

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Poberezny was born on September 14, 1921, in Fort Leavenworth Kansas, to a Ukrainian immigrant. In 1936, at the age of 15, Paul took his first flight, and solo flight, in any type of airplane. It was a battered Waco, Primary Glider that his schoolteacher had gifted to him, with the condition that Paul restore it to flight worthy status. He went on to serve in World War II, and the Korean War. In 1953, he organized the first gathering of a group of aircraft builders, which became the Experimental Aircraft Association. Later that year, the first EAA fly-in gathering formed the foundation of what has become EAA AirVenture. On March 25, 1962, Bill Porter and Bruce McCombs gathered a small group of aircraft builders together to form EAA Chapter 72. Similar to the original gathering of builders in 1953, it was all about building airplanes. It wasn't until

1954, that the original chapter started the first "Teen-Hi Airlift", and gave first rides to more than 1,500 teenagers, in hopes of spurring their interest in aviation. That's when it also became more of an educational organization. It seems to me that Chapter 72, as have most chapters, followed the same path as the original chapter. First, it's all about airplanes, then it becomes educational. The truth is it is always educational: you can't build an airplane without learning something. It's when we get the young involved that it "really" becomes educational. The Young Eagle program, which Chapter 72 has been involved with every year since the day it was launched in 1992, is a good example. Chapter 72.5 is another example of an educational program which could become huge, if the members in Chapter 72 support it. The future of Chapter 72 could hang in the balance. Every day our chapter gets older, referring to the average age of our members. It's quite easy to get discouraged about the future of anything with all the crap that goes on in the world today, but if you need a little inspiration, get involved with 72.5. Since the first meeting of our four scholarship recipients who started 72.5, the chapter has grown to over 20 members. These students are excited and eager to learn. They are our future! We, Chapter 72, have so much knowledge to pass on to them. We have members who have flown every kind of airplane, we have built over 100 homebuilt airplanes and some have been award winners at Oshkosh. There isn't anything about an airplane that we, as a chapter, can't teach these students. Now we have a RedBird simulator that only adds to educational abilities. Not only is it a Cessna 172 with a six-pack panel and a G1000 glass panel, but we have also ordered a Beech A36 Bonanza panel to give the simulator complex airplane capability. This little bit of history about Paul, the EAA, and Chapter 72, is only to point out that there are some small similarities. Chapter 72 is just a very small part of the EAA, but we should be proud of who we are, and where we are within this huge organization.

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Over the past several years Chapter 72 has grown to be larger than we have ever been, and we have also taken on more projects. With the addition of the RedBird Simulator, Chapter 72.5, and the fact that we now lease the MLAA hangar, along with all of the other events we participate in, we are busier than ever, and about to get busier. This year the airport would like to have an open house called "Wings and Wheels of Falcon." Chapter 72 will be a big part of this with our homebuilt airplanes, food, and more. It is scheduled for June 1.

Like our chapter, Meadow Lake Airport is growing as well, with 484 airplanes, and more hangars being built. The new SRE Building is now complete, and more buildings are projected. There are at least five new or expanding developments in progress around our little airport! The planning for Highway 24 and Judge Orr Road is in the works and may happen in the not-too-distant future. There is so much to keep an eye on, but the MALL Board is all over it.

Well, 2023 is all but over and in my opinion, it has been a great year for Chapter 72. Barring any unforeseen events outside our control, 2024 is also shaping up to be another good year. I want to thank all of you for helping 2023 be so successful and wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep the spirit alive!

Tailwinds,

Jim Steward

President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Dec. 13 | VMC/IMC club meeting, MLAA classroom Cancelled | 6 – 7 pm |
| • Jan. 10 | VMC/IMC club meeting, MLAA classroom | 6 – 7 pm |
| • Jan. 13 | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar | 9-11 am |
| • Jan. 20 | Chapter meeting, MLAA Hangar | 11 am, followed by lunch |
| • Jan. 22-26 | EAA Homebuilder's week, EAA.org--online courses | times listed on EAA website |
| • Mar. 9 | Young Eagle flights resume, MLAA ramp | 8:45 am – noon |

VMC/IMC Club

Since the Aviation weather forecast calls for the possibility of **FREEZING RAIN** and/or **DRIZZLE** over Northern El Paso county and in the vicinity of Colorado Springs by this evening (Dec. 13) and this can present challenging driving conditions, I've decided to cancel this evening's IMC/VMC meeting.

IMC Question: Is it legal to log PIC time when acting as a safety pilot flying an airplane for which both pilot and safety pilot are qualified as PIC, when in VFR conditions and the pilot manipulating the controls is under the hood?

VMC Question: What are the FAA requirements regarding acting as PIC after scuba diving?

Richard Martin, VMC/IMC Coordinator

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Michael Vaughn Cranford, February 9, 1951—December 8, 2021



Greeting Friends and Colleagues of Mike Cranford. My wife Cheryl and I are blessed with great memories of Cran. He lived a life of determination, possessed an incredible work ethic, and set an example of joyful living. We miss him, but cherish our memories and will never forget his contribution to our lives.

Cran's legacy grows: SOAR foundation has added Mike's name to their Flight Mechanics Scholarship. So, in addition to the Michael Cranford Flight Training Scholarship, there is now a joint Macon-Cranford Flight Mechanics Scholarship to help students train as flight mechanics. Frank Macon is a Tuskegee Airman who was a member of the High Flights Soaring Club and EAA chapter 72 at Meadow Lake Airport. You can read more about Frank on the Soar Foundation website. The joint scholarship is a great match for Cran's life-long interest in aircraft mechanics. Long Live the Duckbill Pliers!

Cheryl and I encourage you to visit www.soar-foundation.net to learn more. At the top of the screen, select "Scholarships" to learn more. You can contribute to the [Flight Scholarship](#) by clicking the donate button under Mike's picture, or the [Aircraft Mechanics Scholarship](#) by clicking the donate button under Frank Macon's picture. Thanks for supporting the young recipients who will carry on in the tradition of Cran the Man.

Best to all of you in the New Year. Regards, Tim Lane

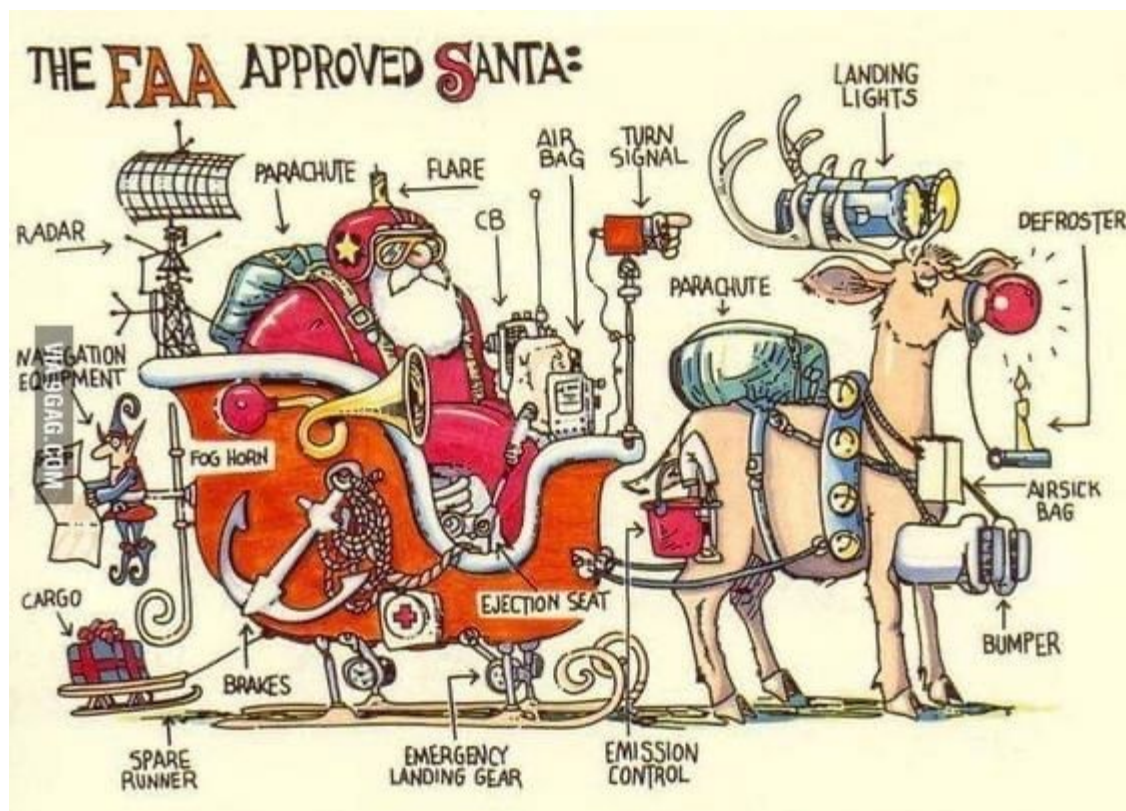
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EAA Homebuilders Week Returns January 22-26, 2024

EAA Homebuilders Week virtual presentations are open, free of charge, to everyone interested in building aircraft. Registration is required and space is limited. The event is sponsored by [Aircraft Spruce & Specialty](#), [Dynon](#), [Scheme Designers](#), and [Van's Aircraft](#).

The daily live presentations will begin at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time each day (Monday through Friday) and continue until 7:15 p.m. It will include everything from getting started successfully to techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. New and experienced builders will also find in-depth talks on panel planning, wiring, engine installation, FAA certification, and flight testing. 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 300,000 people for presentations since 2010. Updated schedule and presentation information, as well as registration details, is available at EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek.



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Christmas Party at Patty Jewett Golf Course, Dec. 7, 2023



Patty Martin's table



General Patrick Halloran's table



Honored guest Pat Kelly

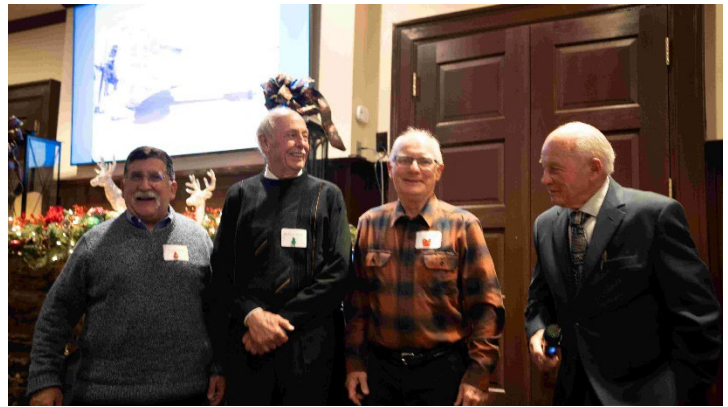


Member of the Year, Steve Trolander

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Mark Hyatt with EAA Chapter 72.5 Scholarship Recipients

Chapter Financials

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

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 11/30/2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/01/2023	Beginning Balance	\$5830.17
11/30/2023	Ending Balance	\$5801.36
11/30/2023	Scholarship Account	\$9,190.00
11/30/2023	Building Account	\$530.12

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, Jan, 20, 2024

Time & Place: 11 AM, MLAA Hangar

Program: TBD

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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 event. 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.