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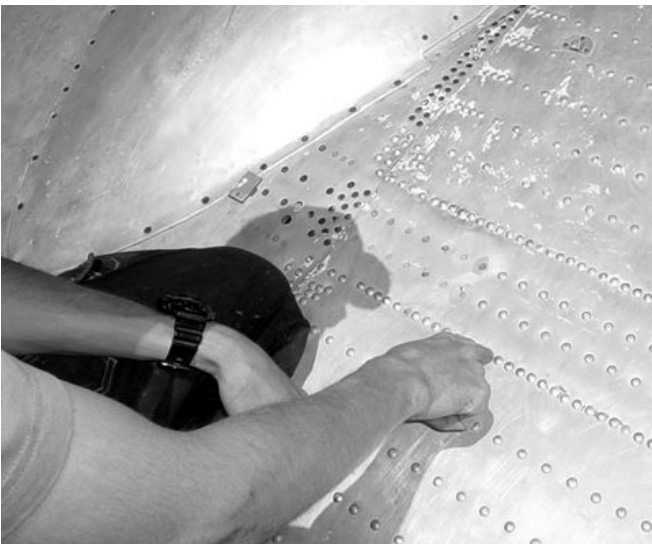
Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In 2004

By Col Stan Peterson, Wing Leader

“With a little help from your friends,” it truly is amazing the obstacles that can be overcome.

Right before the EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In, with very little time left to go, the Wing's Lockheed C-60 was struck with what seemed a terminal blow.

Not only were several weak rivets discovered, but a much more menacing problem of deteriorated screws, found in a rather inaccessible location over the fuel tanks.



The location of the bad old rivets on the wing, as pointed out by Col Quentin Huston

Fortunately our new engineer, Venkat Ramachandrom (Rohm), found a suitable solution which gave us a chance to attend the show.

Before these problems occurred, the Wing had been tracking on a timetable that would have had us arriving at the Fly-In with the aircraft almost completely polished and sporting new invasion stripes. As it was, we were all pretty proud as



Col Stan Peterson tries not to breathe while mixing epoxy paint for the C-60's spinners

well as surprised just to get the Lockheed to the show at all, considering the obstacles.

Tanks had to be drained, access panels removed, and the affected areas exposed. The airplane had to be X-rayed and undergo an ultrasound exam, with samples sent off to a metallurgical laboratory for evaluation.

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Once we received favorable reports back from Rohm and the lab, Col Barry Barnow and his team stepped up to the plate and accepted the challenge. They replaced rivets and screws, and resealed the fuel tanks; not to mention replacing a repaired fuel pump, all in less than a week's time!

Col Quentin Huston continued to impress us with his mechanical wizardry and fabricating skills, while Max Yeager showed up with his professional buffer, which brought new shine to the tail of the aircraft.

On the morning of the Fly-In, the newly painted (by yours truly) propeller spinners had just dried and were being reattached as the Lockheed was being fueled for the first time since repairs had been completed, just the day before.

Luck, both good and bad, was on our side. The fuel tanks didn't leak; however, because it had rained so much, the field where we had parked the plane for repairs had gotten extremely soft. This made departure from Boulder almost impossible.



Beth and Scott Lawrence pose proudly in the Wing's tidy PX trailer at the end of a hectic but successful show



Thumbs up for engine start from Col Stan Hanson, as the C-60 prepares to depart from Front Range Airport after the Rocky Mountain Fly-In. Col Mike Kalinowsky looks on.

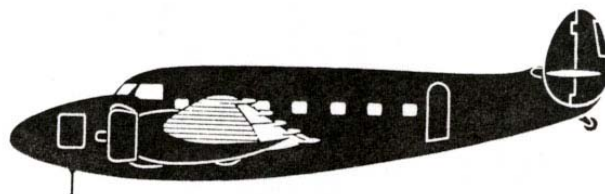
But—after several attempts with various vehicle combinations, a circuitous departure route was finally discovered.

The Lockheed finally lifted off from Boulder at approximately 10:30 Saturday morning, arriving at the Fly-In to the delight of Wing members and the public alike.

The aircraft arrived late, yet in what amounted to about a day and a half on display, tours of the aircraft netted approximately \$300.

In addition to that, Beth and Col Scott Lawrence did a most incredible job with the PX, assisted by Marjorie Oliver's great selling skills and Col Mike Kalinowski's (fund raising officer) popular dog tag machine. The PX grossed over \$1,100.

Out on the general aviation ramp, Col Paul LaPrad did a great job of coordinating, managing, and parking airplanes for the EAA. He was assisted by Colonels Mike Kalinowski, Stan Hanson, Lynn Merrill, and many other volunteers. With all the help from friends, it was a good show! →



Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
Step right up!
Come one, come all!



- WHAT? WING PICNIC**
- WHERE? FLAGSTAFF MOUNTAIN, BOULDER**
- WHEN? 21 AUGUST 2004**
- WHO? ALL WING MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**
- WHY? I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT, IT'S A PARTY!!!!**

General meeting to start at 1000. The fun begins at 1100 and will go until.....??

The Wing will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments (lettuce, tomato, catsup, mustard, relish, and yes the ever delicious sautéed onions), and drinks (pop, PEARL pop, and coolers).

Each family should bring a dish to share. Drag out your Mom's or Grandma's old recipe for picnic fare and see if you can duplicate those great tastes.

If you don't have one of those old recipes, just stop by your favorite culinary dispensary (Safeway, King Soopers, Albertsons, 7 Eleven, etc.), see what they may have and bring it along.

Use your imagination: hors d'oeuvre (that's appetizers, or chips and dips), salads (tossed salad, wilted salad, pasta salad etc.), vegetables (green beans, baked beans, kidney beans, you get the idea), desserts (those sweet munchie items that help to balance the meal, you know the good food and the bad food, you choose as to which is which). Remember to bring enough to share and a little more for the ants, after all it is a picnic!!!

Give **Stan Hanson** a call at his home and let him know how many will be attending from your family so he can lay in enough food and drink. He can be reached at 303-745-8168.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Calendar of Events

July 17, 2004 – Wing meeting:
10:00 a.m., Boulder Airport terminal

August 21, 2004 – Wing meeting:
10:00 a.m., Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder

August 21, 2004 – **WING PICNIC:**
11:00 a.m., Flagstaff Mountain, Boulder
(see page 3 for details)



Wing meetings are held on the 3rd
Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.



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