

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every month Randy has to remind me that it's time for the newsletter, and every month I struggle to write a message. I don't like to write, and this month I have considered not writing at all, but I feel I must. We are deeply saddened and shocked by the tragic loss of a chapter member, and good friend. Carl Benda was killed in his Chinese Nanchang CJ-6 last Saturday while celebrating the retirement of military person at Meadowlake Airport. Not only does he leave his loving wife Sherry, and sons, Curtis, and Hunter, but countless other friends around this airport, as well as employees within two business. Like Mike Cranford, who died in his RV-4 a year ago or more, Carl was doing what he loved. I considered both good friends, and will never recover completely from their loss. Two days before Carl's accident, he drove by in his little VW pickup while I

was standing by the road. Simultaneously, we both grinned at each other, and waved with silly little funky waves. Carl's loss makes me wonder, "What is a friend." To me a friend is somebody you may not see or talk to for a few days, or weeks or maybe longer, but when you do get together, or talk long distance, you feel comfortable. You want to be with them, and you can talk about or say anything, and when you leave, you realize how much you miss them. Late last month we also lost Ken Hendrickson. Ken was a huge supporter of this chapter and donated the Rans S-19 and an RV-14 kit. We will miss his flying stories and laughter.

This Saturday is our Coffee & Donut get-together, and also Young Eagle Flights. What an incredible opportunity to renew old friendships, and shake the hands of friends you haven't seen for some time. Then on the 19th is the Chapter **Big Band Night**, and another chance to get together with old friends. With Mike, and now Ken and Carl "gone west" it should remind us how important relationships are, and make sure that we reach out, not only to the important ones, but all of them, and repair the ones that may need repairing. Make sure that your spiritual relationships are strong. Let the people that you love know that you love them.

It would be a crying shame to let this lesson, which should be learned, be ignored. I think that Mike, Ken, and Carl would want us to learn it. The lesson is "these airplanes that we love to build, maintain and fly, can bite us and bite hard." The NTSB is investigating the accident, but Carl is the only one that really knows what happened. It seems to me that we become attached to our airplanes and learn to trust them as we would an old friend. But, unlike an old friend who may forgive, an airplane won't. They demand respect 100% of the time.

Blue Skies, please be careful.

Jim Steward President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Aug. 12 | Coffee & Donuts, Young Eagle Rally | 9-11 am |
| • Aug. 19 | Chapter meeting, Big Band Night & BBQ | 5 - 9 pm |
| • Sep. 9 | Coffee & Donuts, Young Eagle Rally | 9-11 am |
| • Sep. 13 | VMC/IMC meeting, MLAA classroom | 6 – 7 pm |
| • Sep. 16 | Chapter meeting, MLAA Hangar | 11 am, followed by lunch |
| • Oct. 7 | Pancake Breakfast, MLAA Hangar Eagle Rally | 8 – 11 am |

VMC/IMC

At our last meeting I mentioned we are going to Oshkosh but forgot to mention that we'll be traveling some after Airventure so there will not be a meeting in August. The next IMC/VMC meeting will be Sep. 13.

Richard Martin
VMC/IMC Coordinator

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY, Aug. 12, 2023

Young Eagles Volunteers,

We have another Young Eagles Rally coming up on Saturday August 12th. WE currently have 32 children on the active fly list and another 10 on the waiting list. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer for this event and in what capacity. As usual, the event goes from 9AM-12PM and there will be a pilot briefing at 845AM. Thank you very much for supporting these young eagles and inspiring the next generation. I'm looking forward to seeing all of the after-flight smiles!



God bless you all.
Jeff Hyatt
Young Eagles Coordinator, EAA72
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CLASSIFIEDS

I'm getting a DA40 Tundra Star next year, that will likely be based in TX (where I live most of time), but up in CO half the year. Son in Law building a plane in Del Norte, but I'm in Manitou Springs. Would like to hangar some time at Meadowlake. Have been on hangar wait list a long time. My insurance policy will let any PP with 250 hours, 10 in a DA40, fly the plane, so wondering if I might find a rental partner at Meadowlake who wants to cross country in a diesel, Jet A DA40—and maybe get temporary hangar use from them. More and more DA40s are NG models with the diesel engine (jet fuel).

Dr. Drew Miller, CMA, CFP, CM&AA, Col USAF (Ret), CEO, Fortitude Ranch,
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NEW SIGN GOES UP FOR MLAA HANGAR, JUNE 23, 2023



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AIRVENTURE 2023

Wednesday, July 26



Troy Paggen, Miley Betts, Ian Wayman, Gary Myers, Carl Benda

Thursday, July 27



William Russell, Rich Wilbur, Randy Loyd, Jeff Freeman, Mark Gabriel, Robert Latham, Richard Martin

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GONE WEST



Ken Henrickson with his EAA friends



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Carl Benda and his beloved Nanchang CJ6



(most photos in this issue are the courtesy of Steve Trolander)

OTHER MEMBERS GONE WEST

- Dan Hall recently passed away.
- Jim Stansberry a former member passed away Aug 3. A memorial will be held in September. Folks can contact me for more info. He was the Principal when I taught Elementary School.
John Moe, johnjohannamoe@gmail.com

Chapter Financials

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

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 07/31/2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/01/2023	Beginning Balance	\$10,502.02
07/31/2023	Ending Balance	\$9,439.92
07/31/2023	Scholarship Account	\$23,405.00
07/31/2023	Raffle Account	\$134,530.68

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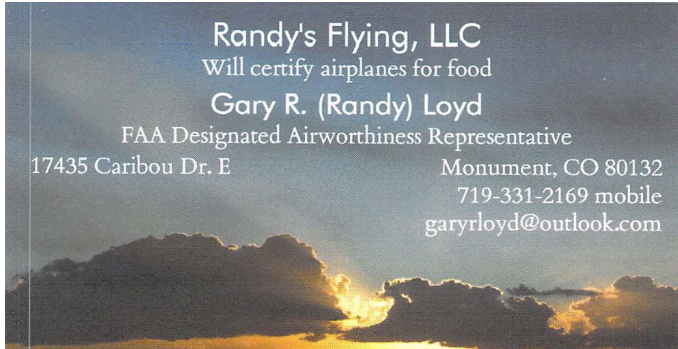
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Chapter Meeting

Date: Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023

Time: 5 – 9 PM

Place: MLAA Hangar,
Big Band Night, Featuring *Plan C*



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Next Meeting Aug. 19, 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.