

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We ended 2022 on an extremely high note! Not only was our Christmas Party at Patty Jewett Bar & Grill well attended (75 members, wives & guests), it was a lot of fun. I hear that I may have had a little too much fun. I really do not remember. Anyway, we closed out the year with the raffle drawing. **Steve Loftus** was the winner, and he is extremely excited, (rightfully so), about the Rans. He and his wife, **Annie**, have been here to view the plane, and they just fell in love with it! We ended up selling 1,897 tickets which equates to \$189,700.00! We paid Gene Kear for the paint job, the state taxes, and still have a few other items to take care of, (4th quarter taxes, some advertising) so it's not all profit. Expenses so far total \$12,953.00. I had no idea what we were getting into with a raffle. It has been a lot of work and in some cases, rather worrisome. The raffle committee did a fantastic job. **Robert Latham, Nick Cirincione, Ester Smith, Richard & Patty Martin, Greg Sipes, Randy Loyd, Dana Rieman, and Michael Jerger** all pitched in to make the raffle successful. The entire chapter helped. Many members bought tickets and several members sold tickets. It really was a chapter effort, and you should all be proud of what the chapter has accomplished.

(photos by Steve Trolander)

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So, you say the raffle is over and we have money in the bank and it's time to celebrate. But that is not true. The real work is just beginning and now it's time for some new members to step up and help. Think about the following and how you can help. When we receive the Redbird Simulator, we are going to need somebody to schedule students and pilots. We will also need an instructor.

I have discussed grant possibilities with several people who are willing to help write and apply for grants. Patty Arthur, an EAA Attorney, is on the Ray Foundation Board and has indicated that we can get a 50% matching grant of \$35,000.00 to help buy the simulator. There are many grants available and I feel that we should apply for every grant possible. We need someone to search out the grants that we could use. We have indicated to everybody that we plan to offer scholarships to high school students to help them get a pilot's license. How do we write scholarships, who can, and will do this? How do we follow the students through their training to make sure they are learning, and sticking with the program so when they graduate they are, in fact, excellent pilots? There is more, and there will be even more.

It wasn't too many years ago Chapter 72 was about to fold. But our chapter has come back strong, and we should be proud of where we are. Our members are building airplanes, award winning airplanes, and lots of them. There is a whole flock of homebuilt airplanes at this airport that will take to the air this year. We fly Eagles, Young Eagles, and we have fly-ins, and pancake breakfasts. We have educational programs at our general membership meetings, and Richard Martin, with Patty's help, run IMC and VMC meetings every month. I feel, as an EAA Chapter, we are above average within the 800 plus chapters in the National Organization. But now, with a few bucks in the bank, we can do things that we have never attempted in the past. We have the opportunity to become an exceptional chapter if we want to. We can build a revenue stream that will keep this chapter going for years to come.

I realize that those of us who have a project underway, see that as the priority, and that's OK. You are not interested in scholarships or simulators. The chapter is here to support you, but after you have completed your award-winning project, and you have flown it all over the country, it will be time to help the chapter support those that supported you. It has been said that 20% of an organization do 100% of the work. We now have over 130 members, and it seems more like 10% do all the work. Why would a person join any organization if they're not going to help support it? Just a simple question that has always bugged me.

This chapter has somehow weathered through several dreadful years. 2020 (a terrible year), 2021 (not much better), 2022 (better), and now 2023. What is it going to be? As far as Chapter 72 goes, it could be a really great year, but it won't be if we can't get some help from the 90% who have been willing to watch. I don't have to be reminded that **Paul Poberezny** started EAA to help teach people how to build airplanes. But it has grown from a handful of aviation enthusiasts to an international organization representing virtually the entire spectrum of recreational aviation, and chapter 72 has grown with it. We are so much more today than we were when **Bruce McCombs** and a handful of aviation enthusiasts started Chapter 72 sixty-one years ago.

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If you don't know or can't tell, I am excited about Chapter 72 and have been since I became president five years ago. Maybe my vision of the chapter is too broad, and we should just build airplanes, but good things just keep happening. We changed the name to honor one of our founding members who was instrumental in starting this airport. We

became a 501c3 organization and shortly afterwards **Ken Hendrickson** donated a kit project to the chapter which we very successfully raffled off. The chapter has been steadily growing. We just completed perhaps the most successful year ever, and now we have an exciting future ahead of us. Hopefully we will continue to grow and invest our raffle money wisely. We owe that to **Ken Hendrickson**.

Blue Skies

Jim Steward,
President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Jan. 11, 2023 | VMC/IMC club, cancelled this month | 6-7 pm |
| • Jan. 14, 2023 | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar | 9-11 am |
| • Jan. 21, 2023 | Chapter Meeting, MLAA Hangar | 11:00 am, lunch follows |
| • Jan. 23-27, 2023 | Homebuilder's Week (EAA on-line courses) | see schedule at eaa.org |
| • Feb. 8, 2023 | VMC/IMC club, MLAA classroom | 6-7 pm |
| • Feb. 11, 2023 | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar | 9-11 am |
| • Feb. 18, 2023 | Chapter Meeting, MLAA Hangar | 11:00 am, lunch follows |
| • Mar. 8, 2023 | VMC/IMC club, MLAA classroom | 6-7 pm |
| • Mar. 11, 2023 | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar | 9-11 am |
| • Mar. 11, 2023 | Young Eagles Rally, MLAA Ramp | 9 am – 12 pm |
| • Mar. 16, 2023 | Anniversary Dinner, Old Spaghetti Factory | 6-8 pm |



Our annual dues are due January 31 for 2023. There are 3 ways to pay:

1. Bring check or cash to Chapter Events
2. Send check to Esther Smith at 1303 Fosdick Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
3. Pay online at our website: [Chapters.eaa.org/EAA72](https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA72) and click on Join-Renew

Checks are made out to EAA Chapter 72. See you on January 14 for Coffee and Donuts from 9 to 11 AM!

ANNUAL DUES are \$25.00

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Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 23

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

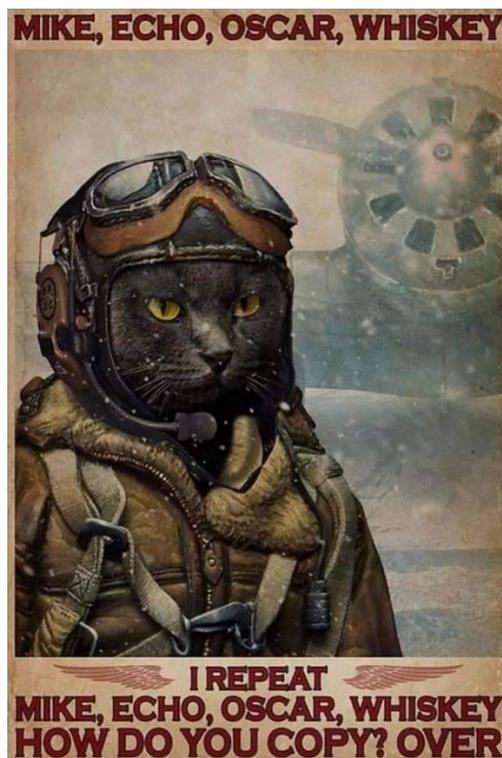
This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.



Chapter Financials

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EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12/31/2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: MLAA Hangar Upstairs

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About our Chapter

The Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. Meetings are held on 3rd Saturday of each month with a breakfast or lunch. Look for the calendar of events to highlight special chapter activities like Young Eagle Rallies, fly-outs, and other chapter sponsored events. The Chapter Newsletter is published monthly, normally emailed, 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 by the first Saturday of each month.

Annual membership is \$25. Send to: Secretary Esther Smith, 1303 Fosdick Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Make check payable to EAA Chapter 72 or pay on-line at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa72>. Be informed, attend the meetings, and have a great time with sport aviation.