

Chapter News

Pike's Peak Flyer

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I need to start off this month's newsletter with some sad news and a call for volunteers. I'm sorry to report to you that Alec Hamilton has resigned from the position of Secretary. He has stepped down so that he can focus his attention on his Civil Air Patrol duties and furthering his flight training. I would like to wish him well in that endeavor and thank him for his assistance these past few months. If anyone would like to volunteer for this position, then please contact anyone on the board and make your interest known.

Raquel Dominguez is also stepping down from the Young Eagles coordinator position, so we need another eager volunteer to step up and take over those duties. Jeff has agreed to help train the next person for those duties, but he's unable to attend our regular Saturday YE's events due to work. Our first YE rally, this weekend (12 Apr 2025), will be covered by Jim Densmore and Doug Dal Soglio in a team effort. I would like to thank them both for their assistance in stepping up this weekend. They're both an integral part of our chapter and I can't praise them enough for their continued efforts. Jim and Doug have been flying YE's and adult Eagle flights for a while now.

Our Spaghetti dinner turned out fantastic with a final head count of 37 people showing up. If you missed it, then watch out for it next year. We do this every year in March, and I expect this anniversary dinner will continue well past my tenure. The Old Spaghetti Factory has been a fantastic host for this event for at least the past 3 years and if you haven't had a chance to eat there, then I encourage you to try them.

We're putting together a scholarship committee to award this year's Ray Scholarship award. Sarah Hurley will be heading up this committee and we're looking for a couple chapter members to help select this year's recipient. Talk to a board member if you'd like to volunteer. We need to get this committee assembled ASAP.

Now the big volunteer call to action. As many of you know, we're hosting our largest event ever; 17 May 2025 from 9AM to 3PM. Which is this year's Chapter 72 - Learn to Fly event. We need at least 25-30 volunteers to help pull off this event. We'll need safety observers, parking assistants (both cars and aircraft), ramp coordinators, eagle flight volunteers, as well as a team to set up and tear down for the event, plus many more positions. Signup sheets will begin showing up this weekend at our Coffee & Donuts meeting and you'll see those signup sheets at every meeting until 17 May 2025. We plan to begin the setup after work on the 16th (Friday) and we'll tear down only the essentials at the conclusion of the event. It's already going to be a long day, so there's no need to make it longer with cleanup. We'll need a small group to show up on Sunday around noon on 18 May 2025. We can then really focus on cleanup

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and rearranging our hangar back to normal operations for that following week.

Just a quick reminder that 21 June 2025 will be our annual KFLY project tour. We'll meet at the hangar at 9AM and carpool from the MLAA hangar to the many local projects. We'll start the grill early, that way lunch will be available back at the MLAA hangar at the conclusion of the project tour; that should be around noon!

Now to wrap up my message with some fantastic news. Jim Steward sent out an email to the board a couple of days ago to inform us that Chapter 72 has been awarded the EAA GOLD level status for 2024. We've been receiving the silver level recognition for several years now. But we've just moved up to the big leagues and we're now a GOLD level chapter! Thank you everyone for your ongoing support and please give yourself a pat on the back for helping achieve this new level of recognition.

Thank you,
Bill Epperson Jr.
Vice President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Apr.12	Coffee & Donuts, YE Rally, Fly Market Day, MLAA Hangar	9-11 am
• Apr. 19	Aviation Decision Making – Kenneth Johnson	11 am
• May 10	Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar	9-11 am
• May 10	Young Eagles Rally, MLAA Ramp	9 am-12 pm
• May 14	VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA classroom	6-7:30 pm
• May 17	EAA Nat'l Learn to Fly Day & Fly-in	9 am- 3pm

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1st Annual Fly Market / 12 Apr 2025 (8AM to noon)

Upstairs in the MLAA Hangar

It's time to clean out the hangar and sell off some of that old aviation gear that's been sitting around. Whatever you're selling **MUST** be aviation related; tools, avionics, sheet metal, wire, etc.... No flammable or hazardous materials will be allowed inside the building. If you want to sell something like that, then leave it in your vehicle and bring a picture or description for your table. There will be small square tables provided per individual in the upstairs area of the MLAA Hangar. Young Eagles will be operating out of the downstairs classroom. So please try not to interfere with that event as best you can. We will need you setup by 8AM so there will be as little interference in the YE's event as possible. There is no charge for this event. We will not be collecting any dues, consignments, or any form of commission for this event! However, donations are always welcome.

This will be a busy day. It's our first YE's of 2025, EAA Chapter 72 coffee & donuts, and now this Fly Market. If you have any questions, then contact:

Bill Epperson Jr.
EAA Chapter 72 Vice President
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YOUNG EAGLES

As most of you know, our previous Young Eagles Coordinator, Jeff Hyatt, has moved on to the next chapter of his life. We thank him for his outstanding service to Chapter 72 and we wish him well in his new endeavors. We need a new volunteer for this position.

Our first Rally will be on Saturday, April 12th, 9AM-12PM at the MLAA building at Meadowlake Airport. The pilot briefing will be at 8:45AM and I'm asking that the registration volunteers be there no later than 8:30 AM. We currently have 29 children registered.



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VMC/IMC

The April IMC/VMC meeting is scheduled for Apr 9th at 6:00 pm at the MLAA hangar, located at 13550 Peyton, CO.

We'll be going over a couple of scenarios and pick up where we left off last month. Questions of the month are attached below.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Richard Martin
VMC/IMC Coordinator



EAA VMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You're pre-flighting your airplane and realize that you have not checked your ELT in a long time. The battery was replaced just under two years ago but hasn't been tested since. Is there some way you can test the device without triggering a search and rescue event to ensure it still works properly?



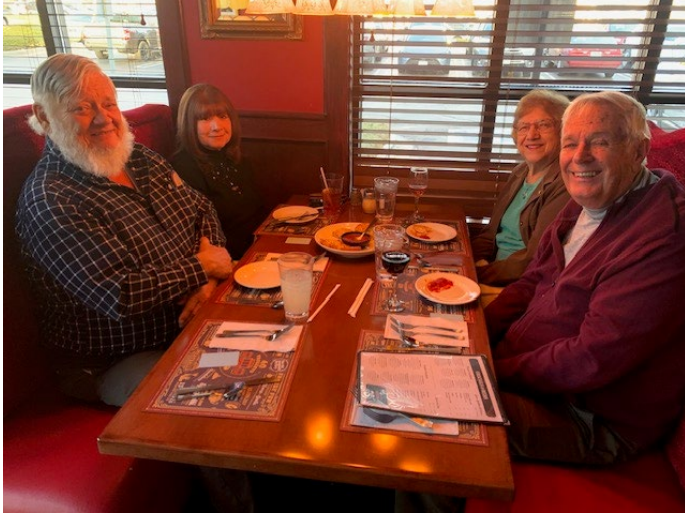
EAA IMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: What items does the FAA recommend be included in a pre-taxi briefing?

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63rd Anniversary Dinner Old Spaghetti Factory



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FOR SALE

I have a 1928 Waco project without an engine that I am interested in selling. It is currently in stored in Colorado Springs, CO. I was planning to use an OX-5 engine. All the ribs are built. The center section is assembled. The fuselage is new construction. Cowling for OX-5 with minor damage. Rebuilt landing gear pistons. Complete landing gear with wheels and brakes. All cockpit flight controls. Forward cockpit seat and door. All tail feathers. Turtle deck headrest. Some instruments. Radiator. I have wood for the spars. I have wings that can be used as reference. OX-5 engine may be available. I have all the parts except the fuel tank, aluminum around the cockpits, engine controls, floorboards, rear cockpit seat, seat cushions and seat belts, firewall, fuel strainer, tail wheel and springs, flying wires and instrument panel. I have Stage 4 liver cancer and will not be able to complete this project. Please contact me at for additional information and price:

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Chapter Financials

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

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 04/01/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3/31/2025	Checking Balance	\$4,885.39
3/31/2025	Scholarship Account	\$12,183.96
3/31/2025	Savings Account	\$39,111.37

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Apr. 19, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM, MLAA Hangar

Topic: Aviation Decision Making

Speaker: Kenneth Johnson

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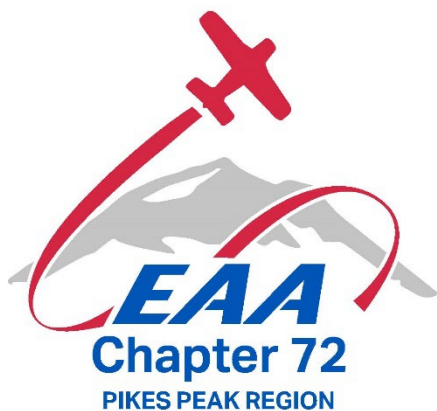
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About our Chapter

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 \$35 or 3 years for \$90 . Send to: Membership chairman Greg Wolff, 19773 Kenshaw Ct. Monument, CO 80132.

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