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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The truth is, I have no idea as to how many homebuilt projects are underway within our EAA Chapter. Members saw several of them at last month's project tour, but that was only part of them. There are many more projects under construction at Meadow Lake and many more being built off airport. I know personally of at least 15, and I know there are more. Add to this number all of the completed, and flying homebuilt airplanes at Meadow Lake Airport (KFLY). According to Dave Elliott, there are somewhere between 450 and 500 planes at Meadow Lake. It's only a guess, but I think that about 20% of the planes are homebuilt. That would equal 90 of the 450, and on some days, I swear that there are more RV's here than that, and

more under construction. One might think that Meadow Lake is the home base for all RV's. Don't get me wrong! I think that most of the RV's are really great planes, especially the ones with tailwheels! (Just kidding). The fact is that there is a large number of other types of homebuilt aircraft at KFLY, a number that may rival the RV's.

According to Bud Davisson's article in the last EAA Sport Aviation magazine, homebuilts now constitute more than 20% of the flying aircraft population. He also mentioned that in 2021 there were 1,393 certified piston aircraft delivered with about half being single engine. During that same time, 4000 kits were delivered, and 400 took to the air. Keep in mind that these were only the RV kits!!! There are 76 people on the hangar wait list and several have more than one airplane that they would like to bring to Meadow Lake. Twenty two aircraft or 29% of those are homebuilt. I may be looking at this wrong, but if you were to compare the number of certificated airplanes at KFLY that can't fly, and may never fly again, to the number that do fly, and make the same comparison to the homebuilt planes at KFLY, I think that the numbers may change considerably in favor of homebuilt airplanes. Every couple of months another homebuilt flies. The numbers are changing at a rapid rate. Bud's numbers were from 2021 which were the only numbers available at the time he wrote the article. What are the real numbers today, and what will they look like in 2024 or 25? Will the numbers at Meadow Lake change with the national average or will they exceed national numbers?

What does all of this have to do with Chapter 72? Well, I think the numbers that are changing for the positive are all within 72. With so many aircraft projects, many new members, many chapter projects, we have a lot going on, and it's all positive. I think that it makes our chapter somewhat unique. How many chapters can say that they started the airport that they are based at, and that it has grown to be the largest of its kind in its home state? How many other chapters have a full motion RedBird Simulator on order? How many other chapters have a .5 chapter? I am excited

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about the future of Chapter 72 and 72.5, and as chapter members, I hope that you are also excited. Meadow Lake Airport is also unique. Not only because it was started by an EAA Chapter, or that it is the largest privately owned airport in Colorado, but because it is a reliever airport for KCOS. It may be the only private airport in Colorado to receive federal funds which helps maintain the airport. As Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72, we should not only be excited, but proud of where we are and what the chapter has accomplished. I believe that as we continue to gain new members, it's important for them to know the history of Chapter 72 and Meadow Lake Airport. At our upcoming July 15 chapter meeting Sarah Byrn Rickman, will be our speaker. Sarah has written several books about the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron of World War II. She has a new book out now, and if it's anything like the others, it will be interesting to hear about. Sarah is an excellent speaker so I hope you will all come to learn more about the WAFS pilots.

It will also be an opportunity for you to meet the members of Chapter 72.5 and hear about their plans.

I hope I see you all on Saturday Morning at 11:00 AM

Tailwinds

Jim Steward

President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • July 12 | VMC/IMC club meeting, MLAA classroom | 6-7 pm |
| • July 15 | Chapter meeting, MLAA Hangar | 11 am followed by lunch |
| • July 24-30 | EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI | all week |
| • Aug. 12 | Coffee & Donuts, Young Eagle Rally | 9-11 am |
| • Aug. 19 | Chapter meeting, Big Band Night | 5 pm |

VMC/IMC

I'm running late in getting this out, but have been working on the annual for my plane and also assembling the room for the EAA simulator. Also, EAA retracted the questions of the month and I haven't seen the corrected questions yet. At any rate, our next IMC/VMC meeting is Wednesday July 12th, at 6:00pm in the MLAA Hangar located at 13550 Piper Lane, Peyton, CO.

Last month we looked at flying into icing conditions and I've included a link below which documents what the National Weather Service has to say on icing. It's July and icing conditions can still be encountered even if they are not in the forecast.

At the July meeting we'll look at a couple of flight scenarios, a recent near mid-air collision and an update on an effort later this year to set a world altitude record.

Since I haven't received EAA's questions of the Month I've come up with my own and we'll go over these in the session:

1. VFR Question, What is Diurnal Wind?
2. IFR Question, You land after an IFR flight with less than 45 minutes of fuel remaining. Is this legal?

Richard Martin

VMC/IMC Coordinator

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YOUNG EAGLE RALLY, May 13, 2023

Volunteers,

We have another Young Eagles Rally coming up on Saturday, August 12th from 9AM-12PM at the MLAA building. Currently, we have 30 children signed up with a waiting list of 11.

Please let me know if you'll be able to volunteer for this event and in what capacity. The pilot briefing will be at 845AM and I ask that ground volunteers arrive by 835AM. Also, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me

Thank you so much for all of your time and support. Many lives are being changed and enriched through your efforts! I look forward to seeing you soon!



God bless you all.

Jeff Hyatt

Young Eagles Coordinator, EAA72

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Contact: Harold Haver- 719-332-8464 or Rich Wilbur- 719-439-8088



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PROJECT TOUR, JUNE 17, 2023



George Sciss, RV-14A



Mark Doughty, Zenith CH-601



Dave Elliott, Fairchild 24



Mike Jerger, Zenith CH-601

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Ryan Schneider, RV-7



Randy Loyd, Bellanca Super Viking



Steve Fessler, Scaled down P-51



Mark Steward, Pitts S-1

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Rich Wilbur, Harold Haver, Waco 9



Dave Wagner, RV-4



John Armstrong, RV-9A



Sean Blair, RV-7

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KELLY AIRPARK PANCAKE BREAKFAST, JULY 8, 2023



Gary Leake, G-Sport, KFLY



Ian Wayman, J-3 Cub, KFLY



Mark Steward, Pitts S-1, KFLY



Jamie Treat, Pitts Derivative, CO15

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Jim Steward's Decathlon

Chapter Financials

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EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 06/30/2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: 11:00

Place: MLAA Hangar Upstairs,
Chapter 72.5 Presentation,
Sarah Byrn Rickman, Aviation Author

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MEADOW LAKE AIRPORT - COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Next Meeting July 15, 2023

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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 \$25. 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.