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Chapter News

Pike's Peak Flyer

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you can see from the title, there's been some changes. I'm not sure if everyone is aware, but Jim resigned his position as President on June 1st, and the board has elected for me to finish Jim's term. I would like to extend my thanks to Jim for all the hard work he has done for us over these many years. We would not be the chapter we are now, without his wonderful support and guidance during that time. He will be an important part of the chapter moving forward, but now he'll be in more of an advisory role. Now that I have taken on this role, we need a Vice President. Please let anyone on the board know if you're interested in this position. I know we will be calling several of you concerning this. That commitment would be until November 2026. We're also going to need a Treasurer come this November, so please be thinking of that position as well; Mark is prevented from running again due to our bylaws. We're also still looking for a new Young Eagles coordinator. There's been some shake up with positions lately. And we need everyone's help to get everything stabilized. Jim Densmore and Doug Dal Soglio have been extremely helpful in keeping our YE's program running these past couple of months. But they want to get back to flying

our YE's and not scheduling and managing the program. Please think about these positions and maybe you can either see yourself volunteering or know someone that would be a good fit for the position. I'm a firm believer in lots of volunteers with fewer hours versus a very few volunteers doing most of the work.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for helping us pull off a successful Learn to Fly event back on May 17th. We've gotten several thanks from everyone around the airport. This was our first event at this level, and it was a great starting point for the future. With some additional advertising I think we could easily double our attendance next year. Both food trucks did enough business that they're interested in returning next year, and every one of the vendors made a positive remark about the potential business generated. We did have some issues with the briefings upstairs in the presentation area. I believe that it could be rectified with a published schedule beforehand and maybe a handout listing the day's activities. We learned a lot from this first event.

The American Navion Society is here at the airport this week, and we had a wonderful meet and greet on Sunday evening, 8 June 2025 from 5-8PM. I took a few pictures, and we'll see if we can add those to this newsletter. If you've never seen one of these airplanes, then stop by and take a look. There's about 20 parked on the Bravo ramp and the old glider runway area. They've got a rich history, and I encourage you to read about them. They may not be experimental, but they're an important part of aviation history. https://www.navionsociety.org/

Now for the immediate future. We've got Young Eagles and Coffee & Donuts this Saturday on 14 June 2025, so come on out and bring your stories. On 21 June 2025, we've got our annual project tour. If you're willing to open

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your garage/hangar and show us your project, then we'd all love to visit and see what you're working on. If you've already completed your project, then maybe you're interested in showing it off or maybe showing off your hangar. I speak for everyone in saying that we're interested in those too. I think we could all learn a little looking at a well-organized workshop and a completed aircraft. Please let either me or Ben Kirby know that you're interested.

We will not be having our third Saturday meeting in July, due to Oshkosh. We are also not doing our second Saturday Coffee & Donuts Day in July. Both of those are being replaced with a fly-out to Kelly Airpark instead; this is on 12 Jul 2025, beginning at 7:30AM. This is their Annual Pancake Breakfast Fly-in. Talk to someone and they may put you in the right seat if you're not able to fly yourself. I may end up driving up there, or helping with the YE's that morning, it's still too early to tell which. https://www.kellyairpark.org/

Thank you,

Bill Epperson Jr.

President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

•	June 11	VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA Classroom	6-7:30 pm
•	June 14	FLAG DAY	all weekend
•	June 14	Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar	9-11 am
•	June 14	Young Eagles Rally, MLAA Ramp	0830 - noon
•	June 21	Chapter Project Tour	9 am – noon
•	July 9	VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA Classroom	6-7:30 pm
•	July 12	Young Eagles Rally, MLAA Ramp	0830 - noon
•	July 12	Kelly Airpark Fly-out, pancake breakfast	0730 - 1100
•	July 21-27	Airventure Oshkosh	all week

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Simulator Time Special

Members can take advantage of our chapter special through Aug. 31, 2025. Members may purchase a 10-hour block of time for the sale price of \$40/hr. (\$400.00) The ten hours must be used by Aug. 31, 2026.

YOUNG EAGLES

Faithful Volunteers,

The next EAA chapter 72 Young Eagles rally is coming up on Saturday June 14th.

We will be starting at 8:30AM this month to beat the heat and will be finished by noon. The rally will be at the MLAA building at Meadowlake airport.

We currently have 30 kids on the active list with 10 more on the waiting list. My goal is to get as many children flown as possible, so if we can get enough planes and pilots committed, I'll increase the kids on the active list. Volunteers, please show up at 8:00 and pilots arrive prior to the pilot briefing at 8:15. Coffee, water, donuts and bagels will be provided.

Please let me know if you'll be able to attend and in what capacity. We will also need to have someone run the registration table like Rich Engle did at the May rally.

Thank you so much,

Cheers,
Doug DalSoglio
Young Eagles Lead Pilot



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VMC/IMC

The June IMC/VMC meeting will be on the 11th at the MLAA hangar at 13550 Piper Lane, Peyton CO 80381. Meeting starts at 6:00 pm. Some of you may have already seen an announcement on the meeting, which will be a video presentation on glass instruments. Those attending the meeting will receive WINGS credit if you are a participant in the FAA Wings program. Questions for the month are attached and will be discussed just prior to the video. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Richard Martin VMC/IMC Coordinator



Question: One focus area for improving safety revolves around Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT). According to the FAA, what are some of the factors involved in CFIT accidents, and what precautions can be taken to avoid CFIT accidents?



EAA IMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You're about to depart on an IFR flight and although icing is not specifically forecast for your area, conditions include visible moisture and temperatures nearing freezing. At what point should you turn on your pitot heat?

Learn to Fly Day





















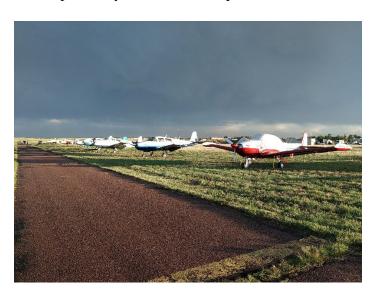




NAVION SOCIETY FLY-IN, KFLY

KFLY airport hosted the Navion Society Fly-in this week. See photos below. Randy Loyd completed a "gear-up" 10-month repair on Tom Knott's Navion L-17A at Springs East Airport early this week. See photos below.









Chapter Financials

Thank you for supporting these EAA Chapter 72 members!

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As of 06/01/2025

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 5/31/2025
 Checking Balance
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 Scholarship Account
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Date: June 21, 2025

Time: 9- noon, MLAA Hangar **Topic:** Chapter 72 Project Tour

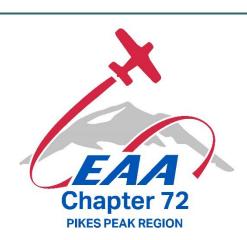
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About our Chapter

The Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport on the 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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