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## Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As 2020 winds down, I would like to help it into the history books by giving OLD MAN TIME a good swift kick in the butt and send him far, far away. But I fear that the new Mr. Time may follow in the old man's footsteps. We can only pray that he doesn't. Sorry, I should look forward to 2021 with a more positive attitude. Actually, as messed up as 2020 has been, Chapter 72 has survived fairly well. We missed meetings in March, April, and May, but the previous five months were really good and new members have joined each month! March, 2021 is an important month for the chapter, as it's the 54th anniversary of



Chapter 72. Last year we put off having our awards meeting in November or December and decided to present awards in March at the anniversary dinner. Well that didn't happen due to COVID, and now we have awards to hand out for 2019 and 2020 as well. I would like to do it at our November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting since we don't have a program. However, I have a plan! Even though we have made major strides in cleaning up our meeting place, there is still much work to do. So on the 21<sup>st</sup>, I would like to meet at the MLAA Hangar at 10:30 AM and clean up the upper level meeting area. The Boy Scouts and the Civil Air Patrol have removed all of their material from the upstairs. Anything remaining belongs to Chapter 72. There really isn't much to take care of. We need to reposition and dust all the tables and chairs. The floor

really needs to be vacuumed and there is a little work needed to complete the kitchen. This can all be done in less than one hour if we have a fair turnout. Once the work is complete, we will hand out the awards and then enjoy a tasty BBQ. I would also like to introduce all the new members. Hopefully, we will have a nice day and maybe even commit a little aviation activity afterwards.

Our Christmas Party planned for December 5<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. The last three years resulted in great turnouts for the Christmas banquet, but with the COVID spike that we are now experiencing, a large turnout might be the worst thing we could do. Hopefully, January will see a reduction in cases, and large meetings won't be of concern, and the March anniversary dinner will be a great success.

Jim Steward  
President, Chapter 72

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**Mike Cranford spoke to us about his experience with RV-4 Certification.**



Tim and Carrie Geitner were in attendance and briefly spoke about the local election. Both won their seats. They are very diligent supporters of the Meadowlake Airport. Congratulations Tim & Carrie!





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## A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events. This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.



One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization!

We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.

It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

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Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit [www.EAA.org/Legacy](http://www.EAA.org/Legacy) to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By gifting a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!

By: David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157  
Vice President of EAA Chapter 252  
EAA Membership Development Manager

## For Sale

- Johnnie Pinell has a 1979 Piper Tomahawk for sale at Meadowlake. Plane has 50 hrs since major, climb prop and price is \$45,000.00. 719-499-9272
- Garmin 396 GPS System. Includes yoke mount and dashboard mount, remote antenna, 12 volt charger, 120 volt charger, brand new 2-hour back-up battery, and carry bag. Operates in 3 modes, aviation, automotive, or marine. All in original box. Up-to-date navigation data base. \$396.00. Randy (719) 331-2169 mobile/text, [garyrloyd@avsource.com](mailto:garyrloyd@avsource.com).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 21	Chapter Meeting, Hangar clean-up day	10:30 a.m. clean-up & BBQ
Dec. 5	Christmas Party in Remodeled MLAA hangar	<b>CANCELED due to Covid 19.</b>
Dec. 9	IMC/VMC club meeting, MLAA hangar	6:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday
Jan. 13	IMC/VMC club meeting, MLAA hangar	6:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday
Jan. 21	Chapter Meeting, Awards	11:00 a.m. meeting
Jan. 26-30	Homebuilders Week Webinars, Tue.-Sat.	1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	IMC/VMC club meeting, MLAA hangar	6:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday
Feb. 18	Chapter Meeting, Program TBD	11:00 a.m. meeting
Jul. 26-Aug.1	Airventure Oshkosh	All week
Bonus	Coffee & Donuts	2nd Saturday of Every Month, 9:00 a.m.

## Homebuilders Week

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (November 9, 2020) — Experts from every corner of the homebuilt aircraft community will bring their knowledge and information to aviation enthusiasts everywhere during the first [EAA Homebuilders Week](#) online event on January 26-30, 2021.

The weeklong online event coincides with the 68th anniversary of the first Experimental Aircraft Association meeting on January 26, 1953. Homebuilders Week virtual presentations are open, free of charge, to everyone interested in building an aircraft. The event is supported by [Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co.](#), [Van's Aircraft Inc.](#), [Scheme Designs Inc.](#), and [Dynon](#).

“EAA members and the homebuilt aircraft community have always been generous in sharing information and knowledge when it comes to constructing a safe and fun aircraft,” said Charlie Becker, EAA’s director of chapters, communities, and homebuilt community manager. “Homebuilders Week is a tremendous learning opportunity that celebrates our legacy of, as EAA founder Paul Poberezny often said, using hand and mind to create aircraft that allow us to enjoy the personal freedom of flight.”

The daily live presentations will begin at 1 p.m. Central Time each day and continue until 8:30 p.m. It will include everything from getting started successfully plus techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. New and experienced builders will also find in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. The live sessions will also allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review after the week’s presentations are completed.

The technology used during EAA Homebuilders Week is based on the success of EAA’s webinar series, which has welcomed more than 200,000 people for presentations over the past decade. Homebuilders Week also incorporates technology used during this past summer’s EAA Spirit of Aviation Week. Updated schedule and presentation information, as well as registration details, is available at [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek).

“Homebuilders Week is an excellent opportunity for aviation enthusiasts and EAA chapters to gather to learn more together, or for individuals to acquire the knowledge they need to be confident, successful aircraft builders,” Becker said. “These presentations add to the resources EAA already makes available to anyone who wants to participate.”

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## New Upgraded Stairs



## Gone West:

# EAA Mourns Death of Audrey Poberezny

**November 3, 2020** – The EAA community and all of aviation were saddened on Sunday, November 1, as Audrey Poberezny, wife of EAA's late founder Paul Poberezny, **died peacefully** in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, at age 95.

It is often said that behind every success, there are the unsung heroes that made it possible. For EAA, that was a role that was successfully executed by Audrey Ruesch Poberezny with grace, determination, and wisdom. EAA and all of its members over nearly 70 years owe her an immeasurable debt of gratitude.

"Audrey was indeed EAA's First Lady and the quiet power behind the leader in EAA's formation and development," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. "She supported Paul from the very earliest days of EAA, from being the sounding board for ideas and balancing the books, to answering the phone and typing out membership cards. Audrey did whatever needed to be done, but never sought the spotlight for herself. Her understanding of people was also a gift that helped EAA grow and thrive into its unique place in aviation, and her warmth will be remembered by all who knew her."

Audrey was preceded in death by husband Paul (2013) and is survived by her son, Thomas (Sharon) Poberezny; daughter Bonnie (Chuck) Parnall; granddaughters Lesley Poberezny and Audra (Dave) Chaimson; and great-granddaughter Charlotte "Charley" Hoy. All currently reside in Wisconsin.

At this time, only a private family service is scheduled. In lieu of flowers, memorials in honor of Audrey's life and legacy can be made to the Evergreen Foundation, 1130 North Westfield Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902.



# Chapter Financials

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these EAA Chapter 72  
members!*

## EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 10/31/2020

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

**Date:** Nov. 21, 2020

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** MLAA hangar

**Program:** Hangar Clean-up Day, Awards, BBQ

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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 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, if it is not verbal — by the first Saturday of each month.

**Annual membership is \$25. Send to Esther Smith**, at 1303 Fosdick Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, payable to EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings, and having a great time with sport aviation.