

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



(Photos by Patty Martin)

I am so sorry that I had to miss our Chapter's 61st anniversary dinner due to a little bout with COVID. Everybody that I have heard from said that it was a very enjoyable evening, and the food was great.

It's time to start spending some of the raffle money. The RedBird Simulator has been ordered, and delivery is expected in September, 2023. The current plan is to have RedBird set it up in the MLLA hangar. When AeroLab gets their new school building completed, the simulator will be moved to the new building. We are also ready to award some scholarships to deserving high school students. Our Scholarship Coordinator, Sara Hurley, and I interviewed seven students who had written essays as to why they should receive a scholarship. The good news here is, no matter who we select to receive a scholarship, we will have picked a deserving student. The first scholarship awarded will be for \$11,000 from the Ray Foundation. The second scholarship will be from our raffle funds, in the amount of \$10,000. We are also going to offer two additional \$5,000 scholarships from our raffle funds. These scholarships will be awarded to deserving high school students to complete their private pilot training within one year.

Robert Latham is working on a 50/50 grant request from Ray Foundation for the simulator. If successful, it would amount to around \$50,000! This additional money will allow us to offer some more scholarships. Let's hope it's successful.

There seems to be a little confusion as to what weekend our general membership meetings are held. Our General Membership meeting is on the third Saturday of the month. This Saturday, we would like to hear from members who have projects under construction, as to their progress. If you have just completed a project, and are ready to fly or have already flown, we would like to know that as well.

See you all Saturday,

Jim Steward, President
EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Apr. 15 | Chapter Meeting, MLAA hangar | 11 am followed by lunch |
| • May 10 | VMC/IMC club meeting, MLAA classroom | 6-7 pm |
| • May 13 | Coffee & Donuts, Young Eagle Rally | 9-11 am |
| • May 15-20 | EAA Learn-to-Fly week | |
| • May 20 | Pancake Fly-in, MLAA hangar | 7-10 am |

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY, APRIL 8, 2023

Volunteers,

Thank you so much for an excellent day! 30 youth flew Saturday and 2 adults with 9 pilots! Huge blessing.

Our next Rally will be on May 13th, and I'll put a list of the dates on the bottom of this message, so you can mark the dates. My plan is to fly 30 children per Rally if able, and we are already full for the May event. I hope you all have a great weekend! See you next month.

2023 Young Eagles Rallies-

May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th.



God bless you all.

Jeff Hyatt
Young Eagles Coordinator, EAA72
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Announcement from Falcon AeroLab

Good evening pilot friends!

We are planning on flying students from the MLAA hangar at Meadow Lake Airport May 2- May 5th starting at 10am. Each flight is about 15-20 mins, If we can get a couple of pilots for each day, we should be finished in about 2-3 hours.

If you are interested and available to help us out, we would be happy to pay fuel costs!

May 2nd- 9 students

May 3- 14 students

May 4- 13 students

May 5- 14 students

This is for our youngest group of students (ages 9-11) and will be many of their first time flying! It should be a great day! Thank you for all your continued support in inspiring the next generation of aviators!

Warmly,
Sara Hurley

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EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand. "Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at EAA.org/LTFWeek.



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EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72 Sixty-first Anniversary Dinner



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Hangar for Rent, 50X50 HANGAR AT MEADOW LAKE
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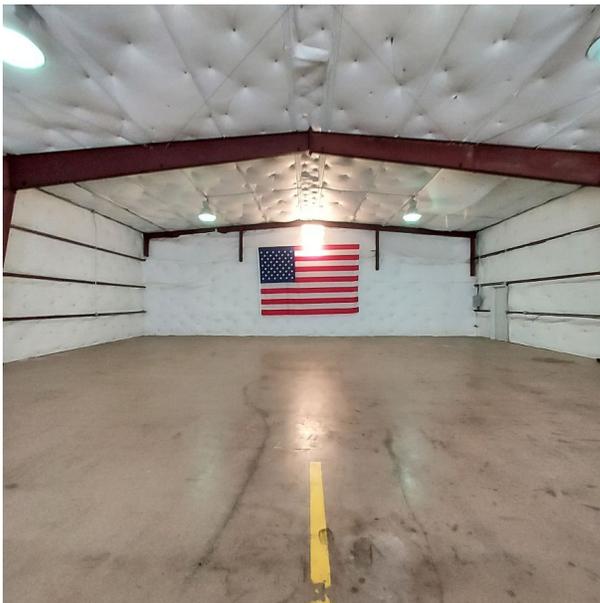
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Dale Lankford, former Chapter 72 member, died last week in Boise, Idaho. Dale and his wife, Kathy, lived in a house at Meadow Lake during the 1990s. Both were pilots and enjoyed being involved with the chapter. They moved away to the Boise area around 2000 due to a job change for Kathy.

About 10 years ago, Dale was feeling poorly and the doctor told him that he had leukemia and a genetic makeup that made the normal treatments not available to him... and that he had about 3 months to live. Dale didn't like that prognosis and proceeded to find a study at NIH in DC that fit his situation. So, he got 10 years more of life rather than the 3 months originally projected.

He used those years to continue to live and fly, purchasing a Cub a while back and getting into back country flying. He also was enjoying his time motorcycling.

Dale was a gem cutter, jewelry maker, sculptor, pilot and a good friend.

I thought that the people with the chapter who remember him should hear about his passing.

A photo of Dale Lankford from New Year's 2020:



Chapter Financials

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

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 03/31/2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/01/2023	Beginning Balance	\$6,621.84
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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: MLAA Hangar, member project
updates, Lunch follows

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MEADOW LAKE AIRPORT - COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Next Meeting Apr. 15, 2023

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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.