

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have several things planned over the next couple of months, and by the time you read this, we'll probably be having our annual dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory on 15 March 2025. I expect this to be just as good as the past events I've attended. The ticket price was \$35, and I'm glad we were able to keep this price the same as last year's dinner. I fear we'll be forced to update that price next year. So, if you missed our sign-up sheets, then mark your calendars for next year and don't miss it. It's always in March and the food is fantastic!

We'll be starting April off with a bang with our first Young Eagles (YE) event of the year. As many of you know we were forced to cancel March's YE's event due to technical issues with the new website and coordination with everyone. So, this will be our first YE event of the year and as always, it's our coffee & donuts day as well. But this year, we're throwing you a curve ball and hosting our first ever Fly Market event to buy and sell aviation related gear. You'll see an advertisement for that further down in this newsletter. The normal April chapter meeting will be on 19 April 2025, and we'll be focusing on the mental aspects of flying. Ken Johnson and our new YE's coordinator Raquel

Dominguez will both be presenting two different presentations regarding the mental aspects of flying. I've spoken to both, and I personally can't wait for you to see what they have to share. Lunch will be provided afterwards, and we'll be grilling burgers and brats! We'll need a couple of volunteers to help with the setup and tear down. Please arrive an hour before if you wish to help setup. If you choose to stay and help tear down, then when you leave it is up to you. The meeting will begin at 11AM immediately followed with lunch.

I believe that our normal May event (15 May 2025 / 9AM to 3PM) is going to be the biggest event for this chapter so far. We will be doing Eagle Flights as part of National's Learn to Fly program. This is also a fly-in event, but anyone flying in will be forced to park in the MLAA parking ramp area just northeast of the runway. This is because the Bravo ramp, in front of the MLAA hangar, will be closed for all traffic and we're only allowing access to exhibitors and visitors. There will be no vehicles of any type allowed within the Bravo ramp area during this event. Speaking of exhibitors, Flight for life will have a helicopter on display, Civil Air Patrol will be on hand with one of their aircraft. We're expecting to see at least 20 different aircraft parked on the ramp for static displays. Many of the flight schools, as well as one of the local A&P schools will be on hand. We have also arranged with Colorado Springs tower for someone to present and answer questions on the FAA Air Traffic Controller (ATC) duties and responsibilities. They will discuss what training is involved to pursue an ATC career. This is a learn to fly event, so expect to learn all about the many pathways to aviation success. We will be discussing glider, sport, private, and helicopter licensing processes as well as having all those static aircraft displays on hand. We will be doing presentations in the upstairs

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briefing area non-stop from 9:30AM to 3PM. We'll post the presentation list in next month's newsletter. There is no charge for this event! Food and refreshments will be provided at cost, but you may bring your own food and refreshments if you choose. No alcohol will be allowed during this event for safety reasons. Emergency services, Falcon Fire Department, Falcon Police, and the State Police will all be bringing equipment and vehicles to display. I can't wait to see everyone at this event!

This is going to be a busy year, and we're going to need lots and lots of volunteers to help.

Thank you,

Bill Epperson Jr.

Vice President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Mar. 15	Chapter Meeting, Old Spaghetti Factory	6-8 pm
• Apr. 9	VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA classroom	6-7:30 pm
• Apr. 12	Coffee & Donuts, YE Rally, Fly Market Day, MLAA Hangar	9-11 am
• Apr. 19	Aviation Decision Making – Kenneth Johnson, Raquel Dominguez	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:

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EAA Chapter 72 Vice President

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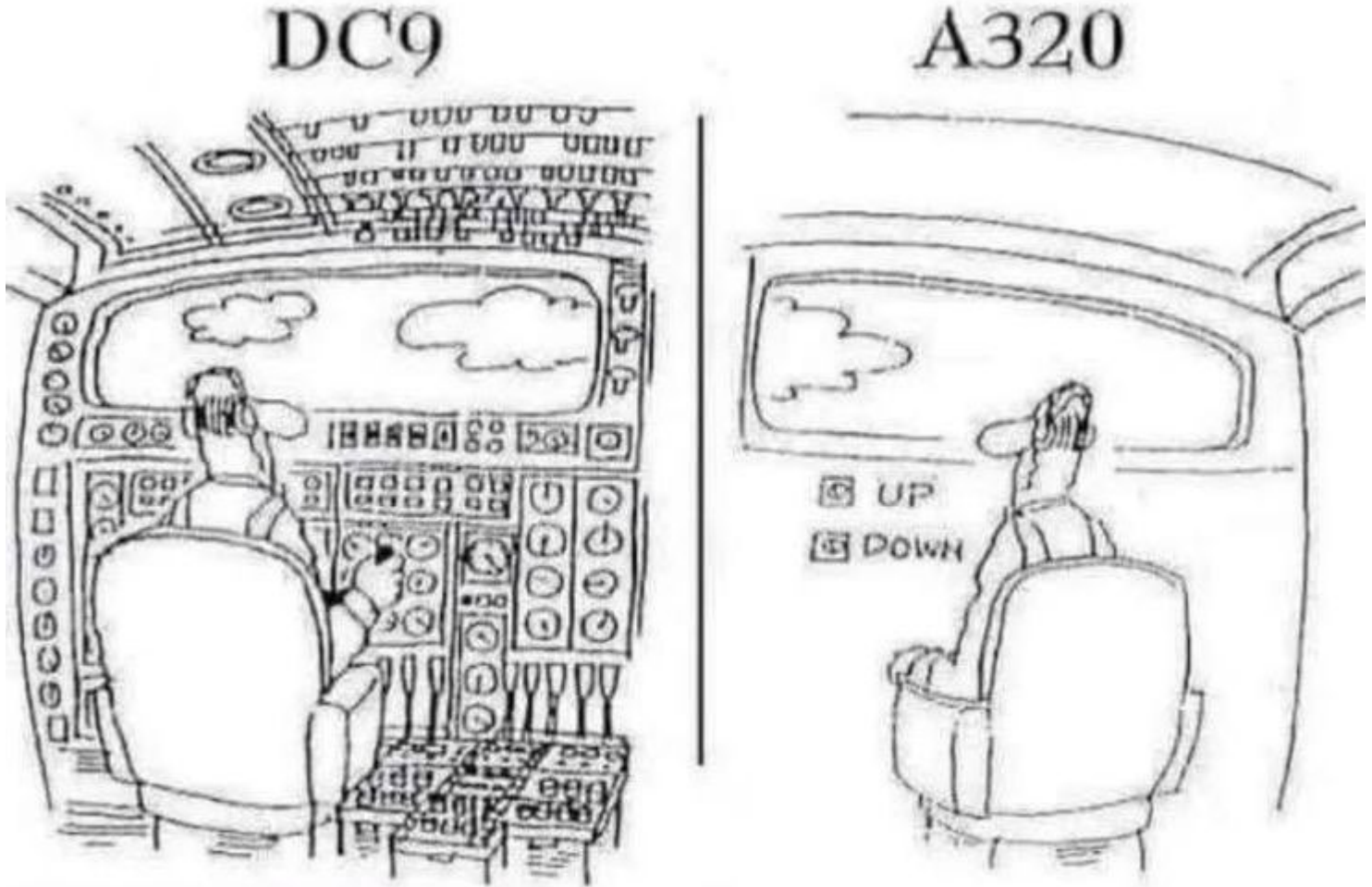
Drawing on May 3rd,
6:00pm

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AIN'T IT THE TRUTH



If you are an MLAA property owner, your annual dues statement will be much later this year than in the past. For the second year in a row, the El Paso county treasurer has changed their web provider and program during the advent of tax season. They have told me the data will be populated in the system by the end of this week so I can get access to the information we need to make up the dues statements. Thank you.

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Chapter Financials

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EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 03/01/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/28/2025	Checking Balance	\$5,546.79
2/28/2025	Scholarship Account	\$20,476.46
2/28/2025	Savings Account	\$34,716.19

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Mar. 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM, Spaghetti Factory

Topic: Chapter 72, 63rd Anniversary Dinner

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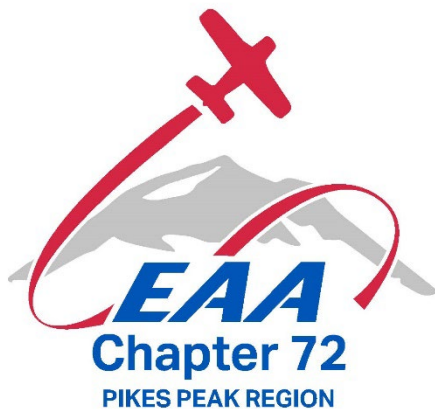
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About our Chapter

The Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. Meetings are held on 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 Kershaw Ct. Monument, CO 80132.