

Press Release

The Colorado Aviation Historical Society is presently accepting applications for its April 2008 Aviation Archaeology (**AvAr**) training course.

Consisting of classroom lecture and a field training exercise, this three-day course is spread over two weekends. Upon successful completion of all classroom subjects each student will receive a handsome, frameable graduation certificate. Those who go on to complete the [optional] field exercise will be awarded official Colorado Aviation Historical Society **AvAr** Field Agent credentials.

Classes will be held in the Main Terminal Building of the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield. Beginning promptly at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday (April 26/27th), students can expect lecture sessions to end no later than 5:00 pm each day. Those applicants wishing to complete the field exercise required for full **AvAr** Field Agent accreditation, scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, will be briefed progressively during the classroom portion of the course.

Presented by recognized subject matter experts approved by NAIAA (the North American Institute of Aviation Archaeology), classroom instruction includes: an introduction to the Colorado Aviation Historical Society and its mission; elementary map reading, pioneering skills and practical survival techniques; public laws and the Historic Preservation Act; principles of site investigation and documentation; simple aircraft component identification; historic aviation research methodology; basic imagery analysis; numerous actual case studies.

In addition, a representative from TIGHAR (The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery) will present an overview of current global operations as well as an update on that organization's search for Amelia Earhart.

At less than one hundred dollars per person, this is the most complete, cost effective training program offered anywhere that results in official accreditation concerning the field of aviation archaeology.

An on-line application may be found at www.coloradoaviationarchaeology.org. Further inquiries will be handled by contacting the program director directly at (970) 405-5377.