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For four years the local Flying Club along with the Civil Air Patrol has sponsored a Flying Jamboree at Salida during the Labor Day week-end. This Jamboree has started with a Flying Breakfast served on Sunday morning. The menu for this breakfast is Rainbow Trout from the famous Frantzhurst Rainbow Trout Company, cantaloupe from Rocky Ford, Colorado, corn bread, scalloped potatoes and coffee served outdoors on the banks of the Arkansas river. At the end of the breakfast distinguished guests are introduced and prizes are awarded to the visiting pilots. They have then been free to take a tour of the Frantzhurst Trout farm up until two in the afternoon when we have presented an Air show.

We have always received wonderful cooperation from the Air Force and National Guard as well as the State Wing Headquarters of the Civil Air Patrol. In addition to all the regular acts such as parachute jumpers, wing walkers and smoke aerobatics, we have had jets from Williams Field in Arizona and F51's from the State National Guard. We have had as many as fifty visiting planes from all parts of Colorado and our nearby states and up to 12,500 people attend these Air shows. The past two years we know we would have had twice this number of visiting planes but unfortunately there was a heavy cloud bank lying along the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains and these planes were unable to get further west than Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo. However, we have always been fortunate in having perfect days with clear skies over Salida at the time of our Flying Jamborees.

We have always tried to keep everything controlled and we have had no accidents. Although we have been careful and had all acts well organized, such was not the case at Flagler, Colorado when they had their accident last year; and as a result of that accident, Air shows have almost been banned in this part of the country. We really think that that is for the best, but it leaves us with the problem of finding something to take the place of our Air show for our Fifth Annual Flying Jamboree.

Salida is a town of 5,000 population located in the upper Arkansas Valley at an elevation of 7,000 feet. The people are very air-minded, but because of our location in the heart of the Rockies just east of the Continental Divide, few planes have reason to come into this area. As a result of this, there are many types of planes which the people of Salida and our neighboring communities within a fifty mile radius have not seen. Air shows are more or less all alike and now that the people in this area have seen several, we feel that they would show more interest in this years Flying Jamboree if we could present something different. We would like to have the manufacturers and owners of some of these aircraft here for demonstrations in the air as well as have them on the ground for inspection. This year it is our purpose to demonstrate the



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Bob Edgar  
A number of the members of our Flying Club are also members of AOPA and we have written to AOPA for their help and suggestions with this years Flying Jamboree. We hope to obtain such aircraft as a helicopter, a Helioplane, the Fulton AIRPHIBIAN, and the latest models manufactured by different companies such as Piper, Taylorcraft, Cessna, Beech, Ryan and Callair. A helicopter was brought through here several years ago by the Forest Service as they were experimenting to find its efficiency at higher altitudes. We would also like to have a few of the well-known older types of aircraft, particularly a plane such as the Ford tri-motored transport. Nearly fifteen years ago my father was in charge of an Air show here sponsored by the American Legion opening our new airport which had been built and donated to the city by the Legion. At that time one of my father's friends brought in his Ford tri-motor and made a large number of flights from our field taking passengers over Salida and the surrounding valley. That was the last and only time to my knowledge that a Ford tri-motor has been in our community. We understand that you have a Ford tri-motor based in your area and we would very much like to have the name of the owner and pilot of this aircraft. We would like to contact him with regards to bringing his plane to Salida for our Fifth Annual Flying Jamboree. We are sure that the pilot and anyone flying to Salida with him would have a wonderful time not to be forgotten as well as providing an aircraft which would be of great interest to all those pilots and people who come to see our show.

Continuing with our Jamboree, after the Air show, or demonstration as we plan this year, all visiting flyers are invited to swim in our large municipal pool heated by Poncha Hot Springs which is second only to Baden Baden in Germany. After the swim we provide barbecue buffet style dinner served at our local Golf and Country Club followed by a dance where they can continue their hangar flying at the Salida Elk's Club. All this is free to all visiting flyers and for those who wish to get up early the following morning, we have provided tours to points of interest near Salida. We were once able to offer a special narrow gauge train scenic trip to the top of Marshall Pass, but as that was the last year that the narrow gauge train operated out of Salida we are sorry that such an excursion will never be offered again.

We invite you and pilots in your area to attend our Fifth Annual Flying Jamboree. As we are able to make final plans we will send out information concerning our show, airport and accomodations to all airports in Colorado as well as in nearby states and to flyers all over the country who are on our mailing list.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, we are

Yours very truly,

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