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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

I don't know what is wrong with me? It just seems like 2017 was only about half over and 2018 shows up. How can that be? It must be true though because everybody I talk to is telling me that 2017 has come and gone, got up and went, its history. So, if that is really true then I guess it's time that we roll up our sleeves and get to work having some **FUN** before 2018 slips away.

I am really excited about 2018 and the future for EAA Chapter 72!! I must say that I was a little disappointed about the turnout for the December meeting but the meeting it-self was great. Two new guests showed up, one of whom, **James Lotspeich**, is building a Skybolt! **Ryan**, who used to be a member but has been away in Germany is coming back.

I think that everybody there really enjoyed the food that **Esther and Mike** put out and all of the camaraderie was tremendous. Not shown are the meatballs and fixings on another table plus the punch, coffee and other drinks. Esther always comes through with so much.

What I came away with from this meeting was that we are not only a group of folks that love airplanes and flying but just getting together with each other is so pleasurable and essential. We found two old albums in the closet that are about Chapter 72's beginning with lots of pictures and articles about the members and their planes. These sparked a lot of discussion which we all really enjoyed. The sad part is that the albums seem to stop in the 1990's. We have so many more planes on the field now that aren't shown

plus so many projects under construc-



tion that need to be put in the albums. Maybe we need a Historic Committee to photograph all of our current members and their projects with a little history and photo. Anybody like to

help with this? Actually, all of us could help by writing a little blurb about our plane or project and take a picture. We all have pretty good cameras (cell phones) with us all of the time or Steve Trolander has a really good camera and knows how to use it.

Do you realize that EAA Chapter 72 will be **56** years old as of March 25th 2018?!! The chapter used to have a spaghetti Dinner for our March meeting as an anniversary party but stopped for some reason a couple of years ago. I would like to repeat something that Bruce McCombs wrote back in 1962. *"On receiving custody of the Chapter 72 photo album and record, I find the formation & charter record are not recorded. I felt that the beginning should be rec-*

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orded if only to have an anniversary party". Bruce goes on to record the history of the chapter in a document that will be copied and displayed in the meeting hanger. This wish of Bruce's was carried out for 53 years and we, the board, are going to bring it back this year for our March meeting which will be a dinner meeting the evening of Saturday the 17th of March 2018, also St. Patrick's Day, *green spaghetti?* NOOoooo!

This year the county commissioners (we have three new ones) will be adopting some new rules about airports like Meadow Lake Airport, and Dave Elliot is all over it. In my view, we are very lucky to have Dave heading up the airport association. We should all thank him regularly for his tireless effort in dealing with the County and State on behalf of our airport. Dave wants to organize an open house at the airport this year and reacquaint the commissioners with Meadow Lake. As the largest organized group on this airport, we need to pitch in. It's been three or maybe four years since we had an open house and we need to keep it up. It is very important that we continue to be a good neighbor with our surrounding community. How many of you know that someone is planning on building a small shopping center on the small triangular partial of land just north of Judge Orr Rd and south of Highway 24!? Really?? Well maybe it will be a paved parking lot and better place to land for the few people that manage to do so every other year. That's why we need the Commissioners out here as well.

Meadow Lake is growing and faster every year. There are countless projects under construction and new houses being built with more in the planning. One of our members, Carl Benda, is trying to organize a large fly-in for sometime in September, a three day event with a band and BBQ and all sorts of stuff. I don't know that he needs help from the EAA but this is exactly what we need to promote on this airport and make it more fun. Carl Benda has also volunteered to be the Membership Chairman! Carl is a get-it-done type of guy and this has to be good for

the chapter! Several years ago, Burrall Sanders organized a fly-in for those strange airplanes he builds and it was quite successful and fun! Maybe a biplane fly-in would be fun also.

There are around 450 airplanes on this airport and a very large part of these are homebuilt or experimental. Another large group are vintage or classic planes and we seldom see them. Why? Can't we get these planes out once a month and fire up that BBQ that I built (it's just gathering dust) for the EAA and enjoy a day of real fun. I swear I saw what looks like a T-28 fuselage setting out by Mike Cranford's hanger the other day. What the heck is Mike doing? Is there going to be another flying T-28 on the field? And what about Brian Christian's Dove? I bet it won't be long before that plane is flying. Heck, Brian could do the whole Young Eagle program with that airplane.

We have a chapter member who likes to organize fly-outs for his group of RV friends. Rod Kauber, who is also a young eagle pilot and a good guy who would make a great fly-out chairman for the chapter. Maybe with a little arm twisting we can railroad convince Rod into helping us out?

Yes, I am excited about 2018 because we are going to have some fun. So roll up your sleeves and help our new board help us all have some **fun!**

By the way, since it is 2018, dues are due and payable on the 18th of January, our first chapter meeting of the year. Only twenty five one\$ bills to be a member of this great EAA chapter.

Bob Hall is going to have his ground adjustable propeller on display and have a little demonstration on it. Sounds interesting. See ya all on the 18th as we plan this next year!

Dilly Dilly!!

JD

President, EAA chapter 72

Chapter Financials

EAA Chapter 72 Financial Position As of December 31, 2017

	Dec 31, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
ENT Fed Credit Union - Checking	6,919.11
ENT Fed Credit Union - Savings	25.00
Farmers State Bank - Savings	726.34
Petty Cash	65.50
Total Checking/Savings	7,735.95
Total Current Assets	7,735.95
TOTAL ASSETS	7,735.95
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	5,538.44
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,910.72
Net Income	286.79
Total Equity	7,735.95
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Chapter Meeting

Date: January 18, 2017, Thursday

Time: 6:30 PM Arrive, 7:00 PM Meeting

Program: Help us kick off the year with your suggestions and requests for programs and activities.

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Thursday,
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About Our Chapter

EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. **Meetings are on 3rd Thursday evening 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 highlight 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, as long as it's not verbal—by the first Saturday of each month.

Annual membership is \$25. Send to Sandy Martin, at 7505 Mallard Drive, Peyton, CO 80831, payable EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings and having a great time with sport aviation.