

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to thank everyone for coming out to Ken Johnson's presentation on "Aviation Decision Making" on 19 April 2025. It was a very informative presentation and will be saved to the website very shortly. I would also like to proudly announce that we've found a new Secretary. Heidi Ingalls has graciously accepted the position, and she will fulfill the remainder of Alec Hamilton's term. Benjamin Kirby has agreed to take over Heidi's previous duties as our Events Coordinator. Please welcome them both into their new roles.

We're still looking for more volunteers for our next big event; our Learn to Fly event, coming up on 17 May 2025. We also need setup personnel to assist Friday evening around 6PM to help move tables and chairs. I believe we only need about 5 - 10 people and this should only take about an hour. We will begin the event promptly at 8 AM Saturday morning when we begin marshalling aircraft into their assigned positions. Engines need to be shut off at 8:30 AM so that we may begin setting up tents, tables, and chairs. If an aircraft still needs to be moved to its assigned position, it will then need to be walked in with either a small tug or hand pulled to its final location. This should prevent any

ramp accidents from propellers or running aircraft. If you're bringing an aircraft, you should already know this and be ready for our 7 PM call on Thursday evening for final ramp assignments and coordination details. If you're not a presenter or display person, you do not need to call into this meeting. We will need volunteers throughout the day, so please don't feel that you need to stay all day and volunteer for everything. I want you to enjoy this day just as much as the public. We need volunteer participation throughout the day so that this will even out everyone's load. I don't want anyone to work all day; we don't need to burn out anyone. We will have water, snacks and of course coffee for volunteers in the first floor walk in the area of the MLAA hangar. This will be the main presentation area for EAA Chapter 72 and allow us to control and coordinate everything during the event. If you have any chapter related material that you think would be a good display, please bring that by. I would love to see some photo albums or historical type information to put out for display. I welcome participation for members to meet and greet the public from this table, so please stop by for a few minutes and give us a much-needed break. I look forward to seeing everyone there, please spread the word if you have not already done so.

Now to look to the immediate future. Next month's event is coming up quickly. Everyone enjoys the annual project tour, and I can't wait to see who is all on this year's roster. If you have not let someone know that you wish to show off your project, then please contact someone on the board and get your address added to the roster. I don't know how many projects we visited last year as I was unable to attend the event, so I'm very much looking forward to this year's event. I may even open my own messy hangar.

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We've had a couple of really good Young Eagles events, but we're still looking for a new YE coordinator. I know Jim Densmore, Doug Dal Soglio, and Richard Martin have been very beneficial in helping organize these past two events. But, both Jim and Doug enjoy flying our YE's and Richard needs to be available to present the Sim during this time frame. So please consider donating your time for a great cause. I know this is a lot of work, but I also believe that there's someone in the chapter that would make a fantastic fit in this position. Please think about it.

Thank you,
 Bill Epperson Jr.
 Vice President, EAA Bruce McCombs Chapter 72

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • May 13-17 | EAA Learn to Fly Week, Numerous Webinars | All week |
| • May 14 | VMC/IMC Meeting, MLAA classroom | 6-7:30 pm |
| • May 17 | EAA Nat'l Learn to Fly Day & Fly-in | 9 am - 3pm |
| • May 17 | Armed Forces Day | All Day |
| • June 14 | Coffee & Donuts, MLAA Hangar | 9-11 am |
| • June 14 | Young Eagles Rally, MLAA Ramp | 0830 - noon |
| • June 21 | Chapter Project Tour | 9 am - noon |

May 17, 2025 9:00 am-3:00 pm

13550 Piper Lane, Peyton, Colorado 80831

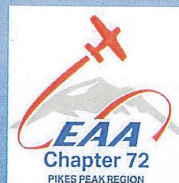
Free Admission

Breakfast and Lunch Sold

Everyone is invited

Drive-in or Fly-in

Learn about the aviation community and how you can get involved by visiting the several stands including flight schools, maintenance shops, and colleges!



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A Toast

From: Capt Jerry Coffee, USN (ret) a Vietnam POW (1934-2021)

One night during a bombing raid on Hanoi, I peeked out of my cell and watched a flight of four F-105s during their bombing run. As they pulled up, it was obvious that lead was badly hit. Trailing smoke, he broke from the formation and I watched the damaged bird until it disappeared from sight. I presumed the worst.

As I lay there in my cell reflecting on the image, I composed a toast to the unfortunate pilot and all the others who had gone before him.

On New Year's Eve 1968, Captain Tom Storey and I were in the Stardust section of Hoa Lo (wa-low) Prison. I whispered the toast under the door to Tom. Tom was enthralled, and despite the risk of terrible punishment, insisted that I repeat it several more times until he had it committed to memory. He then promised me that when the time came, and they were again free men, he would give the toast at the first dining-in he attended. [For you civilians, a dining-in is a dreary formal affair with drinks, dinner, and forced joviality and comradeship where officers get to dress up like the head waiters in "The Merry Widow" -- that's the American version; I've heard that the Brits, who created the damn things, have a rollicking good time.

Tom's first assignment following release in 1973 was to the U.S. Air Force Academy. During that same year the Academy hosted the Annual Conference of General Officers and Those Associated Dining In. ... The jovial clinking of glasses accompanied all the traditional speeches and toasts.

Then it was Tom's turn. Remembering his promise so many years earlier, he proposed Jerry's "One More Roll." When he was finished there was total silence.

**We toast our hearty comrades
Who have fallen from the skies,
And were gently caught by God's own hands
To be with him on high,
To dwell among the soaring clouds
They have known so well before,
From victory roll to tail chase
At heavens very door.**

**And as we fly among them there,
We're sure to hear their plea:
Take care, my friend,
Watch your six,
And do one more roll for me.**

[A toast to all our comrades -- POWs, missing in action, living or dead, whatever their duty., whatever their war, whatever their uniform. Bless them all.]

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YOUNG EAGLES

The Young Eagles rally Saturday was another successful chapter event.

My personal thanks to all our volunteers, as always, you made it run smoothly. We had a number of new volunteers and I hope their experience was a good one.

A special thanks to Rich Engel for jumping into the registration desk and taking all the curve balls in stride. Something tells me curve balls isn't something new to him.

9 pilots came out today and we flew 19 young eagles and 3 adults by 11 am. We could have flown many more, but we had an unusually high number of no-shows today (13).

Remember, next month we are starting at 8:30am on June 14th to take advantage of the cooler weather.

BTW, we are still looking for a Young Eagles coordinator. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact me or our chapter vice president, Bill Epperson.

Cheers,
Doug DalSoglio
Young Eagles Lead Pilot



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VMC/IMC

Our May IMC/VMC meeting will be held on Wed the 14th at 6:00pm. We'll meet at the MLAA Hangar located at 13550 Piper Lane, Peyton, CO. Attached below are the questions of the month. We'll review these and some scenarios. We've been in Oshkosh this past week and I attended an advanced IFR session at the EAA Proficiency Center and will discuss the experience.

Richard Martin
VMC/IMC Coordinator



EAA VMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You've just taxied to the hold short line of the active runway after completing your runup and passenger safety briefing. What additional items should you now address as part of your pre-takeoff briefing?



EAA IMC Club

Question of the Month

Question: You're planning a departure from Clearwater Airpark (KCLW) in Clearwater, Florida. Wind is currently out of the north at 10 knots. While listening to the ASOS, you note it says the following: When departing runway 34, turn right to a heading of 020 as soon as practical for noise abatement procedures. At what altitude must you have initiated your turn to 020?

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EAA Learn to Fly Week Returns May 13-17, 2025

There is no doubt, whether it was at the barbershop or doctor's office, when you've talked about your love for aviation, you've been met with this response: "I have always wanted to learn to fly, but..." Or "I started my ground school years ago and took a few lessons, but..."

It is a story as old as time: Aspiring aviators have the desire, but there are extenuating circumstances that are preventing them from pursuing their dream of flight. Here at EAA, we know there is an opportunity to turn these dreamers into doers.

EAA's mission is to "grow participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation." This mission is fully embraced by EAA's 300,000-plus members and 900 local chapters. Though we can't break down every barrier, it is hard to find an organization and group of members more well-equipped to help aspiring aviators find their place in the sky.

Through EAA's vast library of educational materials and local chapter advocates, the organization is perfectly placed to help grow the pilot population.

To further the efforts of growing the aviation community, **EAA Learn to Fly Week, supported by Sporty's Pilot Shop, is returning on May 13-17, 2025!**

The week will consist of three straight days of educational and interactive webinars. Topics will range from how to get started in flight training to tips for passing the FAA written exam, how to save time and money in flight training, strategies for the checkride, pinch-hitter presentations, and so much more!

Representatives from EAA, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Redbird, TakeFlight Interactive, and designated pilot examiners from across the country will be presenting this wide range of webinars. Following each presentation, attendees will have time for Q&A with the presenters.

The final day of Learn to Fly Week, May 17, 2025, will play host to chapter Flying Start events across the country. Flying Start events are open house-style activities that introduce local aspiring pilots to the local knowledge, tools, and connections that they need to accomplish their goal of becoming a pilot.

During the Flying Start event, chapter members will break down the perceived barriers common to the nonaviation community that prevent people from pursuing their pilot certificate.

Following a short presentation from the chapter and local flight instructors about learning to fly, Flying Start attendees are paired with an Eagle Flight mentor pilot for a free introductory flight. At the conclusion of the flight, the attendee will be provided with a free six-month trial EAA membership!

Flying Start participants will walk away from the event with an "I can do this" point of view, and a clear understanding of "how flying can fit into my life," and "what I can do with this hobby."

Whether you're in the midst of your flight training journey, or just thinking about getting started, we know you'll value in EAA Learn to Fly Week

You can learn more and register at www.EAA.org/LTFWeek



Chapter Financials

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EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 05/01/2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4/30/2025	Checking Balance	\$7,329.68
4/30/2025	Scholarship Account	\$12,183.96
4/30/2025	Savings Account	\$36,912.94

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Chapter Meeting

Date: May 17, 2025

Time: 9-3, MLAA Hangar

Topic: Learn To Fly Day

Many aviation lectures and static displays.
Eagle Flights.

Randy's Flying, LLC

Will certify airplanes for food

Gary R. (Randy) Loyd

FAA Designated Airworthiness Representative

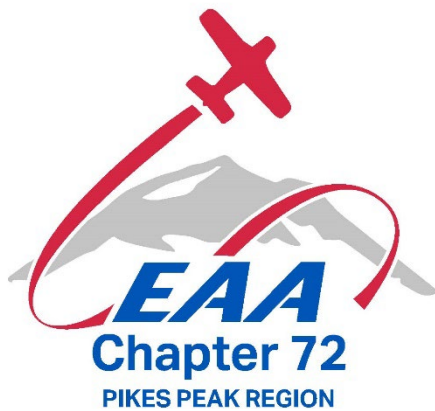
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About our Chapter

The Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport 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. Make check payable to EAA Chapter 72 or pay on-line at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa72>. Get involved with fellow pilots and builders.