

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD AIRSHOW WORKSHOP
Fremont County Airport
January 29, 2015
8:00 am

Members Present: John Marietta, Chairman; Greg Tabuteau; Jack Slagle; Jim Woolworth

Members Absent: Tom Schielf, Leonard Mino , Duane Cozadd

Other Officials Present: Airport Manager, Richard Baker

Others Present: John Emmerling; Gail Claremont; Bruce Claremont

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman John Marietta. Chairman Marietta welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting is to consider moving the date of our 2015 Airshow to avoid a conflict with an AOPA Fly-In now scheduled in Colorado Springs on September 26, 2015.

Discussion:

Date of the Event:

- The group discussed alternate dates for our Airshow to avoid conflict with other planned aviation events in the area. This early in the year many planned events are not yet published.
- Moving our event to Sunday, September 27, following the AOPA Fly-In, was discussed and rejected.
- September 19, 2015 was chosen as the new date for our Airshow. Florence has it's "Pioneer Days" scheduled for that weekend but the two events may compliment one another if we are able to coordinate schedules. Florence has a breakfast on Saturday morning followed by a parade later in the morning. We may be able to combine breakfasts and move our Airshow to later that day. Shuttle service could be provided between the two locations.

Sponsors:

- Several businesses and individuals have already committed to sponsor this years' event:
 - Mark Greksa, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, has donated \$5000.
 - Armstrong Consultants has committed \$3000
 - A local Pilot has committed to \$2000
 - Phillips has committed to \$500
- John Emmerling prepared a paper designed to be presented to all potential sponsors of the 2015 airshow. The paper talks about the value the airport brings to the community, attributes the success of the 2014 airshow to sponsorship and volunteer support and requests their continued support for a "bigger & better" airshow this year. The paper commits to a "tiered" level of recognition for various donation levels. Bruce Claremont offered to add pictures to the Word document. The group agreed unanimously to adopt the paper and issue it to all potential sponsors. Jim Woolworth will prepare a list of all sponsor candidates to receive the paper.
- An application will be made this year to the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine for an airshow donation. The company's application form will be prepared and submitted by Jim Woolworth.

Performers and Displays:

- The search continues for unique airshow performers who do not require expensive, one-way cancellation contracts. We are investigating having Kyle Franklin Airshows do a "Flying Farmer"

routine. We are also looking into having Gary Rowler Airshows perform in either a Stearman or a Pitts.

- Don Nelson will be asked to return with his Sukhoi 26 aerobatic performance
- The Renegades Formation team with Steve Bergevin Aerobatics in his G-202 will be invited back
- Joe Thibodeau will do another routine in his P-51 if his schedule permits and we will ask his son to bring their NA-50 down.
- The Yaks will be invited back
- Fort Carson has indicated they will provide helicopters for static display and potentially flight demonstrations.
- We are investigating getting a medical (flight for life) helicopter for display
- The state will send the Pilatus and an air tanker for display again.
- The CAP will again provide an aircraft for static display

Airshow Preparations:

- Mark Greksa suggested that the airshow needs a logo that gives it a unique identity, a logo that can be used on all advertising, merchandise and correspondence related to the show. He has offered to have his designer prepare some logos for consideration. He has also offered to have him work on a program design for the show which would feature the logo as well as provide a key advertising forum to recognize our sponsors. The group agreed unanimously on asking Mark to proceed with these efforts.
- Mark also proposed adding a VIP area, shaded, equipped with refreshments, for airshow viewing to recognize higher sponsor levels and three of their guests. This idea was also adopted.
- Hats and shirts (with logo) will be purchased for volunteers, sponsors and for sale to the public. Dates will be left off any purchased merchandise so they may be used in future years.
- The airshow will remain free to all attendees with donations gratefully accepted. We need to place a bigger sign for donations in clear view at the entrance this year. Last year's sign was hidden from view.
- We will ask Search & Rescue and the Police Dept. to set up a booth at this years' show.
- Now that we have confirmed the date/time of our Airshow as September 19, 2015 from 7:00am to 2:00 pm, we need to have this date put on the Chamber of Commerce calenders for Canon City, Florence, West Cliff and Pueblo (Jim Woolworth)
- The event also needs to be posted on-line on the calenders for AOPA, EAA and Fly-In .com (John Marietta)
- Gail Claremont has offered to build a FaceBook page for the airport to enable airshow updates on-line. Gail was requested to add Wes Brandt as an administrator for the page to facilitate updates.
- At the March meeting Chairman Marietta asked that members give thought to filling key positions for the airshow (Airboss, Staging Boss, Ramp Boss, Oiler, Vendors, Booths, Parking, etc). Names will be put to those positions at that meeting so that they may assemble their teams.
- All members agreed that we would like Ed Norden to narrate the event in total this year.
- Members also agreed that we want to open the event, as last year, with the National Anthem and a flag jump.

There being no further subjects for discussion, Chairman John Marietta adjourned the meeting at 9:10 am.

Minutes taken by Jim Woolworth