

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Where did it go? Summer, I mean. Oshkosh is over, school is starting this week, the Broncos played their first preseason game this past weekend, and fall will be upon us before we can blink. The temperature didn't get out of the 60's today in Monument and I know it's still summer and fall Equinox isn't until September 22, but I am not, will not be ready. Now that Oshkosh is over and everybody is home, I thought we might get back to normality, but **NOT**. Our August meeting on the 17th is canceled due to the airshow at COS on that same weekend. Speaking of school, AeroLab will be starting classes in the classrooms this week. They will be using the classrooms on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM through 4:00 PM. Their build program in the hangar will be on Wednesday and Saturday, as it was last year. The simulator is getting a little more use these days, and access to

it through the classrooms may not be acceptable. Many things to work out, and soon! It seems these days "normality" is a word stripped from our vocabulary.

On December 17, 2022, we raffled off the S-19. The raffle was a great success, and a lot of work. The raffle committee did an excellent job and the day of the raffle they breathed a big sigh of relief, and said in unison, **NEVER AGAIN!** But we should never say never. There are several reasons we may want to consider another raffle and may have a very nice little airplane to raffle off. Don't anybody have a nervous breakdown or heart attack over this before we have a chance to calmly discuss it. If you remember we had trouble getting a raffle license because the state said we hadn't been in business for five years. Well, we worked through that, but it delayed our ticket sales until March. If we have another raffle, we won't have to put up with that brain damage. Anyway, don't panic yet.

Keep the spirit alive!

Jim Steward

President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 17-18 KCOS Airshow all weekend
- Sep. 14 Young Eagle Rally / Coffee & Donuts 9 am – 12 pm
- Sep. 21 EAA meeting, Composite Construction, Josiah Bookman 11 am, followed by lunch

2024 CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 72 PROGRAMS

- Oct. 19 OPEN (Mountain Flying?)
- Nov. 23 Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Board Elections
- Dec. TBD Christmas Party, MLAA Hangar

YOUNG EAGLES

Volunteers,

Thank you so much for July's successful event. There were 29 Young Eagle rides total and I really appreciate everyone's participation and safe decision making. One Young Eagle said "this was the best day of my life". It was a first flight for him and he was the last flight of the rally. Just know you are making a huge impact on the future generation.

Young Eagles was canceled early last Saturday morning due to IFR conditions. I apologize for the inconvenience. We will try again on Saturday, September 14th. Thank you so much for your willingness to participate
Sincerely,

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EAA TECHNICAL COUNSELORS and FLIGHT ADVISORS NEEDED

Our chapter is still looking to expand our Technical Counselors pool and begin a Flight Advisor pool. Some have volunteered already, but more members are qualified, and we need your participation! Successful builders (Repairmen) and experienced A&P mechanics can become Technical Counselors and experienced pilots can become Flight Advisors. If you have interest in either, or both these, the chapter needs you to apply. Find the forms at www.eaa.org, fill them out, and get them to President Jim for his signature and submit the application/s on-line. This is your opportunity to make our chapter better.

Bill Epperson Jr.

Vice President & Eagle flights leader, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 7

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cleveland model DMB wheels needed. My Luscombe needs two airworthy Cleveland wheels as used by Luscombe, Aeronca and others for the cable operated drum brakes. Please call, email or text me if you have one or two to sell.
Thanks,
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- MLAA runway 15/33 and 08/26 and taxiways at the airport will be closed from 0800 on Monday, August 12th till 2000 on Friday, August 16th to allow pavement maintenance to take place. Closures will be announced on AWOS and NOTAMS.
- We have received an inquiry from the Epic Flight Academy, New Smyrna Beach, FL, interested in possibly setting up a satellite operation here. They are looking for a hangar large enough to shelter & maintain 2 C172s with space inside or alongside for a trailer for office and classroom. Details are negotiable. Any hangar owners that have an upcoming vacancy and are willing to discuss this proposal, please contact me.
Dave
cell/text: 719-339-0928

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OSHKOSH 2024

It was another year of camping and vacationing in Camp Scholler for Oshkosh AirVenture 2024.



What were the highlights this year? That probably depends on the age of the person asked. Many folks are not old enough to know who Elvis was or even care. Regardless of what you think of Elvis or his music, there was a unique project on display at Airventure 2024 that captured the attention of many attendees. Have you ever watched “Jimmy’s World” on YouTube? Jimmy Webb caught everyone’s attention this year with his experimental project. He recently bought one of the Elvis jets that was removed from service in the early 1980s, when noise became an issue for jet engines. Elvis purchased a Lockheed Jetstar a few months before he passed away. After that, it was operated only a couple of years by some rich oil sheiks in the Middle East and then it wound up in storage in Roswell, New Mexico for 30+ years.



The four engines that mounted on the tail (two on each side) were long since removed.

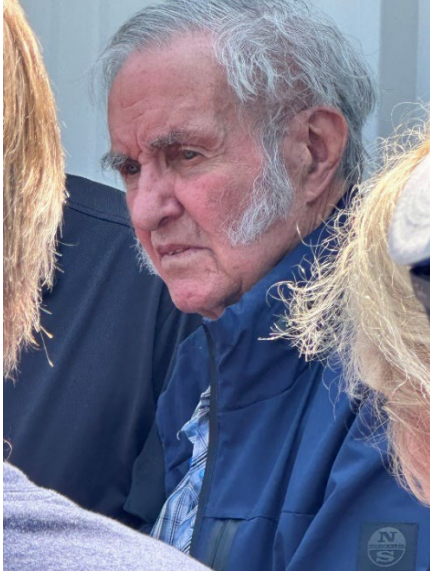
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Jimmy Webb bought the airplane at auction a couple years ago, cut off the wings and empennage, and trailered it home to Florida. He began to raise money by selling aluminum pieces of the airplane skin cut into small, keychain-size, trinkets to his youtube viewers as genuine pieces of the Elvis Jet. Jimmy and his chief mechanic, Grizzly, then mounted the fuselage onto a motorhome chassis and converted the captain's yoke into the steering mechanism for this unique vehicle. They enlisted local specialists to cover the chasis with sheet metal and managed to get the vehicle licensed in Florida. It took 18 months to make it a roadworthy vehicle before driving it on it's first cross-country trip from Plant City, Florida to Oshkosh this year. No changes were made to the interior so it looks just the way Elvis left it.



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Other highlights were the presentations from Burt Rutan, the designer and developer of the experimental canard airplanes. I attended his presentation about the life and career of his brother, Dick Rutan. Burt also gave several other presentations throughout the week, one of which was the Starship, which became a Beechcraft product for a few years until Beechcraft decided to buy them all back and destroy them. Now there are only about 3 still flying that the owners refused to sell back to Beechcraft.



The two brothers accomplished a lot in their life: Burt as an aeronautical engineer, and Dick as an Air Force pilot, then a test pilot for Burt, his younger brother. They both gave many enlightening and enjoyable presentations at Oshkosh through the years.

I also attended the Memorial service in the Warbird section for WWII Ace and P-51 (Old Crow) pilot, Bud Anderson. He passed away in May, 2024 at 102 years of age. Bud was always a favorite featured speaker in the Warbird section for many years.

Another highlight was listening to the son of Gary Francis Powers, who has written numerous books about the Cold War and the experiences of his pilot father, who was shot down in a U-2 spy plane and captured over Russia in the 1960s.

Finally, my favorite presenter is Mike Busch. He's one of the most innovative General Aviation Mechanics and Authors in the industry today. He's written four books about aircraft maintenance and numerous articles found in aviation periodicals. His perspective as a pilot, flight instructor, A&P mechanic, and IA is making a big impact on how airplanes should be maintained. He teams up with two other mechanics, Paul New and Colleen Sterling, who record monthly podcasts entitled Ask the A&P. One can learn a lot listening to their Q&A sessions. They did two live, impromptu, presentations at OSH this year.

There were approximately 686,000 in attendance this year. Robert Latham from our chapter, flew his RV-12 to OSH for the first time. That is a noteworthy accomplishment that he can cross off his bucket list.



Chapter Financials

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members!*

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 08/01/2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/31/2024	Checking Balance	\$5,324.00
07/31/2024	Scholarship Account	\$9476.46
07/31/2024	Savings Account	\$31,967.74

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Chapter Meeting

Date: No August Meeting due to Colorado Springs Airshow August 17 and 18, 2024.

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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 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. Send to: Membership chairman Greg Wolff, 19773 Kenshaw Ct. Monument, CO 80132. 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.