Pike's Peak Flyer

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our movie night in July turned out to be quite pleasant despite the weather. I think most of our members wisely stayed home that evening avoiding the nasty weather. For those of us not so wise,

we really did pleasant evening. the grill and usual great all the fixin's, some popcorn, an old aviation Squadron 366, or Anyway, it was Britt's flying raid against a fuel fuel for German old movie, great Our program this very own Editor, Randy was a firefighter



enjoy a fun, Mike fired up prepared his hamburgers with Carl popped up and we watched movie about was it 633? about a bunch of Mosquito's on a refinery making rockets. Great evening! month is by our Newsletter Loyd. Randy in the Air Force

and has loads of good information for us. His topic about Fire Extinguishers is very appropriate given the fact that there have been several mishaps on the crosswind runway lately. None resulted in fire, but one could have, and we have had several on the main runway that did. There have been extinguishers located along the runway by the runway marker signs, but I wonder how many people actually know how to use them. This will be very educational for all of us.

September's program is the Pikes Peak Regional Airshow and we have committed to man a booth in the kids area. I have ordered a bunch of information from the EAA for us to hand out. This will be something we need to discuss in our August meeting. So, come and enjoy a relaxed, informative evening at the MLAA Hangar.

Jim Steward President

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Pet Peeves

We all have something that annoys us. Some have more pet peeves than others. One of my pet peeves is taking off or landing on a commercial flight with the window shades closed. Last week I flew from Denver to San Francisco on a beautiful VFR day and most of the window shades were closed for the entire flight. There are several reasons why that bothers me.

- 1. I like to be able to see outside anytime I'm on the ground, whether we are waiting for luggage to be loaded, waiting for catering, waiting for someone to open or close the jetway, waiting for takeoff, etc. Did you ever watch those baggage loaders throw your luggage around? It will make you cringe.
- 2. It's also nice to see outside in case of a fire on or near the airplane, so passengers can make their way toward a proper exit. Many foreign carriers have a rule that all the window shades must be open for takeoff and landing. The FAA does not. I'm not one to be in favor of more regulation, but I am in favor of using common sense. What's wrong with people?
- 3. I enjoy flying over the beautiful terrain and picking out landmarks. On the flight to SFO we flew over downtown Denver and I could see Coors Field where the Rockies sometimes win baseball games, (although not much lately). I could see the Bronco stadium, the Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport, (the old Jeffco Field). Then we flew along I-70 and I could pick out Georgetown, where the lake freezes over in winter and they have Jeep races on it. Then we made our way across Vail Pass. It's beautiful in summer! Then I picked out Eagle Airport and Red Table VOR, then Rifle Airport, then Grand Junction Airport. It clouded up as we crossed Utah and Nevada so I read a few articles in my latest copy of Kitplanes. Then as we began our descent over the San Juaquin Valley, I had a perfect view of the old Castle Air Force Base, near Merced, where I was stationed in 1972 and 1973. The base is closed now and there's a huge empty ramp where the B-52s and KC-135s were once lined up. That brief moment brought back many memories. Then as we descended further, I could see the huge reservoir between Los Banos and Hollister where my Air Force buddies and I used to fish, the observatory on Mount Hamilton, the Reid-Hillview Airport, the San Jose Airport where I learned to fly, the old Navy Base in Sunnyvale where the P-3s flew, the San Mateo Bridge, the San Carlos Airport, and the beautiful approach over the bay into SFO Airport.

My eyes briefly turn inside the cabin and more than half the passengers are asleep, window shades closed, dead to the world around them. They don't even wake up for the landing. As Charlie Brown often says to Lucy, "I CAN'T STAND IT!" Randy Loyd, Newsletter Editor.

CLASSIFIED ADS

- Help wanted: The chapter needs a dedicated volunteer to assist Steve Trolander with the development and implementation of our "Wild Apricot" site. Talk to Steve T. or Carl Benda and get involved.
- Help wanted: The chapter needs a dedicated volunteer to be our "Fly-out" coordinator who will plan and promote fly-out activities. Talk to Carl Benda or Scott Benger.
- Help wanted: The chapter needs a dedicated volunteer to be our "website host." Bob Hall has served in this position for many years and is ready to turn the controls over to a new volunteer. Now is the time to get involved and help your chapter.

Chapter Financials

Thank you for supporting these EAA Chapter 72 members!

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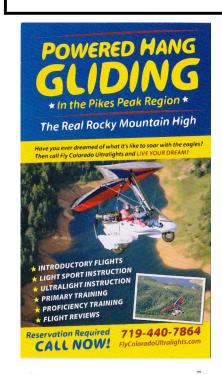
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Chapter Meeting

Date: August 22, 2019, Thursday

Time: 6:00 PM Burgers & social hour, 7 PM

meeting

Place: MLAA Hangar

Program: Speaker Randy Loyd, Fire Safety





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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 7890 Cessna Dr, Peyton, CO 80831, payable to EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings and having a great time with sport aviation.