

# ***THE TAILDRAGGER***

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LAKE PALESTINE EAA CHAPTER 972

## **Presidents Message: By John Kearney**

Hello All,

This is my first write up as president of our great EAA Chapter. I would be very remiss to not recognize the outstanding efforts of our outgoing president Grif Leary and, while she is continuing as the Young Eagle Coordinator, Gayla Leary. As a team they carried us through difficult times and are responsible for the great shape chapter is in today.

I hope I can do half as good a job as they have.

In case you don't know, the following members have stepped forward to fill the leadership positions for the next year. They are:

Randy Gentry - Vice President

Brenda Culver - Secretary

Jean Kearney - Treasurer

Gayla Leary - Young Eagle Coordinator

Les Homan - Newsletter editor

Lucas Wagenaar - Technical Counselor.

With this team we hope to build on and expand on what Grif & Gayla have built over the last three years.

We will be looking to the members to help us develop a plan on where we can enhance our chapter efforts. Some ideas that have been floated are (in no particular order):

Chapter Building /Gazebo

Ultralight club

Building donated experimental kit planes

Expanding Gumbo days

Hosting Fly in

Silent (or not so silent) Auctions

Poker runs

Plus, any other ideas that the chapter membership would like to explore.

Blue Sky and Fair Wind, John Kearney





# Eagle's Nest

**Total Young Eagles Flown: 2,356,815 — Stats as of Jan. 2, 2024**



Happy New Year!!!

Here's to another year of making smiles.

Our December flight was pretty successful. We had 31 registered and 27 was flown. John and Bo were the only 2 pilots that were in the system so Jeff Bowen and Jeff Hancock had to sign all their documents the old fashion way, but that didn't hold us up at all.

We had spoke about our next 2 students that we will send to camp being one of our very own members kids. As it turns out only 1 will qualify. They have to be 12 - 18. If they turn 19 during that period they are still eligible, but they have to be at least 12.

I'm not sure how it happened but we still have \$200.00 left from last year that will be used this coming year. I do not have the totals for 2023 yet. The one student that we have is 14 and he falls under the 14 -15 year olds. That will be \$1300.00 for the camp.

We have a flight in the making for February, on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of the month. I think we will go back to KJSO for this one.

Amie is still planning on finishing up with the Scholarship. She had gotten with Diane and Lucas one afternoon and got a blueprint of the things she needs to work on. She said Hunter had been busy and still waiting to hear from him on the next flight they can take. She has reached out to Jill for documents to help her finish with the

oral. She's not sure when to schedule her check ride. She says she is making progress.

Now for Caden. He is making progress. He only has 1 more Sporty's session and then he will buckle down for the written. I visited with Josh Carroll, the new CFI, and due to sickness and new baby they haven't flown much. I did go over on Monday and write another check. Josh says Caden is getting close to soloing. I do

know that every time they have a time off it cost us more money for the student to knock off the rust. I plan on talking to Josh and asking if there is a problem and he can't get Caden back in the plane, may we have a discount on next couple of lessons.

## December Minutes, 2023

December's meeting was our annual Christmas Party and introductions of next years officers so there are no minutes.

Sport Aviation for January 2024, Check out page 50 and 51. Article from interview at Oshkosh 2023 with a picture of one of the flying machines from our chapter and write up about Leonard Milholland and the Legal Eagle. For those interested in the Legal Eagle Leonard will be featured on an upcoming EAA Webinar.



Join us on Tuesday, February 21, through Thursday, February 23, for an educational online event, EAA Virtual Ultralight Days. Subject matter experts of the ultralight community will present webinars on the lighter side of recreational aviation including how to get started in Ultralights; how-to instructions on a variety of Ultralight aircraft like gyroplanes, powered parachutes, and trikes; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more!

All webinars are free of charge to everyone interested in ultralight aviation, with the live sessions featuring a Q&A segment. On-demand recordings of the presentations will be available to EAA members.

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What a great party. Thank you all for coming and sharing the night. I can't imagine anything making it better than it was last night. Thank you all for your hard work to make this chapter double in size for the past few years. Thank you for our new officers stepping up. I am honored to be serving you once again as the Young Eagle/Scholarship Coordinator. Can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for us.

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*Editor: Thanks Gayla and Robbie for these pictures.*

# Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

## *An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.


EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.



# Homebuilders Week – Online

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 <b>Homebuilders Week Schedule</b> <b>January 22 - 26, 2024</b>					
To sign up: <a href="https://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek">EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek</a>					
Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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## **INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF AERO ESTATES T25:**

Thanks to Tommy Boudreau we have some events from Aero Estates back in 1987. Hard to believe no trees, a fly inn and air races here.

I copied the DVD to computer and copied the part that had to do with Aero Estates:

Here is the You Tube link. I also added the long URL location below.

YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/jPtaytmtBzs>

### **YOUR Articles needed**

This Newsletter is YOUR Newsletter. I put the articles in it, but you have to write them. Your Chapter needs your Contributions. Please share your experiences, skills, wisdoms, photos, humor and announcements with our membership. What may be common knowledge to you, may be priceless for a new pilot or builder. Even if you are not a Pulitzer level author — send me your words. Robbie or I will buff up the grammar if needed. Send input to [homanles@yahoo.com](mailto:homanles@yahoo.com).



## 2024 UP COMING EVENTS

Here is a Calendar so far.

January 11th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting ( meetings on Thursday's)

February 8th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

March 7th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

April 11th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

May 9th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

June 13th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

July 11th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

August 8th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

September 12th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

October 10th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

November 14th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting

December 12th, 5:30 EAA chapter meeting



NEXT Meeting will be at The Leary's hanger

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 5:30. Food for pot luck to be determined.

**We have a Chapter Website: The URL is:**

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea972>

We are working on updating and modifying the website to meet our chapter needs and persona. We need to add pictures of members projects, and projects they are working on, building and or flying as well as the aircraft we fly. The EAA makes this available to all EAA chapters and each chapter can then modify to make it what they need. We can use this to help announce YE flights, runway Gumbo, Poker run, Events and past news letters. By the way, if you have any old information, newsletters, ETC involving the chapter please get it to me and I can