

CPA FLIGHT LINES

July 2026



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President's Corner

By Andy Holmes



Our airports are active, fly-ins and aviation events are in full swing, and many of us are taking advantage of longer days to explore everything our state has to offer from the air. It is also a season that reminds us why organizations like the Colorado Pilots Association are so important. Behind every enjoyable flight is the ongoing work of protecting our airports, promoting aviation, and ensuring that the voices of Colorado pilots are

represented in conversations that shape the future of our aviation community.

ADVOCACY: CPA remains actively engaged in advocacy efforts at Longmont Airport, where recent actions and public statements from a member of the City Council have, in our view, continued to unfairly and inaccurately portray the pilot and aviation community. We are continuing our effort to open a constructive dialogue and better represent the perspective of Colorado pilots to the council members through our commitment to advocate professionally, respectfully, and factually on behalf of the aviation community.

Our advocacy efforts extend well beyond Longmont. We continue to monitor developments at Boulder, Meadow Lake, Rocky Mountain Metro, Centennial, and multiple other airports throughout Colorado. Some of these airport issues receive significant public attention, while others are addressed more quietly behind the scenes. Regardless of the airport, CPA remains committed to advocating for airport access, supporting responsible flying, and working collaboratively with airport sponsors, elected officials, and community stakeholders whenever possible.

A specific and critically important fair access issue we have previously shared with our members involves the Denver Jet Center at Centennial Airport, which has doubled hangar rates without stakeholder input or explanation to tenants. Learn more [here](#). The outcome of this issue has implications beyond Centennial Airport. If unreasonable access practices are allowed to stand at one public airport, they can spread to others. Please consider supporting the Centennial Airport Pilots Association in its legal effort to protect fair and reasonable access to our public airports. Support Centennial Airport Pilots Association [here](#).

SAFETY: As many of you prepare for summer travel, I'd encourage everyone to exercise additional caution when flying around Colorado's recent wildfires. Smoke can dramatically reduce visibility, obscure terrain and landmarks, and significantly affect slant-range visibility, even when conditions may initially appear manageable. In recent weeks, smoke



has contributed to MVFR and IFR conditions at multiple Colorado airports. Be sure to obtain a thorough weather briefing, monitor changing conditions throughout your flight, and maintain conservative personal minimums when smoke or reduced visibility is a factor.

EAA AIRVENTURE: Looking ahead a couple of weeks to late July – many Colorado pilots will soon make the annual pilgrimage to EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh. If you'll be attending, I hope you'll consider setting aside some time to volunteer with the Colorado Pilots Association at the Colorado Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics exhibitor booth. CPA is proud to once again partner with CDOT Aeronautics to promote aviation in Colorado, answer questions about flying in our state, and showcase the incredible aviation community we have here.

If you're interested in volunteering at AirVenture, you can sign up here: [Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Thank you for your continued support of the Colorado Pilots Association. I appreciate everything our members do to represent our community, and I look forward to seeing many of you—either around Colorado or in Oshkosh. Until then, fly safe, fly professionally, and enjoy your summer.

Andy Holmes

President

Colorado Pilots Association



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NOTICE:

Submission deadline for the August 2026 issue is
July 20.

Format all articles with 0.5" margins

Email your article to
newsletter@coloradopilots.org.

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PILOTS?

Contact the CPA Newsletter Editor at
newsletter@coloradopilots.org to have the
information featured in the monthly Flight
Lines CPA NOTAMs.



CPA NOTAMs

Scheduled ATC ZERO at Colorado Air & Space Port (KCFO)

Due to short staffing, only two controllers available, and requirements to meet certain legal requirements, the Tower at Colorado Air and Space Port will operate under ATC Zero status. The ATZ Zero Operational Status will, for now, occur according to the following schedule:

- ATC Zero every Saturday and Sunday beginning June 6 & until further notice.
- ATC Zero beginning at 6:00 PM Monday through Friday, starting June 1

Starting June 1, KCFO Tower is open and operational from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday only. According to KCFO Tower officials, this schedule will remain until at least August 1, 2026.

CPA Membership Directory Opt-In Visibility

The Colorado Pilots Association values the protection of your personal information. At the January 2025 board meeting, the board decided to change to an **opt-in** membership directory. This means that if you would like any of your information shared and accessible to other members of the Colorado Pilots Association via a membership directory, you **MUST** opt-in to participate and have your information made available to other members.

If you want to OPT-IN, it is a simple process that takes about 1-2 minutes of your time, where you can choose which items of personal information you'd like accessible in the membership directory. You must be logged in and follow the instructions [here](#).



Volunteers Needed: Represent Colorado Aviation at AirVenture!

EAA AirVenture is just around the corner, running July 20–26. And once again, CPA is teaming up with CDOT Aeronautics to showcase aviation in Colorado.

We're looking for enthusiastic CPA members to volunteer at the CDOT/CPA booth. If you enjoy talking aviation, sharing your experiences, and helping others become safer, more confident pilots, this is a perfect opportunity.

Why volunteer?

- Connect with pilots from across the country (and world)
- Share your knowledge of Colorado flying & help promote safety
- Represent CPA and support our aviation community
- Score a **free CPA t-shirt**

Whether you can help for a few hours or multiple days, your time makes a real impact.

If you're interested in volunteering at AirVenture, you can sign up here:

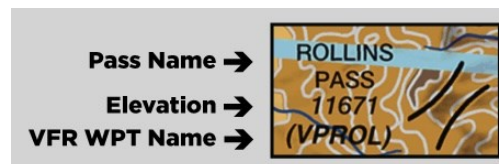
[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

In the meantime, questions can be sent to: president@coloradopilots.org



Colorado Mountain Flying Passes

It's the time of year where more pilots will find their way to Colorado to enjoy mountain flying. As a reminder Colorado Mountain Passes have been charted, now 20 in total, and a 'Special Notice' is now published in the Chart Supplement. For more information about flying in Colorado mountains and landing at high altitude airports, check out 'Mountain Flying' on CPA's website and get your free [2026 Colorado Chart and Airport Directory](#) from CDOT – Division of Aeronautics.



CPA Mountain Flying & High-Elevation Airport Operations Course

Originally developed by the Colorado Pilots Association in 1986, this course taught by Colorado pilots who live and fly the mountains for business and recreation, has evolved into one of the premier safety training courses of its kind. Accident statistics demonstrate that pilots without the knowledge and skills needed for safe flight over mountainous terrain find themselves in situations beyond their capability. This course is designed to improve your knowledge, skills, and capability.

Register for the August 15, 2026, Mountain Flying course [here](#).

Register for the September 19, 2026, Mountain Flying course [here](#).

A New Chapter for CPA Online: Website Migration Coming Soon

For the past seven years, coloradopilots.org has been our digital home on the ClubExpress platform. It has served us well, hosting our membership rolls, event sign ups, newsletters, mountain flying resources, advocacy library, and much more. Seven years is a long run in internet years, and ClubExpress deserves credit for giving CPA a stable, all in one foundation during the period we grew into the voice of general aviation in Colorado.

Over time, though, a number of rough edges have become hard to work around: clunky query string URLs, a dated feel on mobile, an eleven step signup wizard, limited search across our years of content, and a platform structure that simply doesn't bend easily to what the



board, committee chairs, and members have been asking for. Rather than continue stretching the old site past what it was built for, we are moving to a new, modern website that is fully owned and controlled by CPA.

A few highlights of what you can expect

- A faster, cleaner, mobile friendly experience from the home page through every committee area
- A significantly improved membership renewal experience, including auto renewal
- A streamlined new member signup that replaces the clunky legacy wizard
- Improved search across newsletters, advocacy archives, and fly in history, so you can actually find that article you remember from three years ago
- Enhanced mountain flying and fly in resources, including interactive maps and planning tools
- Modernized airport advocacy pages that make it easier to follow the issues at KBJC, KAPA, KBDU, KLMO, and our emerging airports
- A cleaner presentation for our corporate members that gives our supporting businesses better visibility

Most of the new site will remain open to the public, just as coloradopilots.org is today. That is intentional. Our mountain flying materials, advocacy work, fly in calendar, and aviation links serve the whole Colorado pilot community, not just paid members. The members only experience (profile management, renewals, directory access, and gated content) will require logging in to the new system.

One important heads up: every member will need to reset their password

For security reasons, passwords do not carry over from the old platform. When the new site goes live for your account, you will receive instructions to set a fresh password. The reset itself is quick, but we wanted you to know it is coming so it is not a surprise in your inbox.

Phased rollout and a call for early bird volunteers

When we go live, the new site will launch all at once, fully replacing the current site. What will be phased is the member login rollout. Because the login experience touches every member's account, we want to enable logins in waves rather than flip every account on at the same moment. The phasing will move quickly, but it gives us room to catch and correct any issues before they reach the full membership.

The first wave is a small group of early bird volunteers who are willing to be the first to set credentials, walk through the renewal flow, exercise the profile tools, and share candid feedback on what worked and what didn't. Once the early birds have helped us work out the kinks, a membership wide email will go out inviting everyone else to establish their new password on the new site.



If you are interested in helping test the initial change, please reach out to me directly. You do not need to be technical. A patient eye, a little curiosity, and a willingness to tell us what you found are the only real requirements.

We are currently targeting a June 2026 go live for the new site. More details, including the confirmed launch date and step by step instructions for the broader membership, will follow in the coming weeks. Until then, coloradopilots.org remains your home for all things CPA.

Brian Garrett Webmaster Chair, Colorado Pilots Association
webmaster@coloradopilots.org

Colorado Aviation Events – July 2026

Aviation Summer Camps sponsored by Arapahoe Flight Club @ KCOS

Multiple dates throughout Summer 2026. Ages 10-15. Mon-Fri 0900 to 1500.
Arapahoe Flight Club, 1430 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80916
Registration is required. Details, available dates, and cost [here](#).

CPA – Monthly Board of Directors Meeting-ALL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Monday, July 13, 2026, from 1830 to 2030
SheltAir, 9107 Rocky Road, Broomfield, CO 80021
In Person, or CPA website link or at <https://bit.ly/CPABoardMeeting>
Join us before the meeting at Cherry Cricket - Broomfield for Social Hour from 5pm to 6pm, located at 1280 E 1st Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020.





CPA is looking for a member to chair the Membership Committee and join the Board of Directors as a voting Director. It's a chance to shape how Colorado's leading general aviation advocacy organization grows and keeps its members engaged.

The Membership Chair is the primary point of contact for members and prospective members. Responsibilities include:

- Responding to membership emails and inquiries
- Coordinating welcome packets for new members
- Assisting with renewal communications
- Maintaining a positive, professional experience for current and prospective members
- Reporting membership updates to the Board
- Identifying ways to improve engagement and retention

This is a good fit for a member who's passionate about aviation, enjoys working with people, and wants to make a real contribution to general aviation in Colorado.

We're aiming to fill the role by **July 13, 2026**. Apply early if you're interested so we can ensure a smooth transition.

To apply or ask questions, contact CPA President Andy Holmes at president@coloradopilots.org.



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The Division of Aeronautics is happy to announce the release of the 2026 Colorado aviation publications, including the Colorado Airport Directory, Colorado Aeronautical Chart, and the 2025 Division of Aeronautics Annual Report.

2026 Colorado Airport Directory & Aeronautical Chart

Hard copies of the Colorado Airport Directory and Aeronautical Chart will be available at airports around the state very soon.



Here are some other ways to get your hands on a copy:

- Order your copy on the [Division's website](#).
- Free copies are available at our office located at the [Colorado Air & Space Port](#).
- Request an electronic copy of the 2026 Colorado Airport



Directory by emailing Shahn.Sederberg@state.co.us. Please include **"REQUEST: PDF Version of 2026 CO Airport Directory"** in the subject line

The 2026 Colorado Aeronautical Chart introduces the second phase of ten Colorado Mountain Pass VFR GPS waypoints. The Colorado Airport Directory now features 25 updated aerial images, along with revised noise abatement procedures and expanded information on alternative aviation fuel availability—updates that are also reflected in the Aeronautical Chart.

2025 Annual Report

The 2025 Division of Aeronautics Annual Report highlights a year of strong aviation activity across Colorado and the resulting investments in airport infrastructure, safety, education, and emerging technologies. Covering January 1 through December 31, 2025, the report details funding distributions, statewide aviation initiatives, and major programs, including the Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program, Airport Capital Improvement Program, and efforts to transition to unleaded aviation fuels. It also explores advancements in sustainability, workforce development, and next-generation aircraft technologies, showcasing the Division's continued commitment to a safe, efficient, and innovative statewide aviation system.



Download: [2025 Aeronautics](#)



[Division Annual Report](#)

2026 Colorado Legislative Districts & Airport Maps

Explore another valuable information source from the Colorado Division of Aeronautics. Get the most recent list of Colorado Legislators and the Colorado airports situated within their respective districts.

Download: [2026 Colorado Legislative Districts & Airport Maps](#)

FROM THE LINE



CPA MEMBER ARTICLES

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The New Fly-in Rollout!

Bill Marvel, Fly-in Committee Chairman

Beginning with the 2027 flying season, we're going to change things a little with the Fly-in program. Specifically, to add a bit more excitement to the year's events, the identities of the hosts and the destinations they have planned will be concealed until both are announced at the newly named "Fly-in Rollout Meeting" at BJC in early January.

The reason for this change is to create Christmas in January for attendees so they can share in the excitement when both the flying events for the year and their respective hosts are announced. As in the past, those events will be published immediately afterwards in the February issue of Flight Lines and on the website. That will remain unchanged to give all members early access to the year's plans.

Previously, we've called this the Fly-in Planning Meeting, but that was a misnomer because no planning was ever done there. Initial, tentative planning of CPA Fly-ins normally requires significant lead time that must be underway well before the Fly-in Rollout Meeting takes place. Additionally, because we made no effort to hide either the events for the year or the hosts running them, there wasn't much of a surprise at this meeting. In some cases, it was just a revelation of what was already widely known. A change is due.

Aside from the excitement of learning about the year's events, this is also a great opportunity to get together socially with other CPA members early in the New Year while sipping coffee and juice and munching on the fruit and pastries some of our culinary inclined members bring. It's a festive atmosphere and well worth attending in addition to letting you be first in line to find out about the year's Fly-in events.

We'll be announcing "rollout day" well before the date, so be sure to mark your calendars to attend. Notification will appear on the website and in our Flight Lines newsletter. Plus, a burst email from the webmaster will also bring the information your way. Be looking for it!



Memphis Wrap-Up!

Hosts: Bret Heidkamp and Loree Schwartz

What a trip! For those who missed it, we missed you also but, we had a great time anyway. We don't think we've done so many things in one location on a CPA trip before. Despite some late cancellations due to nasty enroute weather, we had a great group of ten members attending. Flying to Memphis and back, all of us experienced clouds, a few bumps, snow or rain, but good judgement prevailed with the IFR weather, and we all arrived there and home, safe and sound!



All ten of us at the airport



Look at all the hangar space we had left!

Our planes were well taken care of, all housed together in a large hangar, and for only \$25 per night! There are few G.A. airports in the country next to a major metropolitan area with this level of pricing. The FBO personnel were so nice and kind and couldn't have been more accommodating.



Breakfast at Arcade

Because we were a small group we got to do so much more than planned and were able to change things up on the fly. One new large van accommodated us nicely and got us where we needed to go. Bret drove us around town and gave us quite the scenic tour of Memphis as we went here and there. However, for a good part of

our trip we were able to walk from one place to another as we were located close to downtown and its famous Beale Street.



After our arrival in Memphis, the weather co-operated nicely for us, as we didn't see rain except for a short time one morning during breakfast at the famous Arcade diner, founded in 1919. And wow, were those breakfasts big!



BB King's House of Blues

Upon arrival we went directly to Gus' World-Famous Fried Chicken for an amazing lunch. Later, after our hotel check-in, we were able to see the famous Peabody ducks do their walk while we sipped cocktails in the Grand Lobby of the Peabody Hotel.

We ate some great BBQ at different restaurants including one while we listened to live blues music at BB Kings House of Blues. Really!

In addition to a touching trip to the National Civil Rights Museum (where they opened a whole new building just a few days prior to our arrival) and strolling down Beale Street, our small group was able to have a private tour of Sun Studio where Elvis and so many other artists had their start.



Clayborn Temple

We also paid an unscheduled visit to the historic Clayborn Temple that was subject to arson and a devastating fire just last year. The Clayborn Temple was the headquarters and location where MLK participated in the 1968 sanitation workers I AM A MAN strike that preceded his assassination a week later. The history and documentation in the MLK museum is incredible.



Sun Studio



Grand Canyon Wrap UP!

June 17-19, 2026

By Jan McKenzie

A large contingent of CPA members arrived at Grand Canyon Airport (KGCN) on the morning of Wednesday, June 17. With 35 attendees from Colorado, Wisconsin, and California, this was a large but fun overnight fly-in. We were all warmly welcomed by the GCN FBO, who took great care of us during this short visit, and stayed at the very comfortable Red Feather Lodge in Tusayan near the national park.



After lunch at a restaurant right on the South Rim of the canyon, we spent the first afternoon at the eastern side of the park in the Visitor Center at Yavapai Point and walking the rim trail to the Yavapai Geological museum. The trail offered stunning un-obstructed views of the magnificent giant canyon (about the size of Delaware!) and the museum and visitor center explained the fascinating geological history of this 6-million-year-old, 1 mile deep canyon which we were told was dug by the Colorado River at a rate averaging the thickness of one sheet of paper per year.



We had our customary happy hour that night which featured a fascinating presentation by Fly-In committee chair Bill Marvel giving details of the June 30, 1956 TWA – United Mid-Air Collision. A TWA Lockheed Super Constellation and a United Air Lines Douglas DC-7 collided over the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Of course, we also had the usual potluck appetizers and lots of socializing with fellow pilots.

On day 2, we went west from Grand Canyon village and spent the morning at the Hermits Rest trail, closed to regular vehicles but with lots of shuttle buses stopping at 9 different lookout points and hiking trails for those wanting a little exercise. Most attendees braved the heat to do a few of the trails. All of the lookout points were magnificent and at one of them we got our first sighting of the Colorado River far below.

After a delicious lunch at the Bright Angel Lodge near the start of the trail we had just done, we drove our own cars on the Desert View Drive to the far eastern part of the park and ending at the Desert View Watchtower, with lots of stops along the way.





The day concluded with our group dinner at the Big E Spaghetti Western Restaurant near our hotel – Italian food with a western twist! Pappardelle Elk Ragu, anyone?

As usual, everyone was up bright and early Friday morning to get one more view from the air of the magnificent canyon.

The Grand Canyon is a never-ending succession of eye-popping views, certainly one of the most beautiful places on earth. Getting to see it with a group of pilot friends was a wonderful experience.

Correcting My Error!

Bill Marvel, the RV-14A guy

One of the downsides of trying to help people in any aspect of life is occasionally finding that something you said or wrote wasn't accurate. Such was the case in an article I wrote for Flight Lines, published in the April 2026 issue.

The article's title is "Stunning News on Experimental Homebuilts," and it discussed the incredible value and reduced cost of buying, owning and maintaining a homebuilt aircraft, even if you did not build it. The error I made had to do with the annual condition inspection of such an aircraft by an A&P in the event discrepancies were found and a list of them was given to you, the owner.

The incorrect statement I made is:

"If the A&P inspector finds discrepancies, you are free to have him cure them if you wish but you can do it yourself instead. Clearly, you must know how but like anything else in life, it's only a matter of learning, and that knowledge is *valuable every single year!* If the inspector finds discrepancies, he will give you a written list of them and the inspection is



done. You can complete those items yourself but then the inspector must approve your work and return the aircraft to service afterwards.”

Just today (June 27, 2026) I received clarification from an FAA inspector from the Salt Lake City FSDO that the last sentence is not correct. Since anyone can do anything on a homebuilt aircraft, the owner can resolve the discrepancies found and sign them off to complete the inspection with no further involvement of anyone else. This is yet another of the many values of owning a homebuilt, which drops the cost of flying dramatically compared to any certified aircraft. In fact, having owned either a certified or homebuilt aircraft, sometimes both simultaneously, for the past 49 years, I'll go so far as saying that trying to find affordable flying in a certified aircraft makes as much sense as attempting to turn a golf club into an avocado.

Unless you have a great deal of disposable flying money, your best bet is to reread that April Flight Lines article and take steps to get into an experimental homebuilt aircraft, whether you build it or buy it.

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ON THE HORIZON



CPA FLY-IN NEWS & LISTINGS

REGISTER NOW:

CPA Ramp Talk July 16th, 6-7:30 PM

- Hosted by Colorado Pilots Association

LaJunta, Colorado- September 26 & 27, 2026

- Host, Brett Pomainville

Nucla, Colorado- October 2-4, 2026

- Hosted by Aimee Tooker

Spirit Engineering- October 10, 2026

- Hosted by Bill Marvel





The poster features a background image of a small propeller plane flying over a mountain range. At the top center is the Colorado Pilots Association logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' with a yellow sun in the center, flanked by blue wings. Below the logo is the text "COLORADO PILOTS ASSOCIATION" and "The Voice of General Aviation".

CPA RAMP TALK

A STUDENT PILOT SOCIAL AND EDUCATION SERIES

Join us for the inaugural event of a student pilot social and aviation education series hosted by the Colorado Pilots Association every other month.

MEET & CONNECT

Meet fellow student pilots, CFIs, and local aviators in a relaxed hangar-talk atmosphere.

FREE PIZZA & SODA

Enjoy free pizza and soda while building connections in the aviation community.

LEARN & GROW

Each event includes a free 30-minute aviation ground lesson and a short presentation on how the Colorado Pilots Association is supporting flight safety, pilot education, and the future of general aviation across Colorado.

DATE & TIME

Thursday, July 16, 2026
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION

Centennial Airport Admin Building,
The Hangar
7565 S Peoria St
Englewood, CO 80112

REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED.

Must be a member.
Student Pilot Membership is **FREE** for the first year.

MEMBERSHIP AND EVENT REGISTRATION AT **COLORADOPILOTS.ORG**

CONNECT. LEARN. FLY.



Venmo and Zelle Payments Test

In the past, CPA Fly-in registration payments have all been made with paper checks. While this system works well, it is outdated for some new members who are used to electronic banking and do not even have paper checks for their checking accounts. Sending paper checks through the mail has also become risky as criminals increasingly target mailboxes to steal checks and “wash” them to commit fraud. Adding secure electronic payment options like Venmo and Zelle addresses both needs for members.

As a test of the viability of using electronic banking (in addition to checks) in the future, LaJunta host Brett Pomainville offered to use these systems to see if they result in more of our newer and younger members becoming involved in CPA events. LaJunta is an easy drive from the Front Range and will accommodate members who don’t have access to an airplane and maybe not even a checking account! That way they can experience the flavor of one of our Fly-ins right in their back yards.

This test has been coordinated with CPA treasurer Cindy Jewell so she is aware of how income and expense accounting will be handled by the host and then forwarded to her. Just follow the instructions in the event Flyer and Registration, both of which appear in this Flight Lines issue. Checks are fine as always, but this time members have the option of paying the \$30 registration fee by Venmo or Zelle. Many banks already provide Zelle payment services to their account holders for free when they log onto their bank accounts online. If you want to give it a try, just look for the Zelle option in your online banking menu.



La Junta Tarantula Fest!

(Note: For this event Venmo and Zelle can be used)

La Junta, CO (KLHX)
Friday, September 25 – Saturday, September 26
Hosted by Brett Pomainville

Be a part of CPA history and join our first **Wildlife Safari!** The City of La Junta, Colorado, is rolling out the red carpet for our visit to their annual **Tarantula Fest!** No plane? **You can even drive to this Fly-in for day trip** if you want (but you still need to register so we can include you in the CPA activities)!

What is Tarantula Fest?!?

Imagine a small-town festival of everything arachnid celebrating the annual expedition of thousands of Brown Tarantulas across Colorado's southeastern grasslands. As featured in *National Geographic* and on national TV, wildlife scientists and visitors from around the world converge on La Junta each year in late September to witness this unique phenomena and study the Brown Tarantulas on the move in their native habitat.



Colorado Brown Tarantula



CPA Safari Rover

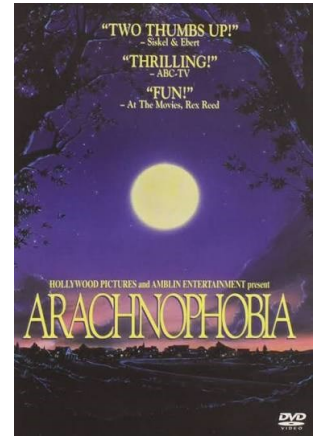
A Wildlife Safari in Colorado?!?

You bet! Africa's Serengeti boasts its Big 5, but on this Fly-in *you* will get to see up close something none of your globe-trotting friends have – **Colorado's Big 8** (legs, of course) roaming our own Comanche National Grasslands!



Friday's Thread

Arrive at La Junta (KLHX) by 10:00 AM. A coach shuttle will take us to the hotel to drop our bags then onward to downtown La Junta for lunch at **Mexico City Café**. A three block walk takes us to Otero College for "**Tarantula Talk**" with **arachnid experts** Dr. Paula Cushing and Dr. Cara Shillington. Be sure to ask them why all the male tarantulas are on the prowl. Our coach shuttle then takes us to the historic Fox Theatre for a free showing of the **movie Arachnophobia** to get us in the right mood for when the **Big 8** emerge from their burrows.



Ranger with Big 8 Tracking Device

At twilight, our **CPA Tarantula Safari** begins. Accompanied by a Tarantula Ranger, we will travel by coach through Comanche National Grasslands to spot some of the **thousands of male Colorado Brown Tarantulas looking for love**. Then back to our hotel for check-in, followed by a **Pizza Dinner** and **Ice Cream Sundae Social**. And be ready for a tarantula-themed **Trivia Contest** with fabulous CPA prizes!

Saturday's Tangle



Miss Tarantula Contest Winner

Enjoy a free hot breakfast, check-out, and leave your bags at the hotel. Our CPA coach will drop us at the center of La Junta's web of festival events, starting with the **Tarantula Parade**. Then, on your own, you can take a spin at the town's **Classic Car Show**; crawl through the **Tarantula Education Center**, snare a deal on unique gifts at the **Tarantula Arts Fair**, or even compete in the **Eight Legged Races** or the county commissioner's **Hairy Leg Contest** (be sure to show off your CPA socks for this one!). We then meet for a bite of lunch at **Dickey's Barbecue Pit**. At 2:00 PM, our coach picks us up to collect our luggage at the hotel and transfer to KLHX for afternoon departures.

Hang Out For More (optional)

Although CPA-planned activities end after lunch Saturday, Tarantula Fest continues through Saturday night. Highlights include: Koshare Dancers Show, Chuckwagon Dinner, and a Tarantula-themed evening Drone Show. Those wishing to remain in La Junta after lunch on Saturday will be on their own for lodging and transportation arrangements.

Accommodations and Fees

We have a special CPA rate of \$129 + tax per night with free breakfast and a 24-hour cancellation policy at the Hampton Inn (option to extend a second night on your own, if desired), but we have a limited number of rooms and La Junta hotels fill months in advance of this world-renowned event. The hotel will only release CPA rooms to individuals on the attendance list I send them, so **please DO NOT contact the hotel until you have heard from me.** Complete the registration form and submit payment and I will notify people based on the planning and priority list and the order the forms are returned. You can also make this Fly-in a day trip from most Front Range locations if you prefer not to fly or stay overnight (but you still need to register and pay the fee so we can include you in the CPA activities). **A fee of \$30 per person** covers the Pizza Dinner, Ice Cream Sundae Social, tips for the tarantula ranger and coach shuttle drivers, fabulous Tarantula Trivia Contest prizes, and other incidentals. You can pay by paper check made out to “Colorado Pilots Association”, Venmo to “@brettpomainville”, or Zelle to “Brett Pomainville” (Venmo/Zelle associated with phone number 720-378-3304; be sure to write your Full Name and “CPA La Junta Fly-in” in the notes/memo fields). Host Brett Pomainville (720) 378-3304, brett.pomainville@gmail.com.

Upcoming -- Nucla, Colorado

Hosted by Aimee Tooker

Mark your calendars for the October 2-4 trip to Nucla, CO (KAIB). It's the third annual CPA visit exploring the history of this small southwest Colorado town and its scenic canyon and mountain surroundings.

This year we'll re-live the 1776 Domínguez–Escalante Expedition, which was led by two Franciscan priests. It started in Santa Fe, New Mexico and traveled through Colorado, Utah and Arizona, trying to reach a mission in Monterey, CA. One stop along the 2000-mile, five-month journey was in today's Nucla.

Trip details and registration information will appear in the next issue of Flight Lines, so be looking for it!

Upcoming! Spirit Engineering Tour

October 10
Grand Junction, Colorado
Hosted by Bill Marvel

If you want a first-hand look at general aviation innovation in Colorado while seeing the least expensive route to owning a new airplane, this trip is for you!



Fly or drive over to Grand Junction for this one-day tour of the Spirit Engineering factory, led by the owner and aircraft designer, Steve Wood. This is the airplane that stunned Oshkosh last year when four of them arrived from Grand Junction, unannounced. Many videos have appeared on YouTube and the plane is being delivered all over the country. It's a factory built SLSA that is fly-away from the start. You don't have to build anything.

From the retro look to the all-aluminum construction, to the folding wings, to the engine they designed, built and brutally tested, to the many fascinating design innovations in the airplane, not to mention the economy of operation and price, you'll see why there are all the raves about this airplane.

October 10 is the date, the Flyer and registration will appear in the next Flight Lines issue, so be looking for it.



Fly-in Registration Form

WANT TO GO BUT NO AIRPLANE AND JUST NEED A RIDE?

Complete only this yellow section and mail the form to the Fly-in host address below

Name: Phone: () Email: # Seats

**PILOTS FLYING OR MEMBERS DRIVING TO THIS EVENT, PLEASE
COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION**

Which event are you registering for?		La Junta September 25-26	
First Name		Last Name	
Are you a CPA Member?	Yes	No	
Address:			
Cell Phone:			
Email:			
Emergency contact name and phone of someone not traveling with you:			
Aircraft type:	N number:		
Is anyone traveling with you?	Yes	No	
If so, their first and last names			
Do you have an available seat?			
If so, how many?			
Cost per person: \$ ____ 30 ____ times total number in party ____ = \$ ____			
Anyone on a first CPA Fly-in?	Yes	No	

Please use Venmo to “@brettpomainville”, or Zelle to “Brett Pomainville” (write your Full Name and “CPA La Junta Fly-in” in the notes/memo fields), or send a check for the above amount, **made out to the Colorado Pilots Association**, to the Fly-in host:

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