

Pike's Peak Flyer

We Celebrated 51 Years in March



Thanks to all who came out for dinner last month! Esther and Mike provided the usual good meal and time with friends is always so much fun!

Dave Elliott,
president



MLAA, updated us all on the planned construction for the airport.

Meadow Lake Airport—Construction

Construction is currently scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 17 and should be completed in 5-6 weeks. NOTE: There will be a 5-7 day closure of the Runway 15/33 when construction vehicles are operating within the Runway Safety Area to construct the B1 & B2 connectors. Other short periods of 30 minutes to an hour or more may also occur. Please check the MLAA website, the KFLY AWOS and NOTAMS for announcements of these closures. An MLAA member will also advise pilots via radio of these occasions. Tentative plans are for a ribbon cutting of the new facility on May 25th. (See inside for more information)

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Time: Arrive 6:30 PM for check-in / Meeting starts 7:00 PM

Program: "The Piper Cub: Building, Flying, Maintaining a Small Airplane"
Video and discussion with John Lingwall and Dave Elliott.

Aviation Education Foundation

During Spring Break, the week of March 25th, four AEFCE students successfully completed the daily Knowledge Test Prep Sessions. The students give up their Spring Break time and dedicate their mornings to repeated practice tests and personal evaluations of each test by our staff members in a one on one analysis. Then they dedicate their afternoons to study of the subject matter where the practice tests revealed a weakness.

This is a very intense four or five days of hard work that paid off for these 4 students who passed their FAA Knowledge Test for Private Pilot Airplane on Friday, March 29. These four students, Zach Robinson, Abraham Ford, Brigitte Nguyen and Emily Chancellor all made high grades in the 90s.

To put this accomplishment in perspective for you, almost all of the persons taking this FAA test are from the adult post college age level. Here are the latest National Statistics from the FAA records that I pulled up on Friday when they took the FAA test.

Only 91.9% taking the test pass on their first try. So there is a significant failure rate among these mostly adult test takers.

The National Average for the first time passing grades is only 84.3. Again, this is mostly post college age adults.

So this is a very noteworthy accomplishment for our high school students and congratulations to them all. And a special thanks to our staff and Junior Instructors who gave up their time that week to review the test results individually with each student. Those were Bill Clothier, Dave Elliott, John Maier, Vann Norred, Andrew Abbink, Hunter Davis, Erik Sabelstrom, and KC Springer.

We have 4 or 5 more students who will be ready to go through this intense cycle the first or second week in June.

By the time you read this, our Academic Year Round (School Year) program will be completed and we will be well into the planning effort for our 8 day Summer Program, scheduled for June 19 through June 28. And just a reminder if you have sons, daughters, grandsons or granddaughters in high school, we are accepting applications for the Summer Program. The application instructions and key dates are shown on our web site, www.aefco.org and are:

- Application Deadline
⇒ Wednesday, May 22, 2013
- AEFCE Board Interviews
⇒ Saturdays, May 25, June 1 & 8, 2013
- Candidates Notified
⇒ No later than Tuesday, June 10, 2013

Thank you to all the EAA 72 members for the pilots, instructors, mentors, and ground support, for their contributions of services, time, and resources, and for the Young Eagle flights that help to keep the fire burning for our AEFCE students.

Vann Norred, Program Director



For renewing your membership dues. Your address label will read **"Please Renew"** if we haven't received your \$20.

April is Aviation Month

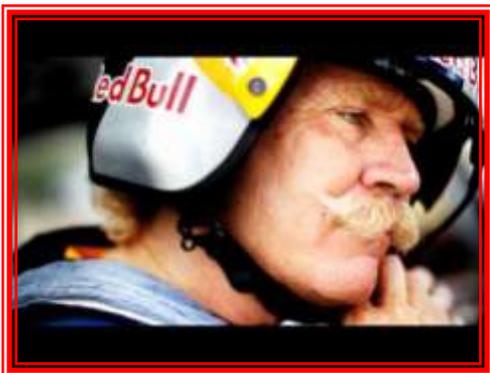
Catch it in Time features aviators and their cancer stories

Aurora, CO-- It's already April and Spring is in the air. Not only Spring but private airplanes abound and airshows highlight the love of aviation. The Sun-n-Fun festival in Lakeland, Florida, is the unofficial kickoff to the air show season and is an incredible experience for all things aerospace.

What does aviation have to do with cancer awareness and Catch it in Time? Catch It In Time, a cancer awareness organization in the Denver area, promotes early-detection and prevention by sharing cancer stories through online videos, web content and other communication channels. Well, aviation shows involve airplanes, which typically fly outside, which puts onlookers **out in the sun and more susceptible to sunburns. Sunburns can lead to skin cancer...That's** right, skin cancer.

Skin cancer is the most prevalent type of cancer with 2 million cases being diagnosed annually in the United States alone but it is also the most preventable. All it takes is daily application of sunscreen and covering up exposed skin with long-sleeve light-weight shirts and wide-brimmed caps. It seems simple enough but, with so many things going on during your day-to-day, it is easy to forget.

In honor of the kickoff of the 2013 air show season, Catch It In Time is going airborne and have dubbed this month, Aviation April. The company is featuring several aviation-themed stories in the upcoming weeks on their website, catchitintime.org. The first is about air show helicopter pilot and Living Legends inductee Chuck Aaron and his experience fighting skin cancer. He will **be flying at this year's Sun-n-Fun**, performing unbelievable aerobatics in his Red Bull helicopter.



Chuck Aaron revolutionized aviation when he teamed with Red Bull to craft a powerful and light-weight helicopter for **aero acrobatics. Aaron loves the "thrill chills" he gets while** maneuvering and flipping through the sky in his unique copter and is one of few men in the world that can do it. A daredevil by nature, nothing could prepare him for the shock of his life when he was diagnosed with skin cancer. Watch his crazy aerobatics and hear his inspirational story this month at catchitintime.org. In addition, there are three other pilots that belong to the Experimental Aircraft Association –EAA-- whose stories you will not want to miss.

So if you are going to an airshow this summer or just taking in the great Colorado scenery, remember to wear light-weight, long sleeve shirts, a wide-brim hat and plenty of sunscreen. **At our altitude, the sun's rays have more impact than at sea level.**

Respectfully,

Roger Miller
Director of Communications
MedCenterNetwork
"Catch it in Time"

President's Message



Young Eagles April 20th - We'll use the **this month's rally as our "dry run"** for our new processes and roles/responsibilities. since we are only flying the AEFCE students. Most of the changes involve handling loading and unloading the planes and keeping the crowd controlled and involved.

Due to the construction at the airport, we'll



be meeting and flying from the end of Cessna Drive where we used to hold the rallies. So, from Judge Orr take Cessna Drive to the signs for parking. By the way, **the gate will be up so you don't need to worry about access.**

Pilots, please be at the site by 8:00 AM.

Ground support, please show up at the MLLA Hangar by 7:00AM to help with set up. We'll need to transport several of our boxes etc over to the site. Questions, contact Sandy, sandy_martin@earthlink.net / (719) 351.1640.

Pilots, please be at the site by 8:00 AM. If you have any questions, please contact our Pilot Coordinator, Lee Wolford, leefly@Sprynet.com / (719) 338.1370.

We'll do a joint briefing and assign dedicated jobs to each of the ground support. We'll assign alternates or "buddies" to cover each other during breaks, etc.



- April 16th, Tuesday—6:30 PM Chapter Meeting
- April 20th, Saturday—8:00 AM Young Eagles Rally
- May 18th, Saturday—International Learn To Fly Day and MLLA Airport Open House with EAA Chapter 72
- May 18-19, Sat/Sun—Rocky Mountain Light Sport Aircraft Expo—Front Range Airport (<http://www.rmlsaexpo.com/>)
- May 25th, Saturday—8:00 AM Young Eagles Rally
- June 19—28th, Aviation Education Foundation of Colorado, Inc (AEFCO) Summer Program

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About Our Chapter

EAA Chapter 72 meets at Meadow Lake Airport. **Meetings start at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month** with a Chapter cookout the following Saturday most of the warm months April—November. 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 \$20. Send to Sandy Martin, at 7505 Mallard Drive, Peyton, CO 80831 and start receiving the newsletter each month, attending the meetings and having a great time with sport aviation.