

Pike's Peak Flyer

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At five weeks into the runway project the crew was 20 days behind. That ain't bad for road work in Colorado considering the amount of rain we have had this year. When you have been involved in construction your whole life, like I have, you learn that most major construction projects start out 20 days behind schedule the day the contract is signed. The schedule gets set before the contract is signed or the construction document finished. Then there is always a problem with the contract or the plans aren't complete, or the county and city can't agree on something. Therefore the start date gets set back, but never the completion date and liquidated damages get added to the contract. Then, if the project isn't complete by gets to pay the hundred dollars up project. Anyway, has changed their days on the is early October. start planning the A huge BBQ with the first to fly off of great opportunity drawing for the then 20 or 30 parade of airplanes, entice some of our event. We could am sorry. It's just me thinking out loud about what could be, but won't. It's too late. August is over and September won't give us enough time to get the word out to the public. We really can't plan anything since we don't have an actual completion date. I bet, as soon as the asphalt has been rolled out, somebody will sneak out some evening and christen the runway themselves anyway. So let's move on. The chapter has scheduled a Young Eagle Flight for School District 11 in late October (28th or 29th or 30th), depending on runway status and weather.



the completion date, the general contractor damages, which may amount to a few to many thousands a day, depending on the according to Dave Elliott the runway crew tactics and have actually picked up some schedule, so now the new completion date It's not too early for MLAA and EAA to new RUNWAY CHRISTENING PARTY! lots of planes and pilots all wanting to be the new asphalt. I think that it would be a for a fund raiser to sell tickets and have a first person to take off on the new runway, planes take off directly afterward. A if you will. SO COOL. Maybe Dave could county commissioners out to witness the also invite the public? Oh, don't worry. I

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One thing that will happen this month is the Pikes Peak Regional Air Show on 21st & 22nd of September. The chapter has agreed to have a booth in the KidsZone. One of our new members, Doug



Ritter, who just joined this last meeting, has the cockpit of a Heron on a trailer and hopefully we can use it at the show. I think the kids will love it! Doug Ritter promises to be a great addition to our chapter. He comes over from Springs East and wants us to know that Springs East is open to all and they have also been working on their runway. Welcome aboard Doug! Several members have signed up to help man the booth but we could use a few more. On Friday morning, the KidsZone is open just to disabled or special needs children. They will have access to the hot ramp and get to watch the F22 practice for the show. On Saturday and Sunday, gates will be open from 8:00

AM until 5:00 PM. If you haven't signed up and want to help, then just give me a call at 352-1608 or email me at jim@kdsteward.com.

Turnout was light for our August meeting which is becoming a little disappointing to me. The chapter has grown a lot over the past year and half, but participation continues to dwindle. Maybe Carl is right when he says that it's because we don't have a runway. Well maybe so, but there still are several airplane projects under construction and the burgers are hot, drinks are still cold, the conversation is good and the chapter still has business to conduct and so on. Randy Loyd had an interesting demonstration on the use of fire extinguisher and the different types. Extinguishers should be inspected every six years or so. The one in my hangar is over twenty years. They look good hanging on the wall, but if they won't work when you really need them, then they are just wall art. Based on the comments I heard after Randy's talk, I think we have a lot of wall art around the airport.

I hope to see many of you at the airshow. All who sign up to help will get in free, a \$25.00 value. If we have enough sign up, we will each only have to work a couple hours and then just enjoy the show. See ya at the show.

Jim Steward, Pres.

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Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 72 Flying Club

The new EAA Chapter 72 Flying Club is almost here! I joined the EAA this year with the hopes of finding a way to afford flying. I am a “rusty pilot” with limited funds and no place available to build a plane for myself. To be truthful, I would rather spend my time flying than building. Joining the EAA was a way for me to make contact with flying enthusiasts and perhaps get some insight into getting back into flying. Imagine my surprise when Jim Steward said during a meeting that there should be a flying club associated Chapter 72 of the EAA. I found out a few weeks later that a Rans S-19 Venterra was going to be donated to the EAA Chapter due to the generosity of Ken Hendrickson. I don't know how he did it, but Jim Steward got a new, mostly-built airplane donated for use in the flying club! I do not know who or what Jim knows, but I personally don't want to upset him!



The Rans S-19 is a two place LSA that cruises at 110kts with a ceiling of 14,500 feet. From what I can tell, the plane is supposed to be very smooth to fly and easy to take off and land. The donated plane has a 100hp Rotax engine, dual Dynon Displays and VHF radio, transponder and an autopilot. This isn't a monster cross-country plane in my opinion but it should do the job for what I, and hopefully others, need in terms of a plane to work on communications skills, procedures and perhaps getting a high dollar hamburger or two!

Dana Rieman took the lead in getting the plane ready. I have kept in contact with him (hopefully, without becoming annoying) to understand how far the final assembly has progressed. Dana says the plane is nearly ready. A new oil pressure sensor needs to be installed and the engine is ready to start up.

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Following are a few pictures of the plane. Once the engine runs and all the sensors and indicators are working, the plane can go through final assembly. I talked to Dana and he has worked out some initial numbers for getting access to the Rans in the new flying club:

- Maximum members to own shares in the Rans: 15
- Buy in price: \$ 2500.00 *
- Monthly upkeep fee: \$ 125.00**
- Rental Rate, wet: \$ 75.00

*Shares in the aircraft can be sold if you leave the club.

**\$125/mo with 10 members, \$100/mo with 15 members



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I know that flying is not on everyone's mind with Meadow Lake being closed, but shortly the airport will reopen and we will get the itch to fly. There still a few hurdles to overcome including finishing the airplane, getting it inspected and completing the 40 hours of test flying. This could only take a month or so. There is a bigger issue looming; we need to get the flying club started, and to do that, we need a handful pilots to commit to becoming members. If you are like me, a "rusty" pilot in search of a reasonably priced rental or you are in the middle of building your own plane (I am jealous), this could be your ticket off the ground.

Please contact Dana Rieman at danarieman@yahoo.com and let him know you are interested. LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED!

Thanks

Jim Sesters

EAA Chapter 72 Member

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IMPORTANT ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Help wanted: The chapter needs a dedicated volunteer to be our “Fly-out” coordinator who will plan and promote fly-out activities. Talk to Carl Benda or Scott Bengener.
- Chapter leadership training
Each year EAA hosts a chapter leadership training academy in Oshkosh. If you are a current or prospective chapter leader this might be for you: Contact Jim Steward for more information.

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/chapters/chapter-leadership-training/ea-chapter-leaders-academy>

- We are looking for a treasurer for 2020. It's a one-year job (the other officers are two years) and it requires just a few hours a month. The treasurer serves on the Chapter Board of Directors and performs the following duties:
Maintains chapter finances, receives and deposits all funds, issues checks, balances checkbook, maintains financial books and records on Quickbooks (provided by the Chapter), files IRS 990N annually, and issues receipts for donations.
Please contact Jim Steward (jim@kdsteward.com) or Scott Bengener (scbenger@gmail.com) if you are interested. The treasurer will be elected at our annual meeting in November and start in January 2020. It's a great way to get more involved with your chapter and to get to know many more of our members.
- For our Chapter 72 meeting on October 24, Sarah Rickman, Publicity Chair for the local Pikes Peak Chapter of the 99s will present her documentary film, “Five WASPS Up Close and Personal”. It features five of the original WASPS she knew personally, and they talk about their experiences ferrying both fighter and trainer aircraft for the Air Transport Command during WWII. She recently presented this at the International 99s Conference and Career Expo in Dayton, OH in July. Her talk will also cover Nancy Love and the original 28 WAFS, later known as WASPS.

Chapter Financials

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these EAA Chapter 72
members!*

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 8/31/19

Date	Purpose	Amount
8/1/2019	Beginning Balance	\$7,140.00
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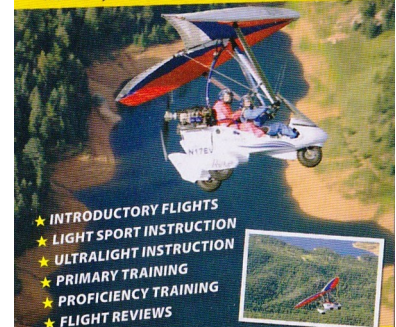
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Chapter Meeting

Date: Sep. 21-22, 2019

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Place: Colorado Springs Airport,
Military Complex,

Adjacent to Rwy 35R approach

Program: Pikes Peak Regional Airshow
EAA Chapter 72 Booth, Hosting Kidzone



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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, as long as it's not verbal—by the first Saturday of each month.

Annual membership is \$25. Send to Esther Smith, at 7890 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.