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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The GOOD, The BAD and the UGLY. Let's start with the **GOOD**.

Thanks to Jeff Hyatt, the Chapter's Young Eagle Program is progressing extremely well! The Y/E pilots flew 31 kids and Four Parents on Saturday Morning. Every Y/E event result in several new members signing up to join our chapter. The Young Eagles program is a great initiative that provides young people with the opportunity to experience aviation firsthand. It has resulted in many parents signing up to become members of our chapter, and in my opinion it is the chapter's most successful program. The Y/E program is limited only by the number of pilots that participate. The growth of the Young Eagles program is a positive sign. This growth can have several benefits: With more participants, the chapter can reach a larger number of

young individuals, spreading awareness about aviation and STEM fields. Growth of the chapter suggests that there is sustained interest, and support for the program. This is truly a bright spot within our chapter. Many thanks to Jeff, the pilots, and all of the ground crew including the chapter 72.5 students who made this so much fun and successful. The REDBIRD Simulator can be a positive addition to the Young Eagles program. Y/E sessions in the Sim can serve as valuable preparation for actual flights, helping them feel more comfortable and confident when they take their first flight in a real aircraft.

The **BAD**. Back on February 12, Esther sent a postcard to every member highlighting the chapter Annual Spaghetti Anniversary Dinner. The dinner is at the Old Spaghetti Factory at 3101 New Center Point. It starts at 6:00 PM and only costs \$35.00. Last year the dinner was at the same place, and everyone commented on how much they enjoyed the food, and the good time. At this point, and very disappointingly, only a few have signed up. By now, except for maybe some of the newer members, you have all heard that EAA Chapter 72 was started on March 25, 1962 by Bruce McCombs, Bill Porter, Art Greenwood, Bill Godwin, and 11 other members. The anniversary dinner holds a special and meaningful tradition initiated by the founding fathers. The aim is to recognize the starting month/year, and invite all the wives to join us. They have something incredibly unique in common! They are all married to "Unicornividuals" (uniqueness (like a unicorn) with the individuality) ?? OK, maybe that's not the correct name, but it's time to celebrate our chapter's formation and that it's our **62nd** year! This is the time for all of our new members to meet with the older members (most of us) and wives to renew old friendships and acquaintances from years past. If you haven't signed up, there is still time. Please text Bill Epperson @ 719-660-1698 and let him know if you want to join in. Cutoff is Tuesday evening (3/12/2024).

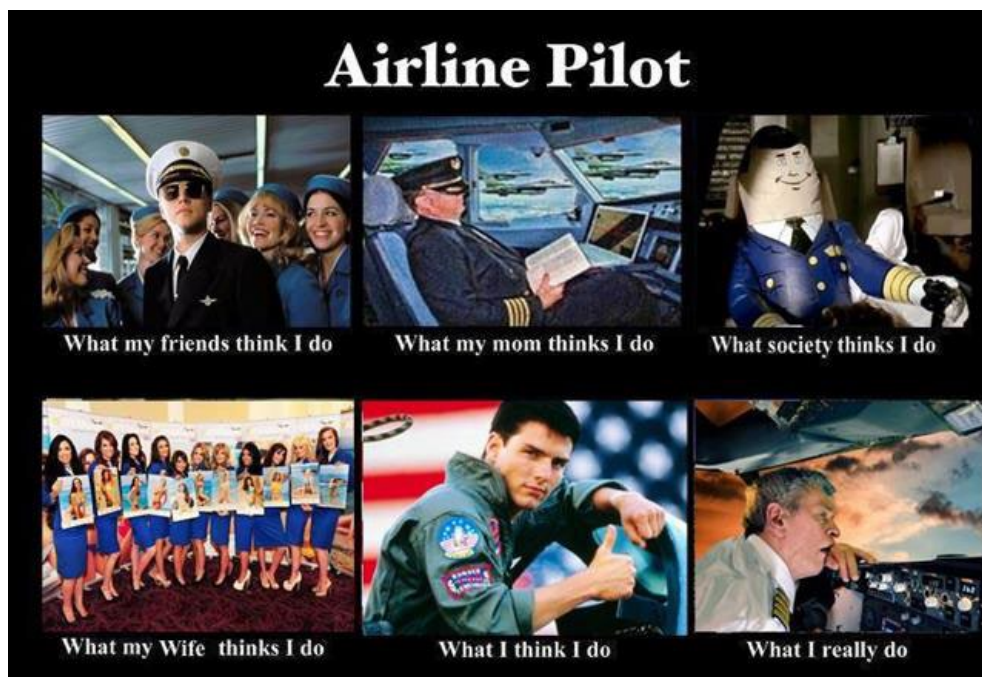
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The **UGLY**. Dues are important. I can't emphasize enough the positive impact of dues on the chapter's activities, programs, and facilities. Everything costs more, and since we have taken over the EAA Hangar our chapter insurance is over \$2000.00 annually. We had to increase annual dues to \$35.00/year. Hopefully, this small increase isn't a problem, but at this point, only a little over half the members (out of over 150) have paid their dues! In years past, and this year as well, if dues haven't been paid by the beginning of the 2nd quarter, overdue members are removed from the member list, and their newsletter is discontinued. To rejoin requires a new application, and full year's dues. Adding to the ugly is this. In 2023, the national EAA sent out a chapter survey. This was forwarded to the entire chapter. In February I received the results of the survey which were terribly disappointing. Out of our entire membership only four responded, one of which was me. UGLY! The survey asked questions like "what do you like about your chapter"? "What would you like to see different"? There were about twenty more similar questions. Of the four who responded, the common request was for more build programs, and so the program committee will try to accommodate this request. This survey sent out by National EAA was meant to let the board and national know where we are lacking. EAA National has many ideas and suggestions as to how we may be able to improve. If there are parts of the chapter that you would like to see changes, please let the board know. As we try to meet your needs please know that we as a board need your help as well. Please contact us if you feel there is anything you can do to pitch in. The program schedule for the remainder of this year is already set, and there are some building projects included.

REDEMPTION On April 20, the Pueblo EAA Chapter 808, is sponsoring a Breakfast and Car Show. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM and goes on to 10:30 AM. The car show is large and includes many beautiful automobiles, old and new. There are 22 spaces on the ramp to park visiting planes. Since 150 of the existing 500 airplanes at Meadow Lake Airport are homebuilt or rebuilt planes, there is no reason that we can't fill all 22 spaces, and show our support for our sister chapter in Pueblo. Ask a friend or other chapter member to ride along with you if you have an extra seat. If you are able to make this date please respond to DAVE ELLIOTT at 719-339-0928 or falcon20flier@msn.com. There will be more to follow. Thanks in advance for your support. Keep the Spirit Alive.

Jim Steward

President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 13 VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA classroom 6-7 pm
- Mar. 16 Spaghetti Factory Dinner, Chapter 72 anniversary 6-8 pm
- Apr. 9-14 Sun n' Fun, Lakeland, FL all day events
- Apr. 13 Young Eagles, MLAA Ramp 9 am – noon
- Apr. 13 Coffee & Donuts, EAA Hangar 9-11 am
- Apr. 20 Fly-out to Pueblo, Joint Meeting with Chapter 808 8:00 am fly-out
- May 11 Young Eagles, MLAA Ramp 9-11 am
- May 11 Coffee & Donuts 9-11 am
- May 18 Nat'l Learn to Fly Day, BBQ 9 am – noon, BBQ after

2024 CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 72 PROGRAMS

- Mar. 16 Spaghetti Factory Dinner, Chapter 72 anniversary 6-8 pm
- Apr. 20 Fly-out to Pueblo, Joint Mtg with Chapter 808
- May 18 BBQ, Nat'l Learn to Fly Day
- Jun. 1 MLAA Open House, Breakfast & Lunch provided by Chapter 72
- Jun. 15 KFLY Project Tour, followed by BBQ
- Jul. 20 Eagle Flights, followed by BBQ
- Jul. 22-28 EAA Airventure, OSH
- Aug. 17 Josiah Bookman-Fiberglass Construction / Airventure OSH recap from attendees
- Sep. 21 Fly-in, Wreaths Across America, breakfast fundraiser
- Oct. 19 OPEN (Mountain Flying?)
- Nov. 23 Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Board Elections
- Dec. TBD Christmas Party, MLAA Hangar

The next IMC/VMC meeting will be held on March 13th in the MLAA hangar class room from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The address is: 13550 Piper Lane, Peyton CO. We'll discuss a couple scenarios, a recent accident, and the questions of the month as well as the Questions for February. I'm looking forward to getting rolling again since the Jan and Feb meetings had to be canceled.

VMC Question: When performing turns about a point, at which point in the maneuver is the bank at maximum value?

IMC Question: What is the temperature-dewpoint spread reported via the below METAR:

METAR KGON 211251Z 34024G32KT 6SM RA BR OVC009 15/14 A2977 RMK AO2 CIG 006V011 PRESFR T01500144

Richard

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Volunteers,

Thank you so much for an awesome day of Young Eagles! We had 31 young eagle flights and 4 parent flights! So many were inspired to get into aviation. God bless all of you for your support. The next event will be April 13th. Have a great weekend!

Respectfully,

Jeff Hyatt
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Message from the Airport Manager

Hi aviators!

Success in the Hearing on HB24-1235!

A big thank you to our members that testified at a very long hearing, you really came through.

This bill was amended in Committee to be acceptable to the aviation community. It was changed significantly from the original draft.

Highlights:

- Reduced in length from 24 pages to 8.
- Retained the positive incentives for authorizations of aircraft engines to use unleaded avgas, including STCs.
- Retained the positive incentives for airports to provide unleaded avgas.
- Deleted Section 9 with its enterprise fund.
- Deleted all portions that are preempted by federal law and FAA regulations.
- Deleted the tax on 100LL.
- Deleted the requirement that the Division install noise monitoring systems.

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- But expanded “aviation purposes” for the Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) and the Aeronautics Division of CDOT (Division) to fund noise monitoring devices and education to reduce adverse impacts. The Division can handle this.
- In the added two voting members of CAB, they are to be “familiar with airport infrastructure, aviation, and the mission of the Board.”
- All the tasks of CAB and the Division about educating and assisting airports are already within their purview
- Compliance with noise abatement plans and various elements such as flight patterns are “voluntary.”

This amendment is a result of the amazing work of Kelly Sloan, lobbyist for the Colorado Aviation Business Association and others, the good cooperation by prime sponsor Representative Kyle Brown, and the collaboration of CABA with Colorado Pilots Association, Dave Ulane of the Division and many aviation organizations and individuals, including testimony at the long hearing by the House Transportation, Housing & Local Government Committee on March 6, 2024.

Minor amendments are likely as this bill goes through the process. We'll keep you informed.

Dave Elliott

Message from the V.P.

I would like to create a nice repository of information for CFI's and the aircraft they have available. I am looking for all instructors, but lately I have been approached for the need of Sport Pilot instruction and available aircraft. I've found a couple of places that have Special Light Sport Aircraft (SLSA) available but those are all north of Denver. I have been unable to find anyone that is advertising for Sport Pilot training in or around Colorado Springs. I was also very recently asked if I know of any instructors with Cirrus experience, and that got me to thinking about a published repository for available instructors, their experience, and possibly their available aircraft.

Let me reintroduce you to myself, I am your Chapter 72 Vice President, your Eagle flight leader, currently a student pilot, a certified Light Sport Repairman with Maintenance (LSRM) rating (pursuing an eventual A&P), and now I'm trying to help others get the training that they want and need. Please forward my information to any instructors that you know of. I would like to add everyone to an ongoing list that I'm working on. Also let me know if you'd like your information published on this "master list", I'm assuming you would by contacting me, but I'd still like that confirmation. We have a lot of wonderful instructors available and we should be publishing this in an easy to find location.

We need a list of volunteer pilots and their aircraft for our April member meeting. This will be a joint Chapter event with EAA Chapter 808, at Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum. They want to provide 20 aircraft for their car and airplane static display for this same event. They will provide the bulk of the aircraft for display, and have offered our members the chance to show off our aircraft as well. Please help us with a strong showing for Chapter 72. We will also be caravanning down in vehicles and will be looking for volunteers to drive.

Where could we meet and what time, for linking up to drive down or to fly down to Pueblo?

Thank you,
William (Bill) Epperson Jr.
EAA Chapter 72 Vice President
(719) 660-1698 - cell/text (text preferred)

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Chapter Financials

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

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 03/01/2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02/01/2024	Beginning Balance	\$1289.63
02/29/2024	Ending Balance	\$2,542.85
02/29/2024	Scholarship Account	\$9,439.50
02/29/2024	Building Account	\$7,543.05

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, Mar. 2024

Time & Place: 6-8 PM, Spaghetti Factory

Program: Chapter 72 Anniversary

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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 \$35. 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.