

Meeker Dedicates Airport to Colorado Aviation Legend



Gary Coulter
1934-2013

Rio Blanco County and the Town of Meeker celebrated the completion of two major airport capital improvement projects; the reconstruction of Runway 3/21, and construction of a large aircraft apron and partial parallel taxiway. The airport was also dedicated and renamed Meeker Airport/Coulter Field (EEO). The renaming of the airport commemorates long-time airport manager and Colorado aviation legend, Gary Coulter. Gary Coulter passed away on December 15th, 2013.

Gary Coulter

Gary Coulter had been the manager of the Meeker airport since 1959. Mr. Coulter had a large and positive influence on the Meeker Airport and aviation in Colorado with his impressive 54 year tenure at the Meeker airport and surrounding communities. In addition to being the airport manager, Gary was also the owner and operator of Coulter Aviation, providing charter flights, crop dusting, and aviation repairs. Coulter flew in every state in the United States, racking up over 25,000 hours of flight time.

Gary has received many well-deserved awards over the years for his hard work and dedicated service to aviation. Coulter was recently awarded the 2010 Colorado Agricultural Aviation Industry *Outstanding Service Award*. In 2011, Gary received the *Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award* in recognition of his contributions to building and maintaining the safest aviation system in the world through practicing and promoting safe aircraft maintenance for more than 50 consecutive years.

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