March 2020
Presidents Message

I was nearly 20 when EAA Chapter 72 was formed on March 25th, 1962. I have been Vice President of the chapter in the past, President once in the past and now President again for the last three years, and this term doesn’t end until the end of 2021! What was I thinking?? Well this is MARCH again and we celebrate 58 years as an EAA Chapter. Not only do we celebrate our chapter anniversary but also 54 years of Meadow Lake Airport, which was started by our chapter in 1966. I have also been a member of the EAA National and this chapter since 1972. Even though there were years in the past when I was extremely upset with National, the chapter and the airport management (I can’t remember why) I feel a strong connection with Meadow Lake Airport and the EAA. I also feel that March is our most important meeting. Had it not been for Bruce McCombs, Bill Porter, Art Greenwood and Bill Godwin who started Chapter 72, there would be no Meadow Lake Airport. I, like many of you, love this airport, but what I enjoy the most are the members of Chapter 72. If you love the airport like I do, then I hope to see you all on the 19th at the Olive Garden Restaurant (by the Citadel Mall) to pay tribute to our founding members and enjoy the comradery, as well as a great meal.

As most of you know by now, we came to a standstill with starting the flying club when we found out that we could not obtain insurance for an experimental airplane, the Rans S-19, if it is owned by a flying club. This was not only news to us, but also to National EAA. They were just as surprised as we were. They are investigating this situation and have promised to get back to us. In the meantime, the chapter will continue to finish building the airplane. More news on this as it develops.

Jim Steward
President, Bruce McCombs EAA Chapter 72
Chapter News

EAA Chapter 72 and two chapters of the “99s” have collaborated on a project to donate Sarah Rickman’s two-volume, young adult series, WASP Pilots, to middle and high schools in the Colorado Springs area. The two “99” chapters are from Rio Grande Norte and Fort Worth. Also joining in this donation is Ms. Terry London Rinehart, the daughter of Wasp Pilot B. J. Erickson. The first such event took place on January 29 at Falcon High School where pairs of books were donated to the Falcon Middle School library, Falcon High School library and the Falcon Jr AFROTC library. The second event took place on March 7 at the Mill National Training Center, a joint vocational education campus of Widefield District 3 and Peyton District 23. Educators from Sproul Junior High School and Widefield High School were present to receive the books for their libraries.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame (NAHF) awarded this recently published young adult series, WASP Pilots, their Combs-Gates award for 2019. The WASP Pilot series, written for readers age 10 and up, begins with two biographies, “BJ Erickson: WASP Pilot” and “Nancy Love: WASP Pilot” chronicling women flying sophisticated Army airplanes in World War II, events in aviation history unknown by today’s youth. This series is intended to interest young girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) through these young women’s accomplishments in aviation.

More local schools will be receiving these books in their libraries soon.

Left to right – Vann Norred, Chapter Board Member; Kristie Martinez, Anna Gordon, from Sproul Junior High School, Author Sarah Byrn Rickman, and Amy Hawkins from Widefield High School.

Author Sarah Byrn Rickman
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Left—Nikki Carter, Career and Technical Education Director at Widefield D-3, introduces Vann Norred of EAA Chapter 72.

Vann Norred, Director of EAA Chapter 72, presents copies of Sarah Rickman’s books to the librarians of Widefield D-3 and Peyton D-23. Sarah is present.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 19 Chapter 72 Anniversary Dinner, Citadel Olive Garden 6:00 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting
Mar. 25 IMC/VMC club initial meeting, MLAA hangar 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 31-Apr. 5 SUN n FUN Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL All week
Apr. 18 Meet at Ken Hendrickson’s to view S21 progress 10:00 a.m.
Apr. 21, 22, or May 7 North Middle School Field Day, MLAA hangar 9:00 a.m. (all day)
May 16 Learn to Fly Day (KFLY) 9:00 a.m.
Jun. 13 International Young Eagles Day 9:00 a.m.
Jun. 20 Project Tour (KFLY) 9:00 a.m.
Jul. 18 Alamosa Fly-Out, Young Eagle assist 9:00 a.m. social, 10:00 a.m. tour
Jul. 20-26 AIRVENTURE 2020, Oshkosh, WI All week
Aug. 22 Fly-Out, Kelly Air Park (CO15) 9:00 a.m.
Sep. 19? Fly-in (KFLY) 9:00 a.m. (all day)
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 2nd Saturday of Every Month, 8:00 a.m.
Welcome New Members

1. Sarah Rickman joined in January. She’s the local author of several biographies and books about the WASPs.
2. Scott (Sleepy) Schlieper is building an RV-14 and looking for training to obtain a tailwheel endorsement.
3. Leslie (Lee) R. Mazzerella is an RV-6A owner.
4. Nicholas (Nick) R. Cirincione is a pilot and will be joining our IMC/VMC club.
5. Dan Mason joined in November.
6. Dave Morgan joined this month.
7. Ricky Davidson also joined this month.

Improve your safety and efficiency in IFR and VFR flight. All EAA members are eligible to participate. Join us for our initial meeting at 6 p.m. on March 25 in the MLAA hangar.
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Classified Ads

- AVID MARK IV HEAVY HAULER (STOL) FOR SALE ACFT is almost finished – only needs instrument panel completed and engine control hookup. Stratus 2000 Subaru engine - EA 81 (100 HP). Excellent craftsmanship by factory employees. Wide, gun drilled, spring landing gear. All factory options including seat storage compartments and additional fuselage storage and plex bubble doors. Three blade, Warp Drive, adjustable prop. Cleveland brakes. Ready for paint. $19,900 CALL OR TEXT JD Murphy @ 970-215-5519. LOCATED IN FORT COLLINS, CO.

- The items I have are fuel tanks for a Zodiac CH601HDS or HD. A left and right wing tank for the cargo hold and a header tank. I called Zenith and the wing tanks hold 13 gal and retail for $875.00 each, I will take $300.00 each. The header tank hold 16 gal and retails at $649.60 and I will take @200.00. I have a Prestolite starter off an 0-200 for $100.00 and with the large gear another $100.00. I also have a Garwin G455 vacuum pump off the 0-200.

  Jon Fredricks, 719-547-7537
  wa9sbx@aol.com

- Late model Cessna 195B for serious rebuild. Typical off airport damage (gear box, etc.). Entire airframe includes a rebuilt gear box and new Cessna door post bulkheads, new stab spar. Heavy gear legs, cowling, crosswind gear, propeller. Many extra parts. Located in Scottsbluff, NE. $19,500. Optional items available include a Jacobs R-755B2, Cleveland wheels and brakes, fuselage jig. Contact Scott Benger at scbenger@gmail.com
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MLAA Hangar Remodel

Our chapter President, Jim Steward, has been working hard alongside Dave Elliott on planning a remodeling project and better utilization of the MLAA Hangar. They plan to start with refurbishment of the kitchen. As many of you know and you can see in the photos below that it is long overdue. Jim has talked to several of his contacts in the construction industry who have volunteered to donate new heaters, new air conditioner, new flooring, and the specialized labor to get things started.

We will begin soon with the plumber disconnecting the water heater and moving it into a closet. The small sink will be removed and discarded. The other sink will be temporarily disconnected and moved aside while the floor gets replaced. We plan to have a “demo day” to remove countertops, stoves, etc. to prepare for access to the kitchen floor. Old flooring will be removed, then new underlayment will be installed and new ceramic tile will be laid by professional volunteer labor and sealed as a waterproof floor.

After that, the plumber will be able to reinstall the sink and stoves. Jim has also arranged for an electrician to make several improvements in the electrical system throughout the hangar. We will take before and after photos and photos of the work being accomplished, much like you do when you create a photo log in building your airplane. There will also be some drywall patching to do and repainting. Hopefully we can replace that expired fire extinguisher, too. This is just the ugly beginning…

Randy, Newsletter Editor
Chapter Financials

EAA BRUCE MCCOMBS CHAPTER 72 TREASURER’S REPORT

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Chapter Meeting

Date: Thursday, Mar. 19, 2020
Time: 6:00 PM social hour, 7:00 PM meeting
Place: Citadel Olive Garden Restaurant
       513 N. Academy Blvd.
       Citadel Crossing Strip Mall
Program: Anniversary Dinner, RSVP to President Jim by Mar. 14.

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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 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 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.