Association so why don’t we have more fly-ins to Colorado destinations?” Indeed.



Telluride

Our members come in all stripes. Some are younger and working while others are older and retired. Some are in between. One thing we have in common is a love for aviation. Another commonality many of us take for granted is that we happen to live in one of the most beautiful states in the country! While it is nice to fly an airplane to a distant destination, it is also more expensive, takes more time and requires more planning than does flying to one in our home state. Long distance trips are well and good for those suited to do so, but how about members who for one reason or another cannot? If Plan A and Plan B don’t work for some, why not implement Plan C -- for Colorado?

Here are some thoughts to consider –

1. One day out and back trips are the least expensive and take the least time and planning. No hotels are required, nor group meals and maybe even no rental cars depending on the number of people attending, the availability of courtesy cars at an airport and local members who can offer to drive. On the downside, time spent getting to know other members is reduced and concern about afternoon thunderstorms is always in the back of one’s mind. Like everything, there are pluses and minuses.



2. A single overnight, weekend trip within the state may be the optimum. One leaves home on Saturday morning (maybe really early!), spends the day and that night running around with fellow members while seeing and doing things, enjoys the ever popular happy hour if so inclined, has dinner with everyone else, gets a good night's sleep and does not have to worry about afternoon thunderstorms on Sunday morning. Plus, new airplane friends! Such a deal is out there for the taking.

3. Then comes the two night in-state trip. While this is the norm for longer jaunts to distant destinations, there is no reason why it cannot be done within Colorado. Yes, you have more meals to pay for plus another hotel night but you burn less fuel and put less time on the airplane to keep the overall cost within your budget. The destination has to have enough to do to keep people occupied for a reasonable percent of the time but that doesn't mean every minute. The venue will likely determine if a day trip, a single night trip or a two-night trip best covers the local scene.



Gunnison

The obvious question is simply this – who determines where to go, what to do, how to do it, whether to stay during the day only or for one night or for two? H'mmm let's see now -- how about you? You, the CPA member reading this, most likely live in Colorado (but not all members do). You know your general area, the airports, things to see and do, where they are and how to get there and back. I can think of mine tours, narrow gauge railroads, horseback riding, 4-wheeling, tandem parachuting, river rafting, hikes of all sorts, brew pubs, great restaurants, live old-time plays, soaring, hot pools, scenic reservoirs and streams, mountain cabins, camp



Durango

fires, museums, rifle ranges, botanical gardens, national parks, historic hotels and more, all within the time it takes for one deep breath. Even though I live in Grand Junction out here on the western slope and hence know this area, I suspect there are numerous activities and sights out on the eastern plains that also warrant CPA trips there.



Maybe I don't know all of this potential, but you do! Many of you live right where some of these attractions exist and you can no doubt name several in your immediate area within seconds. And that's both my point and my sales pitch.

Airplanes are nice things to look at, both in aviation museums and out on the flight line. But their purpose is to fly and take you from point A to point B as you so choose. That is why they exist, at least for the non-military small ones we operate. And I presume some aspect of that usefulness is why you are a member of CPA. One concrete thing you can do for the organization and its members is to make your location's attributes known by hosting a CPA event close to your home in this incredible state. While it is likely the Association has had a fly-in or two to some locations, that does not mean every member has been to each venue. Nor does it mean every interesting attraction at each venue has been visited. Plus, we have new members joining all the time. Besides, with our means of transportation the journey is every bit as enjoyable (not to mention skill building) as is the destination.

Please put some thought into this. Hosting a fly-in here in Colorado opens many doors to members who are not able to take longer trips. And it will give you the satisfaction of doing something very positive and very constructive for the Association of which you are a member. CPA has one individual who is in charge of fly-in planning and that's Bob Kinney. Bob can help you if you have questions and also give you plenty of written information on how to plan such an event. He's at: twinklake1@me.com.

*Don't Forget about the CPA Special Meeting
Monday, December 7th @6:30 PM
Keep an eye out for details.*

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Get you order in now and beat the holliday rush!
Design your won CPA wardrobe and accessories.



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The 2020 Colorado Division of Aeronautics Annual Report

The 2020 Colorado Division of Aeronautics Annual Report is now available! The report outlines the financial performance of the Colorado Aviation Fund between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020. Also included is a comprehensive listing of FY 2020 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program awards and aviation fuel tax disbursements to Colorado public-use airports.

The 2020 report also highlights important aviation initiatives administered by the Division, including the Surplus Airport Equipment Program, Colorado Aviation System Plan and Economic Impact Study, Colorado Remote Tower Project, Colorado Mountain AWOS Program, and the Colorado Federal Aviation Administration weather camera network. Click on the picture to view the report.



Jim Cooley

Check out Colorado Aviation Photography on Facebook.



Looking to sell something?
What about an airplane partnership?

How about you want that \$100 dollar hamburger and wondering where to go?
Go check out the [Discussion and Classifieds](#) section of your Colorado Pilots Association Website. Completely free for members. Just log in to the members section and find the link under the CPA member tools tab.

Finally get rid of that extra oil filter you have laying around.
See if there's a hangar for your trusty steed.
Or tell everyone about a fantastic place to grab a bit on an easy Saturday afternoon flight.

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Play it again, Sam!

by Bob Kinney, Fly-in Chairman

Do you like reruns on TV? How about reruns on programs that never happened? That's what the 2021 fly-in season's going to look like. Not knowing what the COVID impacts are going to be at the time that we usually have our January fly-in planning meeting, CPA has opted to "reset" the 2020 fly-in schedule to 2021. For the most part, those fly-ins planned in 2020 will be scheduled for the 2021 flying season. Almost all of the 2020 hosts have graciously agreed to try again in the new year.

As you recall, only two scheduled fly-ins actually took place this year, the Steamboat Springs get-together and the BBQ at Rocky Mountain Metro Airport. Attendance at both events was fantastic as CPA members were "thirsty" for flying-related social events by the time these two rolled around a bit later in the mid-summer COVID period. One interesting side note was the large number of members new to the fly-in scene, who attended both events. It was great to see the new influence.

Please watch future editions of FLIGHTLINES and special email notices for CPA notams about upcoming fly-in events. It'll be a whole different year that we'll have to adjust to as we say goodbye to COVID and set our sights on getting back to normal. We'll be as flexible as possible to ensure that the 2021 fly-ins take place.

Note: If you have ideas for fly-in destinations and are interested in hosting in 2021, please contact me at flyins@coloradopilots.org. We can still use more destinations to fill out the season and would gladly fit you into our schedule.

I could spend the time and space highlighting those events that will be rescheduled to 2021 but it would be far better if you'd go to our website and review the 2020 fly-ins there. As we get the new schedule worked out, we'll ensure that it's published in FLIGHTLINES as early as possible so you can save the space in your 2021 calendar. We'd love to see you next year. Seriously, we'd love to see you next year!



12 days of Christmas

By Max Power

With Christmas right around the corner it's that time where we hear that timeless classic, the 12 Days of Christmas. While the cost of all the gifts in the song will cost you about \$39,000, (the cost of a nice little Tri-Pacer I just saw for sale which I'd much rather have cause really, who needs 10 lords a leaping.) So while it would be great to get two Textron Airplanes on the second day, why don't we keep it simple and just list the 12 gifts that any pilot wouldn't mind seeing this Christmas morning.

#12 – The Off Grid Tools Survival Axe Elite. Everyone already knows about my love of survival gear and this little tool is full of goodies. Combo axe, hammer, metal saw, gas valve shut off wrench, hex sockets, seat belt cutter, and the much needed bottle opener for every pilot. Packed with over a dozen different tools it weighs only 1.5 pounds and is just under a foot tall. Perfect for under the seat of your airplane.



#11 – FAA License Plaque. It's an enduring replica of your pilot's certificate. It's just a neat like conversation starter in your office or home.

#10 – Aircraft Themed Socks. So you can always feel close to you airplane!



#9 – CAF Warbird T-shirt. I have a couple already, but it's always cool to have an airplane on.

#8 – Battery Backup. For powering your phone or iPad on the go.

#7 – Original Aircraft Skin. Another one of those cool gifts that are just plain neat to have around.

#6 – MIGFlug Gift Card. I mean, it's more than all the other stuff combined on this list, but come on. Who wouldn't want to be a fighter pilot for a day?

#5 – Classic Airplane Instrument Coasters. I got these a couple of years ago from a friend and they are still classic plus the grandkids love them.



#4 – Pilot's Tool Kit. You can find these all over and again, a must have in your airplane 'just in case.'

#3 – Replica Antique Propeller. I also had one of these and it was destroyed in a move. It just says I'm a pilot.

#2 – World's Most Okayest Pilot Mug. I mean any pilot has to have coffee already, why not let them know that they are OK.



#1 – Airplane Desktop model. What more can I say, these are cool



Special shout out to Jeff Cain who recommended a great book to me, Flight of Passage by Rinker Buck about two brothers who rebuilt a PA-11 and flew it across the country in 1966 and Jim Greer for his recommendation of Wager with the Wind: The Don Sheldon Story by James Greiner and James Arness. Add these to your must reads.

What did you get for Christmas? Let me know at newsletter@coloradopilots.org.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!



It's CPA Christmas Shopping time right now!

Show pride in your CPA membership. Now you can pick out and order a multitude of CPA branded items from our new Lands' End "Company Store". If Lands' End carries it, you can have it embroidered with the Colorado Pilots Association's logo. It's simple! Go to the CPA website and click on the merchandise window in the far upper right of the homepage or go to business.landsend.com; browse the huge selection of clothing and accessories, promotional items, cases, bags, totes, travel accessories, and other items too numerous to mention. Follow the easy directions to check out and enjoy home delivery of quality, Colorado Pilot Association branded items. This is way too easy! If you have a problem, the Lands' End folks are very, very helpful. Give it a try.

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Let's show everyone that we're proud Colorado aviators

Please contact me if you have questions or comments. Bob Kinney flyins@coloradopilots.org or twinklake1@aol.com 303-887-3328

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From all of us to all of you in the Colorado Pilots Association, have a happy holiday season and see you in the new year!



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