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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well it happened again. Another year came and flew by faster than a Lee Wolford high speed pass down 33 with a 30 kt tail wind. Soon it will be a faint memory, if a memory at all. Personally, I am ready for things to slow down a bit...for 2019 to go by like a Brian Walker slow speed pass down 33 into a 30 kt head wind. All in all I think that 2018 was a really good year. Our chapter grew by a bunch of new members this year, mostly thanks to Carl and his recruiting methods. But the most significant event was Ken Hendrickson donating the Rans S19 to the chapter. Another equally significant event was changing the name of our chapter to the Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72 and becoming a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. This allows the chapter to accept donations like the S19 and allows the donor to take a tax break. Carl Benda's KFLY-IN was a fun event and a good start to what is to become an annual event for September at Meadow Lake Airport. With the rebuild of the main runway "maybe" happening this year we have some very big issues to deal with. Not only will the airport be closed for two to three months in late summer, which will kill our Young Eagle program, it will also have a big impact on other events I had hoped to have this summer. It is very important that we have a good turnout at this January meeting to discuss not only how we handle the airport closure, but what could happen with the MLAA Hangar. This could/will have a big impact on the chapter and all of us, so it's in your best interest to come hear, discuss and vote!! It may happen that this year does go by

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like a Brian Walker slow speed pass. All joking aside, I am very serious about the importance of this meeting. It is the most important meeting we will have this year. I sure hope to see you all there on Saturday the 19th @ 9:00 AM.

Jim Steward

President, EAA Chapter 72



We had a great turnout for the December, 2018 Christmas Party at The Airplane Restaurant, KCOS. It was a bit too dark for good photographs.

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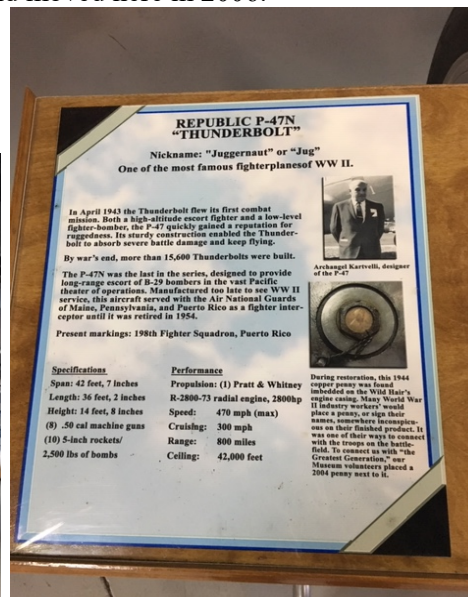
Edward J. Peterson Museum

Unless you have access to Peterson AFB, you may not know about the Edward J. Peterson Museum. My brother-in-law and I paid a visit this week. Here were some of the highlights.



Here is the entrance to the museum. It is preserved as one of the notable historic buildings of Colorado Springs and was the first terminal for the Colorado Springs Airport.

The first two hangars on the airport are also nearby. The first hangar houses the display of the P-47 Thunderbolt and the Missiles and Space artifacts, along with the Missile Silo Training Device from Vandenberg AFB. It was decommissioned and moved here in 2006.



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Is this a Colorado Spring or a Manitou Spring? This is a spring like the ones inside Cheyenne Mountain to stabilize the facility in the event of a nuclear attack.

The second hangar was built by the Broadmoor Hotel and hosted the airplanes of many celebrities when they visited the hotel. Wiley Post and Will Rogers stopped here.

To visit the museum, you will need to obtain a base pass since it is not accessible otherwise. This requires at least a 24 hour notice and can be processed on line at petemuseum.com. They are open from 10 to 3 Tuesday through Friday.

There are at least 5 Docents to give you a personal tour of the Museum and most of them have experience with the airplanes or missile programs on display. It's always a bonus when one can hear the stories of those who have "been there, done that." All the Docents are Volunteers. Edward J. Peterson, for which the base is named, was a 1st Lieutenant who was killed while landing his Lockheed P-38 at this airport.

If you like old warbirds, you will enjoy the walk-through of the Lockheed C-121 Constellation. The airplane is fully equipped as it was when it was in service throughout the 50s, 60s, and 70s. All the heavy radar and avionics equipment is still there. The two radar operator stations, the radio operator station, the navigator station, the flight engineer station, and of course the first officer and captain station are all complete. This airplane was equipped as part of the Airborne Distant Early Warning Fleet.



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Why did the Constellation have 3 verticals? According to our docent, at the time it was built there were no hangars larger enough for the empennage, so it was designed with 3 verticals in order to have enough surface area to control the airplane.

This same model was also used by President Eisenhower as Air Force One and there were 3 of those.

The "Columbine" is on display at the Pima Air Museum in Tucson, AZ.



Other favorites of mine that are on display were the P-47 Thunderbolt, the F-86, the T-33, the F-4, the F-15, and the F-18.



Randy Loyd
Newsletter Editor

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January is Membership Renewal Month. The annual dues are \$25.00. Please make sure to pay your dues this month. You may submit payment by cash, check, or credit card to Secretary Esther Smith. Make your check payable to EAA Chapter 72. If you have already submitted your payment for this year to Sandy Martin, then please make sure Esther Smith knows about it. This is very important. Thank you.
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As of 1/4/19

Date	Reason	Balance
12/1/18	Beginning Balance	\$6788.61
12/8/18	Deposit- Membership Fees	\$ 212.50
12/5/18	Check T103 cleared - Scott Bengert	-\$325.00
12/31/18	Ending Balance	\$6676.11

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Jan 19, 2019, Saturday

Time: 9:00 AM Social hour.

10:00 AM
Meeting

Place: MLAA Hangar

Program: Annual Election & Programs for
2019



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About Our Chapter

EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. **Meetings are on 3rd Thursday evening 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 highlight 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 Sandy Martin, at 7505 Mallard Drive, Peyton, CO 80831, payable EAA Chapter 72, and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings and having a great time with sport aviation.