# Pike's Peak Flyer

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## **Chapter News—Let's Get Going!**

#### **EX-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! I hope that you all ended 2021 with a great big cheer and with hope and a prayer that 2022 will be the year that we thought 2021 would be. By now you have received the notice that this month's meeting will be the Annual Meeting for Chapter 72. It is important that we have a quorum to vote on new officers. We also need some folks to step up and fill some of the vacant positions on the board. The board consists of President (two-year term) Vice president (two-year term) Secretary (forever) Treasurer (one year term). These are the voting positions on the board and require membership to National EAA. However, there are other non-voting positions on the board like membership chairman and program chairman that are especially important. Outside the board, there are many other committees that keep the chapter moving. Committees come and go depending on the subject. An example is the raffle committee, which will go away after the drawing in December. The IMC/VMC, which was started by Richard

Martin, will hopefully continue committee we need to really support committee. This committee is Hurley and will become extremely sold the raffle tickets and have the scholarships to many students that in aviation.

If you haven't heard by now, The now have all of the licenses required tickets have been printed and are of Chapter 72. Only members of tickets, and all members are eligible two if they would like. WE ARE A GROUP OF



forever. Another is the scholarship headed up by Sara important once we have income to offer want to pursue a career

RAFFLE IS ON! We to run the raffle. The available to all members Chapter 72 can sell these to purchase a ticket or

#### AVIATION

ENTHUSIASTS WHO LIKE TO BUILD AND FLY OUR OWN AIRPLANES! It has taken a long time for me to understand that statement is exactly what we are. We didn't join the chapter to run it. We joined the chapter to meet other people with the same interest and/or to learn. There is no other place where you will meet so many pilots with your same goals or needs. Maybe it's the only place. But, without leadership the chapter will not survive! When you join this chapter or any other organization you automatically inherit an obligation. An obligation to give back to the organization. If a person is only going to take from the chapter or an organization and not give back, then is that person really a member?

Hope to see you at the annual meeting on the  $22^{nd}$ .

Blue skies and tailwinds forever. Jim Steward, President, BRUCE McCOMBS EAA Chapter 72

#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2021



This year, the Wreaths Across America event was incredibly successful as we were able to remember all 585 veterans who are laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs. This include our own chapter member, Hurstle Stidham, who was the second person in a homebuilt aircraft to land at Meadow Lake Airport.

Our current chapter member, Tom Tschappler, along with his wife and son, came out on Saturday, December 18 to help place these wreaths. We also had many community volunteers from various organization to assist. There was a sizable number of Air Force personnel from Schriever Air Force Base to help with the events on Friday so the cemetery was ready for our volunteers on Saturday.

Through the members generosity and contributions, not one of these veterans were forgotten. Help at our Pancake Breakfasts in May and November were a huge part of this success.

I know that many of you who contributed have a deep connection to the military as you once served. There are veterans at Fairview Cemetery who served in the Civil War. Fairview Cemetery is the oldest cemetery in Colorado Springs and up until five years ago, had been forgotten. Chapter 72 is a huge part of this cemetery to ensure everyone is remembered through the year. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year successful. I know this will be continuing tradition to keep this going in the years to come. For all our veterans in this chapter, thank you for your service and sacrifice over the years. This program is a salute to your service as well. On the opposite page are a few pictures after all the wreaths were placed.

#### **Fairview Cemetery**







#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

•	Jan. 22, 2022	Chapter 72 Meeting, MLAA hangar	10 am social, 11 am meeting	
•	Jan. 24-28, 2022	Homebuilders Week, Sign up for video classes at eaa.org/homebuildersweek		
٠	Feb.7, 2022	Board Meeting, MLAA hangar	7 pm	
•	Feb.12, 2022	Coffee & Donuts, MLAA hangar	9 - 11 am	
٠	Feb. 19, 2022	Chapter 72 Meeting, VMC/IMC, MLAA hangar	10 am social, 11 am meeting	
•	Mar. 3, 2022	Board Meeting, MLAA hangar	7 pm	
•	Mar. 12, 2022	Coffee & Donuts, Young Eagles, MLAA ramp	9 am – 12 pm	
•	Mar. 16, 2022	VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA hangar	6 – 7 pm	
٠	Mar. 19, 2022	Chapter 72 Anniversary Spaghetti Dinner	5 pm social, 6 pm dinner	

#### **GONE WEST**

It is with saddened hearts that we remember Michael Cranford "Cranny" who tragicly left us on Dec. 8, 2021 in an accident with his recently built RV-4. Mike was one of our chapter members who had a very attractive personality and was truly loved by all who knew him. He will be sorely missed. His peers hosted a Memorial Gathering in his honor at Meadowlake Airport last Sunday, Jan. 9. It was well attended and thank you to all those who arranged it.

A memorial service will be held in Mike's hometown January 29 at 1300. Location: Lacy Funeral Home Chapel, 1310 N Harbin Drive, Stephenville, TX, 76401.

The USAFA event for Cranny will be held April 29 at the USAFA cemetery (further details when they're available).

Those who wish to send condolences to the Cranford family may address them to Cran's sister:
Sue Parker
P.O. Box 1121
Mt Pleasant, TX 75456

Donations in memory of Mike may be made to:

United States Air Force Academy Endowment 3116 Academy Dr., Suite 200 USAF Academy, CO 80840 Checks should be payable to the Air Force Academy Fund.

American Cancer Society 250 Williams Street NW Atlanta, GA 30303-1002.





#### **December 4 Christmas Party**

Congratulations to the following members who were nominated by The Board as recipients of our 2021 Awards.

Volunteer of the Year-Emily Eberhart for her help in preparing and clean-up of our Pancake Breakfasts. Member of the Year-Al Spratford for his consistent dedication in marshalling aircraft for our Young Eagle events. Member of the Year-Brian Esch for his consistent dedication in marshalling aircraft for our Young Eagle events. Pete Gonzales Spirit Award-Lee Heitman his good nature and positive attitude in leading our Young Eagles. YE Pilot of the Year-Lee Lesher for his consistent dedication in volunteering his RV-8 and his skills with Young Eagle events.

#### Gary Leake's G Sport

Gary Leake spent several years designing and building the airplane of his own design he calls the G-Sport. It was assembled in three different countries during his Air Force career. He did everything from designing to building and painting the final product. He received his experimental amateur built airworthiness certificate on December 8, 2021.





#### The Rans S-19 Chapter Raffle

The Raffle Committee announces that the Rans S-19 Chapter Raffle is underway and they need your help in buying and selling tickets. The goal is to sell 2,500 tickets by the end of 2022 at \$100.00 apiece. Money from the proceeds will go toward the purchase of a Redbird Simulator and scholarships for our promising Young Eagles. A lot of work has gone into this endeavor and the real work of selling tickets begins now with every chapter member. Our chapter Secretary, Esther Smith, will be at the MLAA hangar every Saturday morning from 9 to 10 to issue tickets to all members who need tickets to sell. She is also there to collect money from tickets you have sold. At this point tickets are being sold in person only. Ticket sales will be offered online as soon as we receive approval from the Colorado State Gaming Authority, which is estimated to take 4 to 6 weeks. Please begin contacting your friends and family to participate in this exciting event. More information to follow as things develop.



#### Special Guest Speaker for Feb. 19 Chapter Meeting

The February IMC/ VMC club meeting will be held jointly with our regular chapter meeting which is February 19, 2022 at 11:00 am in the MLAA hangar. Our speaker will be Radek Wyrzykowski who started the IMC/VMC club concept in 2010 and is now a part of the EAA Organization. Radek's responsibilities in addition to running the IMC/ VMC clubs for EAA have recently been expanded and also include working in collaboration with the director of Flight Proficiency Programs to develop and delver programming related to the Pilot Proficiency Center. Mr. Radek will be talking about the IMC and VMC club program and flight proficiency.

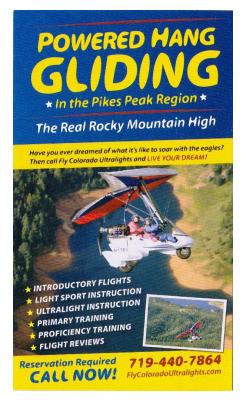
## **Chapter Financials**

#### Thank you for supporting these EAA Chapter 72 members!

#### EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12/31/2021

Date	Purpose	Amount
12/01/2021	Beginning Balance	\$10,964.23
12/31/2021	Ending Balance	\$7,291.71



## Chapter Meeting

Date: January 22, 2022

Time: 10 am social, 11 am meeting Place: MLAA Hangar Program: EAA Video, Officer Elections

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#### About Our Chapter

EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. **Meetings are on 3rd Saturday of each month** with a Young Eagle Rally and/or breakfast/brunch/lunch or other activity throughout the month on Saturdays. Look for the calendar of events to high- light special chapter events like Young Eagle Rallies, fly-outs, and all other chapter sponsored activities.

The Chapter Newsletter is published monthly, normally mailed, and available on the website a few days before each meeting. Readers are encouraged to contribute articles, photos, etc. by submitting them to the Newsletter Editor in hard copy — email, pen/ paper, if it is not verbal—by the first Saturday of each month.

Annual membership is \$25. Send to: EAA Chapter 72, 7980 Cessna Dr. Peyton, CO 80831 payable to EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings, and having a great time with sport aviation.