

Happy New Year!

CPA FLIGHT LINES



Barbara Hoversten

1949 Cessna 140A landing
Centennial Airport



One Lucky Kid

Adrian Nye, CPA President

I recently got a call from Major General John Barry (retired) who leads the Wings Over the Rockies museum. They offer the Ray Foundation Scholarship which pays up to \$12,000 toward a Private Pilot certificate for ages 15-18 (for glider), ages 16-18 (powered flight). He offered us the opportunity to select one recipient of this prestigious scholarship for 2023. The deadline is coming up soon - February 17, 2023.

While free money is always appealing, the lucky kid who receives this scholarship needs to be prepared to work hard. It involves flight training 2-3 times a week for 2-3 hours at a time, plus all the book learning. That's a major commitment on top of school, sports, and extra-curricular activities. The ideal candidate is someone who has already made the commitment to learn to fly, or already has the dream that this could fulfill.

When I was that age, I was an avid model airplane builder and crasher, I mean flyer. If someone came along and told me they'd pay for me to get a private pilot's license, I would have dropped everything. That's what we need.

Do you know such a person? If so, let them know immediately and help them with a recommendation. Email me if I can help at president@coloradopilots.org. You can find more information and links to the application on our website at <https://coloradopilots.org> (About Us - Scholarships).

All applicants apply through a form on the Wings Over the Rockies website. There is a question on the application "Did you hear of this scholarship through the Colorado Pilots Association". If the applicant says Yes to this question, CPA will receive the application (otherwise it gets considered by Wings). Since we have not had much time to publicize this opportunity, we do not expect to receive a large number of applications. Qualified applicants should have a very good chance.

You may be able to change someone's life, please pass the word!

It's time to get your favorite Pilot some Colorado Pilots Association Gear

**Visit Lands' End for all your CPA apparel. Perfect for pilots
and non-pilots alike. Head on over and get your Colorado
Pilots Association Sway today.**



Where is *Flying* on your Interest Triangle?

By Bill Marvel, Fly-in Committee Chairman

Your Interest triangle? What the devil is that? Beats me, as I have never heard the term before but just made it up because it helps make a point – literally. Set a triangle on any of its three flat surfaces and the result is a point at the top. And it's the significance of that point that lets me tie it into CPA's Fly-ins.

Stay with me. All of us have different levels of interest about a wide range of activities. Like anyone else, I have my own list, some of which I don't do any more -- like scuba diving, playing baseball, trout fishing and sport parachuting. Others I still enjoy like camping, hiking, flying, going to the gym and working on airplanes. The ones I do most often are high on that triangle, up near the point. The closer to the point they are, the more focused is the level of my interest. Down near the base are items of little to no interest to me. Opera, ballet, knitting, dog shows, fashion, court reporting and science fiction movies are in that category along with about a million and one other things. No offense intended for those of you who enjoy these interests!

Fast forward, I wish to connect with those of you who, like me, have aviation way up near the tip of that triangle. And not just aviation in general, but more specifically, flying light aircraft and traveling in them, as we do in the Colorado Pilots Association. Where I'm going with this is not much different from where I've gone before – but just another approach.

As head of CPA's Fly-in Committee, I've got a strong interest in our members having the opportunity to fly and travel in their airplanes in a group setting with others. It's good for making new aviation friends and for having others along with you in the event of an airplane problem. But as I've said previously, I cannot create these opportunities alone. Alongside me I need a group of members whose interests are so far up in that triangle's point they are willing to take the step of **Making Things Happen**. By **Making Things Happen**, I mean stepping forward to create and host a CPA Fly-in event. True, there are several long-term, reliable members who have been doing this for years. They will eventually retire from it. But there are also many newer members who have enjoyed attending some of the weekend Fly-ins in the past and now are fully capable of stepping up and running one. Capable is one thing; motivated to do so is another. And that's why I'm seeking a few of you whose interests exist, like mine, right at the top of that triangle.

New, younger, enthusiastic members are the fertilizer that makes an organization grow. And I don't mean growth in just the usual sense of size, but in the broader scope of giving both current pilots and would-be future pilots a shot in their flying arms. We all know that not flying is harmful to both your aircraft and your pilot skills. And yes, we know even better that the cost of fuel is an impediment to both. But if you are honest with yourself, you can do what wife Marti and I do. If you enjoy A, B, C and D and want to do more of A, you can simply elect to do less of B, C and D. No, making that choice is not fun but is an option. Who would do this? Members whose flying interests are way up in that point.

I'm at flyins@coloadopilots.org if you want to stick a toe into the water and see how it feels. Unlike my cat, I don't bite or scratch and can help you through the process!



The importance of an Aviation Mentor

Spencer Mamber

80% of students who begin flight training dropout/quit before earning their Private Pilots Certificate.

There are few endeavors that can thrive with a failure rate this high apart from Navy Seal Training, which often suffers a higher dropout rate. 😞

There are many reasons for this dismal record; lack of a training structure, poor instruction, money, not realizing the amount of work required, failure to focus on the tasks required, airsickness or other medical issues.

Most people who have aspirations to become a pilot don't come from a family of pilots. They *really* need a mentor to guide them through the process.

In theory, flight schools should be offering mentoring with their flight training. Unfortunately, this is typically not the case. Flight instructors are learning to teach, balance their schedules, students and planes. Often flight instruction is used to build flight time, so instructors can move up the aviation career ladder. Realize a flight school is a small business, that must generate a profit to keep the lights on.

So where do you find these mentors?

- Retired pilot community
- EAA Chapters
- Local Flying Clubs
- Become an "airport bum" and find a pilot who loves to talk flying; they're a plentiful flock.
- If you stumble upon an aviation "bull session," sit in with your eyes and ears open.



What should a mentor share?

- Their love for flying. This will be self-evident when they speak.
- A Discovery Flight to see if flying is what the student thought it was.
- Encouraging the student to study and pass the Private Pilot Knowledge Test before they start their flight lessons. The self-study course will be fundamental to the success of the rest of their training.
- Inform & encourage the student to fly as often as possible.
- Provide insight to the student regarding the time demands on their schedule. The more persistence the student exercises towards their training, the faster they'll reach their goals.
- Their time, their knowledge and expertise.



The CPA Fly-in Committee

By Bill Marvel, Chairman

One of the questions I had last year when I started out in my current CPA position was simple -- who else was on the "committee" besides me? As sometimes happens in organizations, especially during transitions from one manager to another, it turns out this concept had been very loosely defined. After thinking about it for a while, I realized there was a better way to set up the committee and its membership.

As you know, each year a group of CPA members voluntarily steps up to run our annual Fly-ins. Some are "repeat offenders" doing this year to year and others are new. These great folks do the deep dive into planning the events we all enjoy and, in my view, constitute the Fly-in Committee. After all, we're working together as a group under a single chairman and with individual responsibilities and specific goals. Collectively, we create the slate of events for any given year, present them to membership and then, one by one, make them happen. In the process, there is a great deal of back and forth involving problem solving, schedule conflicts, procedural questions, advertising/publishing and the like. If that isn't a committee, I don't know what is!

To kick this off, I want to introduce this year's hosts and to publicly thank them for stepping forward as committee members doing the work needed for the rest of us. They are Bob Kinney, Bill Gust, Lynn McCullough, Dean Lyle, Colleen Leppert, Leonard Gurule, Brent Rognlie, Philippe Camus, James Zucker and Garth Fasano. If you happen to see any of these folks, give them a pat on the back and say thanks. They're the ones who MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

Want to help your CPA? Got a great idea that you just know will be awesome? Let us know!

Contact Adrian at:

President@coloradopilots.org

Celebrate Emily Warner & Women Airline Pilots Day March 8, 2023 50th Anniversary



America's Pioneer Female Airline Pilot & First Female ALPA Member (1973), First Woman Airline Captain (1976), National Aviation & National Women's Halls of Fame, Women in Aviation Intl Pioneer Hall of Fame. In 2015, Grandby/Grand County Airport named Emily Warner Field.

<https://grandcountyhistory.org/museums/emily-warner-field-aviation-museum/>



2023 Fly-in Quick Preview

By Bill Marvel, Fly-in committee chairman

Welcome everyone to the 2023 slate of CPA Fly-in events! These were determined at the January 7 planning meeting at Rocky Mountain Metro airport. As they do each year at this meeting, several of your fellow members stepped forward to brief us on the tentative plans for this year's exciting events they wish to host.

As the title states, this is just a preview of CPA's 2023 Fly-ins. Details are being worked out by the various hosts now. More information for each will be forthcoming on the CPA website and in Flight Lines.

Registration forms will appear later on the website. Pick the ones you wish to attend and block those dates on your calendars now!

March 18-19 – Kearny, NE. Sand Hill Crane Fly-in. Make the 285 nm flight to Kearney Regional Airport (KEAR). Be amazed at the splendor of one million Sand Hill Cranes taking to the air from our Platte River blinds at the Rowe Sanctuary. This Audubon-guided viewing experience will get you up close to one of the greatest wildlife spectacles in North America. Host Bob Kinney (303) 887 3328.

March 31-April 2 – Truth or Consequences and Socorro, NM. Tour historic Trinity Site, location of the world's first nuclear detonation. Visit Spaceport America, where Richard Branson will be launching future space tourists into earth orbit. We'll fly into both Socorro and Truth or Consequences, NM. Host Bill Marvel (310) 293-2013.

May 19-21 – Gallup, NM. We'll be staying at the historic El Rancho Hotel on Route 66. Friday arrival will feature CPA's famous Happy Hour followed by dinner on your own in one of many local restaurants. Saturday morning we'll head to the El Morro National Monument, including the Inscription and Headland Trails, petroglyphs and Atsinna, the 355 room Ancient Ancestral ruin. Saturday afternoon features a visit to the Navajo Code Talkers Museum, plus one or two others, followed by Happy Hour and a group dinner at the hotel. Plus, there's ice cream too! Host Bill Gust (719) 482-6810.

June 9-11 – Creede, CO. Fly to historic Creede Colorado to take in some of the local attractions of this old mining town. Activities will include seeing a live performance at the Creede Repertory Theatre, touring the historic mining museum, and taking a hike on one of the local trails. Host Lynn McCullough (719) 588-5890.

June 24-25 – Thermopolis, WY. Escape to Thermopolis with us! What's not to love about a town named Thermopolis? Its 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! This trip will be good for your bones – you'll have opportunities to Soak your bones (hot springs), Dig for bones (fossils), Fish for bones (fishing) and maybe even tour a whiskey distillery! Host Dean Lyle (720) 470-7224.

July 14-16 - Johnson Creek, ID. Head into Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains and camp at the beautiful Johnson Creek airstrip, where the long grass runway is known for its smoothness. We'll be flying to breakfast at Smiley Creek, hiking to the famous hot-spring-fed cast iron bathtub on a mountainside and having a group dinner in the tiny nearby town of Yellow Pine. This is upscale tent camping with hot showers, phone and tablet chargers, picnic tables, fire pits and firewood as well as fresh brewed coffee every morning -- and it's free! Plan to arrive at Johnson Creek in the morning before potential afternoon winds and consider extending your trip to visit other locations in Idaho and/or Wyoming. More info about extending will be provided to those who are interested. Host Colleen Leppert (602) 692-0807.



August 18-20 – Glenwood Springs, CO. Fly into Rifle, CO (KRIL). Ride the gondola to the top of Iron Mountain and tour the King's Row and Fairy Caves inside Iron Mountain. Raft the Glenwood Canyon Shoshone whitewater Class II-IV rapids, no previous rafting experience required. Enjoy dinner with other CPA attendees at one of the many restaurants in Glenwood Springs. Host Leonard Gurule (720) 346-2398.

September 8-10 – Bozeman, MT. Three days of Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park will put the aptly named TV show to the test! We'll have two days of planned activities and one set for your own personal or group exploration to see what the area has to offer. And it will all be capped off with a shared flavor at the Bozeman Spirits Distillery for a debrief of what you found on your journey! Full itinerary soon to follow! Host: James Zucker (574) 315 4499.

September 16-17 – Alliance, NE. Relax and enjoy a short flight to Alliance, NE. The day will begin with brunch at a local diner on the main drag. Following brunch, we'll stop at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center followed by Dobby's Frontier Town Fall Festival. As time permits prior to happy hour, those interested can check out the famous Carhenge (like Stonehenge but made of cars!) or the small military or arts museums. After dinner there's a peaceful city park for those interested in a relaxing walk before returning to the hotel. Host Brent Rognlie (720) 277-1922.

October 13-14 – NM Annular Eclipse. Don't miss this nearby celestial event! After arriving midafternoon in Cortez, we will have dinner at our leisure and spend the night at Best Western Turquoise Inn & Suites. Early departure on Saturday morning for a short flight to ShipRock airstrip (5V5), 36 nm from CEZ. There we will park on the taxiway from which to witness the annular eclipse entering New Mexico at approximately 0911h, with obscuration lasting almost 5 minutes. The annular eclipse will be done by noon. Each can then return home.

<https://eclipse2024.org/eclipse-simulator/2023/28444>

Host Philippe Camus (720) 840-8987.

October 20-22 -- Truth or Consequences and Socorro, NM. Trinity Site and Spaceport America weather date and likely a second Fly-in there because we have a long standby list. Host Bill Marvel (310) 293-2013.



Guess the Colorado airport.



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Robinson R44 departing Metro.

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