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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

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Presidents Message

Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 project tour is on! We will meet at the MLAA Hangar at 9:00 AM on 20th of June for Coffee and Donuts. Start tour at 9:30 or so and finish with BBQ at noon. There are a few rules. The MLAA hangar will be open with the door up and tables set inside, so that social distancing can be maintained. When we are at individual hangars please look but don't touch. Hopefully, some of the projects can be moved out of the hangars which will allow better distancing. With any luck Hunter Hamilton will be back on the 19th with his new airplane, a Siai Marchetti 1019. Hopefully, they will have blue skies and tailwinds all the way and we will be able to view the Saia Marchetti along with the refurbished Beech 18 and others. Hunter's hangar is next to the MLAA Hangar. A new member, John Moe, has acquired a Zenith Project and will be in the tour. John has lots of questions and wants



comments about his new project. Mike Jerger's Zenith will also be on display along with a totally custom carbon fiber Wolf Pitts, an L2m, some RV's and others. We will have to caravan from the MLAA Hangar to the east side of the airport and park in a central location. We should be able to walk from there to all the other projects.

Our July meeting will be on the 18th. Again, we will meet at the MLAA Hangar for an open air get together. BBQ and socializing will be the order of the day. Just a "celebration" of being able to get together. Social distancing and masks will most likely still be recommended by the Governor. It has been suggested that we call the July meeting an "Oshkosh Cancellation Protest," in which case all rules go out the window.

The results to the six-question survey sent out last month says that most members are ready to return to normal. Whatever normal is nowadays? This virus, just like the flu, will be with us forever, but just like the flu, there will be a vaccine to lessen the effect. In the meantime let's all try to stay as safe as we can and keep in mind that we have members, like me, who are elderly and at risk. Also, many of our members, both young and old, are caring for parents or grandparents who are also at risk. None of us need to face a battle with Covid 19.

Please make welcome two new members at the tour. One is John Moe and the other is Elisa McGhee. Elisa is a military pilot, CFI, teaches STEM, aviation WX and MTN flying!

See you all at the tour.

Jim Steward

President, Chapter 72

Chapter News

In the summer of 2017, CBS News - On the Road with Steve Hartman - had an article about a young middle school student who could not understand why every veteran at his local cemetery did not have a flag for Memorial Day. This troubled the young man so he took his savings and bought flags. Every week he went to that cemetery and placed a flag on a forgotten veteran's grave.

After our own chapter member, Esther Smith, saw this news piece, she came up with a thought for her own students to complete a Service Learning Project using this idea. She contacted a private cemetery in Colorado Springs to see if they would be willing to accommodate this project but their requirements were too strict for the structure of the district. She then contacted the City of Colorado Springs and they were very welcome and open for this project. Due to the size of Evergreen Cemetery it was decided that her school would adopt Fairview Cemetery. It was unknown at that time and this cemetery was forgotten and neglected. She asked many questions but the one that was most disturbing was that no one knew how many veterans were at Fairview and where they were laid to rest. The best estimated number given to her was about 150 to 200. This cemetery, located on the west side of Colorado Springs, is very small, only 32 acres. The only way to find these veterans was to walk every grave and look for any military marking that could be found. Esther recruited a few friends to walk every grave finding these veterans. After their first walk-through, they found about 432 veterans dating back to the Civil War. This cemetery was opened in 1859, two years before the Civil War started.

Once this first walk-through was done, she began bringing her selected students to Fairview Cemetery. Their first trip was to find their veterans in their assigned section and add more as they found them. The students were drawn to this project and began to understand the sacrifices these young men and women made along with the loss their families felt when they passed away. Their next trip to Fairview that year was on Veteran's Day to place flags. They went back again in March 2018 to participate in Cemetery Clean-up Days. They picked up old, tattered flags, trash, dead flowers, and whatever else needed to be discarded. Their final trip that year was for Memorial Day where they placed flags again. By the end of the day, the cemetery was beautiful with a sea of flags flying in the breeze. This project made the front page of the Colorado Springs Gazette. Esther began receiving cards of thanks from the family members and other community members for taking on this project and remembering these veterans.

The project has grown since that first year. North Middle School has adopted this Cemetery. They participate in Wreaths Across America at Christmas time and people reach out to Esther with names of relatives who were veterans but had no markings on their headstones. The number of veterans remembered at Fairview Cemetery now reach almost 500.

This year the scene was very different. The students were able to go to Fairview Cemetery 4 out of 5 times this year but due to the COVID-19 Pandemic they were not able to place flags for Memorial Day. Esther was not going to let these veterans be forgotten. On Sunday, May 24, she was joined by friends and volunteers from the Mt. Carmel Veteran's Center. They spent 3 ½ hours placing flags on all the graves of our fallen. There were many family members visiting Fairview and they were in awe of what was being done. Esther will be adding 10 to 12 more names to her list.

This project is showing the true meaning of Memorial Day, remembering our veterans who proudly served their country and are now gone. There are many veterans in chapter 72 who have served our country proudly.

Esther has provided some pictures of the fallen veterans at Fairview Cemetery from various wars including the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. Two of the veterans were victims of the Bataan Death March during World War II.

Chapter 72 would like to thank all our veterans for your service to our country and preserving the many precious freedoms we have even though we are going through a Pandemic where we have to isolate ourselves for a while. Your service to our country is invaluable.

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Views of Fairview Cemetery, Colorado Springs.



Flags that were placed.



WWI Veteran.



WWII Veteran.



Korean War Veteran.

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Civil War Veteran.



Spanish American War Veteran.



Bataan Death March, WWII Veteran.



Served both theaters of WWII.

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Jun. 13	International Young Eagles Day (canceled)	9:00 a.m.
Jun. 20	Coffee & Donuts at MLAA hangar, Project Tour, BBQ	9:00 a.m. social, 9:30 a.m. tour
Jun. 30	IMC/VMC club meeting, MLAA hangar	6:00 p.m.
Jul. 18	Return to Chapter Meetings	10:00 a.m. BBQ at noon
Jul. 20-26	AIRVENTURE 2020, Oshkosh, WI (canceled)	All week
Aug. 22	Fly-Out, Kelly Air Park (CO15)	9:00 a.m.
Sep. 19	Chapter Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 15	Chapter Meeting	6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Nov. 19	Chapter Meeting	6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Dec. 5	Christmas Party in Remodeled MLAA hangar	6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. meeting
Bonus	Coffee & Donuts (canceled for April, May, & June)	2 nd Saturday of Every Month, 8:00 a.m.

As you can see, the Worldwide Pandemic has canceled many of our social events. Check out the website www.eaatgether.org from July 21-25, 2020 for a virtual Airventure. It's the next best thing to being there. Our next meeting for the IMC/VMC club is Tuesday, June 30, 6 p.m. at the MLAA Hangar. Stay safe out there.

Randy

Chapter 72 Newsletter Editor

Jim Steward and Scott Bengner have acquired a set of sturdy wing stands they no longer need and would like to place them with a good home. These stands have held such notable wings as those of the Bruce McCombs Taylorcraft L-2 and many others. They feature infinitely adjustable length and are unencumbered by needless accessories such as wheels or bluetooth. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated affection for legacy tools. Contact Scott at 719-481-4055 for additional details. The Decathlon visible in the picture below is not included.



Chapter News

Chapter 72's new IMC/VMC Club held its first meeting on May 19th but due to the Corona virus the meeting was one of several virtual meetings set up by the national EAA Organization.

Things are beginning to open up such that it may be possible to begin holding regular monthly IMC/VMC meetings. If everyone is receptive to holding a meeting this month, I have reserved the meeting room downstairs in the MLAA Hangar at 13550 Piper Lane (our EAA meeting place) for Tuesday, June 30th, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Since our first meeting was canceled for the virus I hope to spend a little time to discuss and pick a regular meeting date and time for future meetings as well as determine if we want to have combined meetings or hold separate meetings to cover IMC and VMC topics individually.

If anyone is not comfortable with participating in a meeting this soon because of the virus, I'm ok with that and respect your desire to give it some more time. There's a chance that I might have to cancel because I'm going to be on the west coast from June 12th to June 27th. If for some reason I can't make it back in time, I'll let everyone know.

Richard Martin
IMC/VMC Club Coordinator

Who said flying on instruments wasn't fun?



Chapter Financials

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members!*

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Chapter Meeting

Date: June 20, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. donuts & coffee

Place: MLLA Hangar

Program: Project Tour at 9:30 a.m.
BBQ afterwards

Natalie Mielke Notary

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**Next Meeting
June 20,
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About Our Chapter

EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. **Meetings are on 3rd Saturday of each month** with a Young Eagle Rally and/or breakfast/brunch/lunch or other activity throughout the month on Saturdays. Look for the calendar of events to high- light special chapter events like Young Eagle Rallies, fly-outs, and all other chapter sponsored activities.

The Chapter Newsletter is published monthly, normally mailed 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 in hard copy — email, pen/paper, as long as it's not verbal—by the first Saturday of each month.

Annual membership is \$25. Send to Esther Smith, at 1303 Fosdick Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, payable to EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings and having a great time with sport aviation.