

## Chapter News

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## Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

### VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to remind everyone that Jim is doing well, and to please continue your thoughts and prayers as he goes through physical therapy and his tough road to recovery. We're all hoping that he's back at the chapter very soon. I would personally like to thank you all, but especially the board, for your assistance and patience as I'm managing his duties during his absence. I really couldn't do it without you all. I'd also like to wish everyone a Happy New Year as we get started on another wonderful and eventful year. We have many things planned for this chapter and I encourage everyone to attend as many of these events as you can. Just next week we'll be welcoming our Technical Counselors to present on the many aspects of building, inspecting, and certifying your aircraft. I encourage you all to come out and meet these gentlemen. They could be crucial in preparing your aircraft for that final certification, so don't miss it! This is an Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter after all. I can't think of a better way to start the year off than to focus on building and eventually certifying your aircraft. That meeting will begin at 11AM on 18 January 2025, and it will immediately be followed with soup and crackers around noon. Who could ask for a better cold weather lunch than good old-fashioned soup and crackers. Right now, we have at least 4 different amazing soups planned. You're going to have to show up to see what we bring! I'd also like to remind everyone about EAA Homebuilders Week, January 27 - 31, 2025. If you haven't attended one of these before, then I encourage you to register for this event. Previous year's presentations are also available for viewing, but you'll have to dig a bit to find those links. Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of these amazing resources. Our February presentation will focus on Colorado aviation and our April meeting will focus on decision making. You'll get more news about these events in next month's newsletter. I also want to remind everyone of our March annual Spaghetti dinner. We will begin selling tickets for that at our 18 January meeting. Many of you have attended this in the past, but for our new members, this is an annual dinner celebrating the creation of our Chapter which began in 1962.

### 2025 Calendar of EAA Chapter 72 programs

<u>Date / Start time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Food</u>
18 Jan / 11am	Meet your Technical Counselors + briefing	Soup and Crackers
15 Feb / 11am	Colorado Aviation - Hetty Carlson	Sandwiches
15 Mar / ~6PM	Spaghetti Dinner, EAA-72 anniversary #63	Spaghetti Factory
19 Apr / 11am	Aviation Decision Making	TBD
17 May / ~9am	EAA Nat'l Learn to Fly Day & Fly-in	TBD
21 Jun / 9-noon	KFLY project tour	Burgers & Brats
July EAA meeting	will be merged with the YE's day due to Oshkosh	TBD
Aug, Sep, Oct	TBD	TBD
15 Nov / 11am	Annual business meeting & Board Elections	Chili Cookoff
Dec / TBD	Christmas Party, MLAA Hangar	Honey Baked Ham

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As you can see, we have most of the year's events planned out. We'll have the rest to announce in next month's newsletter. I can't wait for you to see what all we have planned for our Learn to Fly Day on May 17th. I'll just give you a small taste of what's planned; this will be Eagle flights day. We can't let the Young Eagles have all the fun now, can we?

I would also like to congratulate Doug Dal Soglio for the 2024 Young Eagle's Pilot of the Year award. I did not have that information available to provide it in our December newsletter.



Bill Epperson,  
Vice-President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Jan. 18    | EAA Chapter Meeting, MLAA Hangar, Tech. Advisors | 11 am     |
| • Jan. 27-31 | EAA Homebuilder's Week Online Free Seminars      | Daily     |
| • Feb. 8     | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar                     | 9-11 am   |
| • Feb. 12    | VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA classroom                  | 6-7:30 pm |
| • Feb. 15    | EAA Chapter Meeting, MLAA Hangar                 | 11 am     |

## Announcements

Monday and Tuesday (Jan 13-14) Johnstone sealcoating will be putting down millings along Cessna drive to help protect the edges. Please use caution while taxiing and driving.

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## Membership News & Dues:

2024 was a fantastic year for our chapter. We ended the year with 147 members. Of those, approximately 50 were new applicants. Annual memberships expired on 31 December 2024, so with the closeout of 2024, annual memberships need to be renewed. 2025 dues are to be paid by 31 Jan 2025. In past years there have been a lot of late renewals. **This year the Board decided that if not paid by 31 Jan, simulator privileges will be suspended, so renew your membership promptly!**

There are several ways to renew. Our membership chairman, Greg Wolff, will be at chapter events such as Coffee and Donuts Saturdays, and General Membership Saturday meetings. He will accept cash, checks, or credit cards. Dues are \$35 a year or a three-year membership discounted to \$90.

If you are unable to make one of the chapter meetings, you may also renew by:

1- Mailing a check to Greg Wolff, 19773 Kershaw Ct, Monument, CO, 80132. Make your check payable to "EAA 72".

2- Call Greg on 314-705-2100 and he will take your credit card info over the phone.

(Note: If you were a new member in the last quarter of 2024, your membership is good through 2025.)

## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27<sup>th</sup>.

*30 online sessions to expand your knowledge of building your own aircraft.*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to continue the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions.

To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953. I can't think of a better way to recognize our organization's founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van's Aircraft.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

[Register Today](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

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## Homebuilders Week Schedule January 27 - 31, 2025

To sign up: [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

Time CST	Monday 1/27/25	Tuesday 1/28/25	Wednesday 1/29/25	Thursday 1/30/25	Friday 1/31/25
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC - Sean Elliott, Rob Hackman, & Jack J. Pelton	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dave Nelson
1:00-2:15	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Composite Construction - Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Liability of Selling Your Homebuilt - Kathy Yodice
2:30-3:45	Fabric-Covering Basics - Nate Hammond	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Sonex Highwing Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	The Need for Speed: Kitbuilt Options - Dave Forster	Hardware for Homebuilts - John Cox	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Brensing	Weight and Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Engine Selection Basics - Dick Koehler	Gas Welding - Budd Davisson	Working With Wood 101 - John Egan
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation - Phil Lockwood	Designing the Perfect Paint Scheme and Its Impact on Budget - Craig Barnett	Data-Driven Diagnosis of Engine Issues - Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits - Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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# Chapter Financials

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## EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 01/01/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12/31/2024	Checking Balance	\$5,655.50
12/31/2024	Scholarship Account	\$13,876.46
12/31/2024	Savings Account	\$37,683.23

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## Chapter Meeting

**Date:** Jan. 18, 2025

**Time:** 11:00

**Topic:** Tech. Advisors, Doug Dal Soglio, Steve Fessler, and Fred Carter. Followed by Soup Luncheon.

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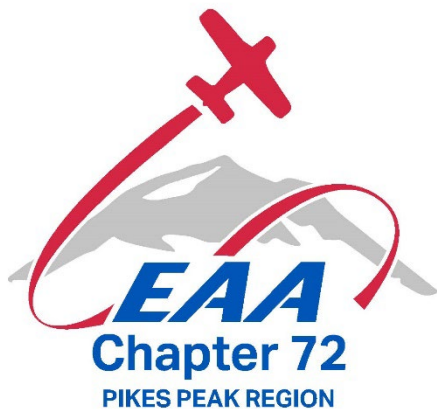
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### About our Chapter

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 Kenshaw Ct. Monument, CO 80132.