

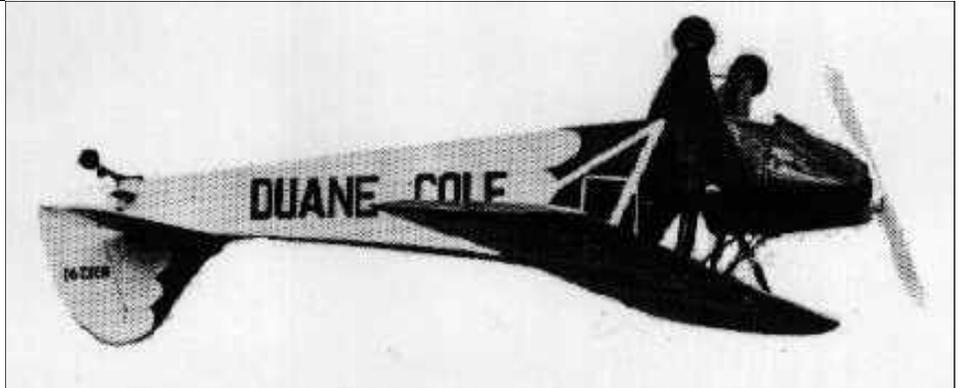
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Cole Speaks

Barnstormer extraordinaire and air show performer Duane Cole is the Featured Speaker at our Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon. Duane's wife is a former Peorian and Duane learned to fly at the *old* Mt. Hawley Airport. See you at the Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 2nd.



Last Month

We met at Leisure Acres Club House on Wednesday, the 8th at 7:30 p.m. Dean Frye was our guest speaker. Dean spoke about the mid air collision with a Cessna 150 that he survived over Minneapolis a few years ago. The Baron he was flying was totally destroyed, but the occupants of both aircraft were uninjured!

Even though he was on an IFR flight plan, ATC cleared him out the bottom of a control zone into VFR traffic. This was on a busy afternoon around 4:00 p.m. and the approach radar was set to suppress all 1200 squawks. Dean played an audio tape released by the FAA of the communications that transpired during the incident. After it was all over the FAA paid for the damage to both aircraft!

During our business meeting we elected the following Chapter Officers for 1996: President, Morrie Caudill; Vice President, Sam Sisk; Treasurer, Al Phipps; Secretary, Scot Decker; Newsletter Editor, Dennis Mellen; Technical Advisor, Al Lurie; Young Eagles Coordinator, Brian Briggerman; At Large Board Members, Bill Mathis and Joe Fox; and Flight Advisors, Jim Hannemann, Sam Sisk and Ron Wright.

From Sam Theendis

near! But with an end comes a beginning. New officers will take over January 1, 1996 and they deserve the support and commitment from the membership that has been given to the other officers and me the past two years. We still have the hangar project to finish and that is going to take a considerable effort by all to make happen. The goal is to have a chapter home on an airport.

I said at the beginning that communication is the key to the success of any organization. We have only Dennis Mellen, our newsletter editor, to thank for keeping us well informed. I will add that he still needs help with articles and profiles and stories from all of us.

I want to thank all of the officers for their effort the last two years. *Sam*

The Bald Eagle

day in January, Dennis eluded to in last month's newsletter, will be January 17th, 1996, at Mt. Hawley airport. The official name will be "**Pilot Wanna-bees.**"

We, the EAA Chapter 563, have agreed to co-sponsor this evening, along with the Illinois Department of Aviation.

Our job is to bring as many guests as we can who want to know more about learning to fly.

This is geared toward the people (not necessarily bald eagles) above the ages of our young eagle participants.

There will be all facets of aviation represented, airplanes, balloons, gliders, helicopters and more, and of course the EAA. So remember the date, January 17, 1996, 7p.m., at 3MY. Find someone who wants to know more about learning to fly and bring them! Sam

Membership Renewal

Chapter membership dues for next year remain at \$15.00. Everyone who renews before January 1 will receive a 1996 EAA Calendar. If you have not yet paid, please send your check to Chapter Treasurer Al Phipps, before the end of the year.

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