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If you didn't go along to the top of the "Front-range", up around the 7000 ft level, you missed a *great* trip when we went to NWSA #38 in Colorado Springs. Moon and *CincHouse* have been to 37 of these events and there has **never been a bad one!** The next one is scheduled to be in Vegas next spring with "Pepsicola" bidding on the 2014 event, probably in late autumn or early fall. It may be just a bit early to put these two in your "scheduled events" book, but planning on meeting old friends, seeing places you've were stationed at or visited, or just meeting the friends you've made over the years....makes these goings-on worth every penny you might spend.

And #38, put on with a lot of great events/trips and meetings, was conducted and planned by mainly one guy! Earl made numerous trips from the Seattle area down to Colo. to arrange for a great hotel (they just couldn't do enough for us), tours and schedules that gave everyone some outstanding things to see, yet get to all meetings and business items without missing the surrounding area. Master Chiefs don't usually let LCDR's do too much on their own, but **Mr. Kerr**.....you get a 4.0 on this job!!!

Our *Aerograph Editor*, **Charlie Jordan** announced that this issue will be his final edition of our quarterly newsletter. And Charlie, for your many years of excellent work, we **ALL** say *thank you* for the outstanding job you have done on keeping us informed and in touch with each other. It has not been confirmed, but the upcoming President will have to make the decision on our new editor.

And as usual, **Libby** and Obie (better known as PJ by people who count) will be doing their usual outstanding job of keeping the books straight and assisting our new editor.

The hotel's FREE shuttle to and from the airport kept a little money in our pocket too. It should be mentioned....we tried to bring just a little class to the USAF academy with a short visit there (beautiful church) but they responded by really dumping some rain on us for the remainder of that Sat. tour and trying to see some very interesting rocks and scenery nearby. Present weather 51 might have been OK, but 82 with and occasional 95 was a bit much.....alright, who ever doesn't remember those numbers...go to the back of the class.

Packing for travel soon....remember, this is the **best and least expensive time of the year** to travel....kids are going back to school, vacation times are over, and *most important airline travel/cost is DOWN*. You may notice, baggage cost continue to go up....mainly because the airlines are paying so much for fuel, so instead of raising airline prices they now add on more baggage fees. Your suitcase weighs more than 40 pounds (pay more), measures too big (pay more), carry-on too big (pay more), more than one carry-on (pay more)....are you getting a clue here? Pack smartly and check your ONE bag that doesn't take a crane to lift it on the scale....with no carry-on larger than a purse. You might also remember to put an empty plastic bag in your suitcase which can not only carry shoes, dirty laundry or even that couple of pounds of "overweight" you can take out of the suitcase and carry on. You can also put your jewelry or gifts that you will be buying in that plastic bag.

One final item...

NO liquids or lotions or salves in your CARRY-ON or purse.....or a present for someone wherever you're going!

*Put those items in your **SUITCASE** because you better believe that TSA will confiscate them when you go thru screening.*

Have a great trip.....you deserve it.

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