

Chapter News

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Chapter News—Let's Get Going!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For some reason, I have had a particularly challenging time trying to write this President's Message for our chapter newsletter. It seems like I have been unusually busy lately, but I will be the first to admit that it doesn't take much to keep me extremely busy anymore. I haven't been able to come up with a message, so I started looking back at some of past year's newsletters and discovered somewhat of a pattern. I tend to write similar stories in corresponding months every year. Christmas is near, or it's time to think about new officers, or how fast the year went. And yes, the trend keeps going, I have been thinking about Christmas. It is so expensive to eat out nowadays, and even though our incredibly efficient government would like you to think that the economy is getting much better, I just paid \$10.00 for a skinny chicken sandwich at Mickey Dees. Last year, we paid

over \$62.00 per meal at Patty Jewett's. This year, it would be even more, and it's hard to spend over \$130.00 per couple for dinner, when you have just unloaded half of your life's saving on Christmas gifts for the grandkids. So, to keep costs down and still have a great Christmas dinner, the Board has decided to have the dinner in the hangar. We have done this before and had a wonderful time. This year, the hangar will look different with new lighting, repaired insulation on the hangar door, and some other tidy-up stuff. Another huge change, not to the hangar, but to the upstairs area, is all the vertical glass windows will be gone, and new smaller horizontal windows will be installed. The entire upper level is getting a facelift, so maybe as we celebrate Christmas we can celebrate the fresh look as well.

November is our annual meeting and the time to elect new officers to the board. The only two positions on the board that expire this year are the Vice President and the Treasurer. Mark Gabriel, current treasurer, has been doing a tremendous job, and is willing to stay on another year. There is also some chapter business that must be taken care of, so please plan to attend our business meeting.

On September 21, Josiah Bookman from Composite Construction will fill us in on the secrets of fiberglass layup. The program will start at 11:00 AM, with lunch to follow. The program for October has not been set yet, but mountain flying may be the topic.

I have asked the program committee to start looking into next year's programs. The committee has been able to produce many interesting programs this year, but this is "your" chapter, and you must let the committee know what you would like to hear about. Richard Martin, Greg Wolff, and George Sciss are on the committee, and please let anyone of them know what you think. Without input from the members, there can be no complaining about the programs next year.

As I get older, the years get shorter and even though this year still has one quarter left, it will be gone before you know it. I can't believe fall is upon us. It's my favorite season and I am not about to complain that it seems to have

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arrived early, but this year it seems to be different. Maybe it's because Aerolab School has started, and with that comes a lot of new issues that we have not had to consider in the past. Unlike in the past, this year there will be students in the building all day, at least three days a week, and that changes the way we access the hangar. The building is secured now with keypad locks on all doors except the glass door on the south, which is just keyed, and that door may be changing soon. It's not too difficult to realize that the Board, like the AeroLab personnel, has been remarkably busy preparing the building for a new school year. This time last year, it seems like only a few months ago, we were unloading our new \$100,000 simulator. Fall was not a prevalent thought. Just a few days ago, I was thinking we still had several months left on our free one-year maintenance contract with RedBird, but NO, it expires this month, and now we must start paying! UGH. The good news is that the Sim has been bringing in some money which will more than offset the maintenance fee. To add to that, the Sim is getting busier, and I don't believe that it will be long before pilots wanting to use it will need to make an appointment ahead of time. Anyway, there are still a few months left in this crazy year, so let's make the best of it, and finish on a high note. Keep the spirit alive!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • Sep. 14 | Young Eagle Rally / Coffee & Donuts | 9 am – 12 pm |
| • Sep. 21 | EAA meeting, Composite Construction, Josiah Bookman | 11 am, followed by lunch |
| • Oct. 9 | VMC/IMC meeting, MLAA classroom | 6 – 7 pm |
| • Oct. 12 | Young Eagle Rally / Coffee & Donuts | 9 am – 12 pm |

2024 CALENDAR OF EAA CHAPTER 72 PROGRAMS

- Oct. 19 OPEN (Mountain Flying?)
- Nov. 23 Chapter Annual Business Meeting, Board Elections
- Dec. TBD Christmas Party, MLAA Hangar

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I was never able to rent my hangar. I was probably looking for something too short of a term. I would go for a 2-year lease now. It is a T-Hangar, Unit C, of 7936 Cessna Dr. \$500/month and a 2 month deposit. Will Webb 719-331-034?
- New Annual Dues Policy
 - 1: Annual dues are \$35 dollars subject to change by vote of the Board.
 - 2: Membership dues cover the period **1 January** through **31 December** of any given year.
 - 3: New members joining in the last quarter of a year (Oct-Dec) will be considered fully paid through the next calendar year.
 - 4: Membership renewals are due **31 January** of the year.
 - 5: Memberships not renewed by **31 January** will lose Simulator privileges.
 - 6: Renewal payments received in **February** or **March** will charged an additional \$5 dollars per month.
 - 7: Existing members not renewing by **31 March** will be considered as “**Inactive**” and will be removed from Chapter correspondence and may not participate in Chapter Events.
 - 8: Members on “**Inactive**” status who wish to renew their membership will be charged an additional \$25 dollars and will have to fill out a new application.
 - 9: Members may elect to purchase a multi-year membership offered at \$90 dollars for 3 years. Cost subject to change by vote of the Board.

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YOUNG EAGLES

Volunteers,

We have another Young Eagles Rally coming up this Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2024, 9AM-12PM, at the MLAA building. Please let me know by responding to this email if you'll be able to come and participate, and in what capacity. Pilot brief will be at 845AM, and hopefully we will have good weather for this one. We'll have coffee, doughnuts and bagels in the classroom for you by 815AM. There are 30 kids registered with 11 on the waiting list. Should be a great event! I'm looking forward to all the smiles! Thank you all again for your support, and please let me know if you have any questions.

God bless you,

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VMC/IMC

Richard had a successful knee replacement last week. Therefore, the Sep 11 IMC/VMC meeting was canceled. Attached are the Sep. Questions of the Month for you to think about. We'll review them in the Oct. 9 Meeting.

VMC Question: What expenses can be legally shared by private pilots and their passengers while operating under Part 91?

IMC Question: Many pilots are accustomed to temperatures in degrees F, but have difficulty converting degrees C to degrees F. What is a simple conversion from degrees C to degrees F that you can make in your head?

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[EAA Sport Aviation Halls of Fame to induct 6 members](#)

A ceremony will be held on Oct. 16 at the Experimental Aircraft Association Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wis., to honor six new members of the EAA Sport Aviation Halls of Fame. The inductees are Frank Strickler, Warbirds of America Hall of Fame; Sebastien Heintz, EAA Homebuilders Hall of Fame; ***Dave and Jeanne Allen (posthumous)***, Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame; Linda Meyers Morrissey, International Aerobatic Club Hall of Fame; and Dave Goulet (posthumous), EAA Ultralights Hall of Fame.

Vintage Aircraft Association Hall of Fame: Dave and Jeanne Allen (posthumous), a husband-wife restoration team known for several outstanding projects, including a 1930 Waco ASO and a 1947 Piper PA-11 Cub Special, who died in an airplane crash June 30, 2024.



The EAA Sport Aviation Halls of Fame were established “to honor the outstanding achievements of men and women in aviation who share the spirit of EAA and its community,” association officials said. Those inducted into the halls of fame are selected by their peers, officials added.

EAA will honor the new inductees at a ceremony on Oct. 16, 2024, in the Eagle Hangar of the EAA Aviation Museum.

Chapter Financials

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EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 09/01/2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
08/31/2024	Checking Balance	\$6,409.09
08/31/2024	Scholarship Account	\$9476.46
08/31/2024	Savings Account	\$31,970.44

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Sep. 21, 2024

Topic: Composite Construction, Josiah Bookman, followed by lunch

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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 \$35. 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>. Be informed, attend the meetings, and have a great time with sport aviation.