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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month we heard from Dana Rieman on the effects of wing root fairings. It was an interesting and informative presentation, and I am now straight on the difference between winglets and wing root fairings. Thanks Dana. This month is the Chapter's Project Tour on the 19th. Start at 9:00 AM for coffee and donuts in the MLAA Hangar and then carpool over to the West side for the tour and end at Mark Steward's Hangar for a BBQ. There are several projects that show considerable progress since last year's tour. Several of these may fly yet this year! Several won't! If you would like for the Chapter to visit your hangar let me know ASAP.

The year is nearly half over and it's almost time for Oshkosh. Wish I could go, but unable this year. However, it seems that several are going, and Elisa McGhee has been trying to organize a camping group for the Chapter. If you are going and want to camp, let Elisa know!

Also, and most important, is the fact that it's less than six months before we start the S19 raffle. I would like to get the raffle committee together on the 23rd of June to discuss all the issues with the raffle, and all that yet needs to be completed. I will send out an agenda soon, but if you have thoughts about discussion items, please send them to me. If you would like to help on the committee also let me know.

Hope to see you all at these upcoming events.

Blue skies and tail winds!

Jim Steward,
President, EAA chapter 72



Chapter News

Van's RV Build Class Held April 2021

The class was offered by Grove Air, at Front Range Airport in Watkins, CO. www.grov-air.com They offered two classes, the Basic RV Construction Class and the Empennage Build Class.

My motivation for taking this class is that Vans are aluminum airplanes. I have general building and tool experience from woodworking, cars, and motorcycles, but no experience in sheet metal or riveting. Also, I am very new to the world of homebuilt airplanes. Thus, I needed some schooling.

The class space was in a very crowded hangar. All tools and materials (sans safety glass and hearing protection) were provided. Troy Grove works for UAL, is an A&P, and has lots of experience with Vans and aircraft of all types. With one drop-out, the only other student was a semi-retired F-15 pilot.

We started with "theory". Our textbook was two sections of the Van blueprints: Section 3; Tools and Workspace, and Section 5: General Information (different required construction techniques). Though we spent the time "just" listening and taking notes, it was enormously valuable. We came back to various questions on tools throughout the class. We also discussed the primer controversy and whether to quick-build or not. Spoiler alert: no on both.

Two hands-on projects with all parts were supplied. The first was a simple project that included several pieces of aluminum to affix together. I learned that every hole requires the following attention: layout, drill, ream, de-burr, dimple (or countersink), and finally rivet. (Repeat ad infinitum). Likewise, every edge on every part must be dressed to remove cracks that could propagate. The big lesson: a huge part of building a sheet metal airplane is prepping each piece with love. The second project was a section of an elevator, complete with "skins", stiffeners, ribs, spar, etc. Basically, it's a full-scale model of the real thing to practice the techniques and reinforce the lessons.

Which brings me to my only critique. We didn't finish the second project. There was a lot of textbook material and work time to cram into a two-day class. Troy did say we can come back at no charge to finish, but at a 6-hour drive, that is difficult for me. And, in all fairness, we were distracted by a long lunch and a neighboring hangar filled with vintage cars and aircraft. Troy was super informative, patient, and provided a shower when the lock on my hotel room door jammed shut.

The class was reasonably priced, \$425 for a 2-day session.

I am still very enthusiastic on building a Van. While searching for a build space, I am furthering my education by viewing You Tube videos, maybe sitting in on the RV-12 build with the Albuquerque EAA group, and annoying the Vans technical support people.

"Dare Mighty Things."

Marc Bonem

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Chapter News

Hi EAA Chapter 72 members!

We have another Young Eagles rally planned for Saturday, June 12, 9am-noon. It's another opportunity for our chapter to serve the students and ignite their interest in flying.

Our rally this month includes two significant events:

1 June 12 is International Young Eagles Day [Watch Sean D. Tuckers's 2021 International Young Eagles Day Message >](#)

2 We will be flying kids from the 302Airlift Wing who will get an opportunity to experience what their moms and dads do. At this time we have over 30 kids eager to fly on June 12, so your participation is needed.

If you are unable to volunteer, remember it's coffee and donuts day at the MLAA Hangar, so I'd encourage you to stop by and watch all the fun, excitement, and action.

Respectfully, Lee Heitman
EAA Chapter 72 Young Eagles Coordinator
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Chapter News

CLASSIFIEDS

- New member John Wells, (719) 684-2686, is interested in finding a chapter member who would be willing to fly his project, which he is almost finished with. He can no longer fly due to his disability. Maybe someone can contact him regarding this situation. Airplane type? Call him.
- When I'm down in Tucson every year I break bread with a group (about 25) of retired military pilots in a group called Friday Pilots. They have been organized for over 20 years and every Friday they have lunch in a classy resort restaurant that tolerates us. These guys are mostly V-Nam combat vets and are from a mix of services. Have several ex-POW's, a Gemini astronaut, two 4 stars, a chopper Warrant Officer and everything in between. Really a mixed bag of great guys. About 10 years ago they wrote a book (The Friday Pilots) with each of them writing a chapter detailing some wild and hairy episode in their flying career. . .mostly V-Nam. It was a sell-out. Last spring, they decided that since there had been some turnover of members, they needed to write a new book. We all submitted our chapters, me too, and the book was published a couple of months ago. It is called "On the Wings of Geezers" and is now available on Amazon. I think you guys, and probably lots of your buddies, would enjoy it. If you could, you might pass this msg on to other pilots who love to fly and love to read about those who have. The profits all go to charity. Pat Halloran

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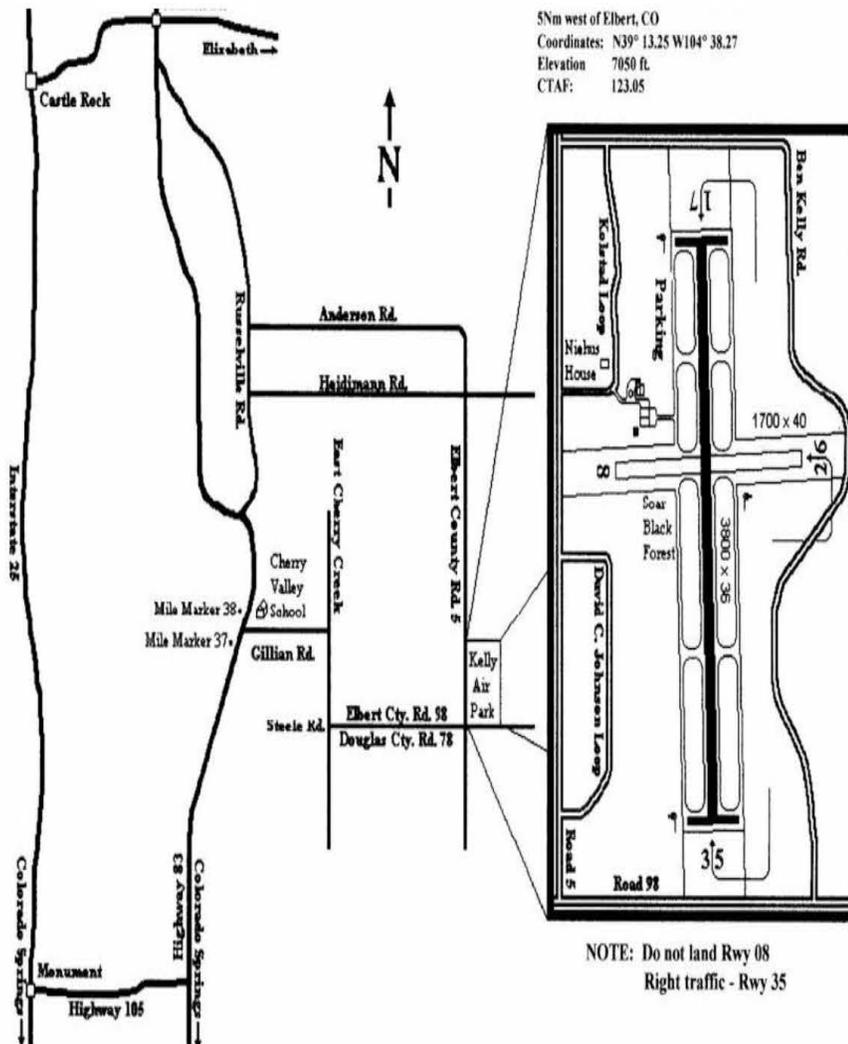
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The Kelly Air Park homeowners would like to extend an invitation to our aviation and non-aviation friends & neighbors for our Annual Pancake Breakfast at Dave and Jeanne Allen's hangar located on the northwest corner of the runway intersection. Kelly Air Park (CO15) is planning a Fly-in breakfast Saturday, July 10, 2021 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. If you are flying in, call Kelly Air Park Unicom 123.05 Mhz for field advisory. Ground personal will be available to assist you. Please bring your own tie-downs. If you are driving enter from Kolstad Loop off of County Rd. 5. The hangar address is 24686 Kolstad Loop, Elbert, CO 80106. There will be plenty of aircraft and auto parking available.

For more information contact: Dave & Jeanne Allen Phone: 303-648-3608, dallen817@aol.com
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Chapter News

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12	Coffee & Donuts, Int'l Young Eagles Day	9 a.m. MLAA ramp
June 19	Chapter Meeting, Program—Project Tour	9 a.m. coffee & donuts, 1 p.m. BBQ
June 20	Hastings, NB. Fly-in	All day Sunday
June 23	MLAA classroom, Raffle Committee meeting	7 p.m.
July 10	Pancake Breakfast, Kelly Airpark Fly-in	7 – 11 a.m.
July 17	MLAA Hangar, speaker Mark Hyatt	11 a.m. meeting followed by BBQ
Jul. 26-Aug.1	Airventure Oshkosh	All week
Aug. 7	Big Band Night, MLAA Hangar, \$10/person	5 p.m. BBQ; Music begins @ 6 p.m.
Aug. 11	IMC/VMC club meeting, MLAA classroom	6 p.m.

- Just a reminder that the June 9th and July 14th IMC/VMC Club meetings will not be held since Patty and I are out of town. The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2021.
Richard Martin, IMC/VMC coordinator
- Our first pancake breakfast was a success. We received \$327 in donations, half will go to EAA Chapter 72 and the other half will go to the Fairview Cemetery Veteran's project to help sponsor wreaths. EAA Chapter 72 is now the sponsoring organization for this project. We also gained 5 more new members at the breakfast.
Esther Smith, Chapter Secretary



Chapter Financials

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these EAA Chapter 72
members!*

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

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Chapter Meeting

Date: June 19, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. coffee & donuts, 1 p.m. BBQ

Place: Begin at MLAA Hangar

Program: KFLY Annual Project Tour

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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 high- light 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: EAA Chapter 72, 7980 Cessna Dr. Peyton, CO 80831 payable to EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings, and having a great time with sport aviation.