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EAA Chapter 1373 October 2025

Oct 4 meeting 10 am @ 99V ([Link to map](#))

## Agenda:

- Guest introductions from other EAA Chapters. Invited Chapters include:
  - EAA-800 Mack Mesa Erik Cornelison
  - EAA-1451, Cortez, Jeremy Patton,
  - EAA-1606, Monticello, Fred Burnet
  - EAA-1634, Glenwood Springs, Thomas Elliot.
  - EAA-1689, Gypsum (Eagle) Fred Pool
- Chapter 1373 aircraft project updates
- Chapter 1373 Young Eagle events & related youth updates: Bruce Thieking
- November Chapter 1373 officer elections are around the corner. Floor nominations are MUCH appreciated! Note: If you don't attend the November mtg you will get nominated <grin>
  - Please email nominations to Chuck Clemen [chuck.clemen@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck.clemen@yahoo.com)
    - Current candidates:
      - Ted Waltman President (2nd 2-year term)
      - Chris Lindel Treasurer (2nd 2-year term)
      - Richard Cunningham Vice President (new)
      - Secretary (open)
- New Chapter 1373 Website volunteer needed
  - Alan Collins would like to transition out of the website manager role soon
- Review fly-in aircraft as your leisure
- Lunch provided by Chapter 1373



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## Other Member Builds in-progress (that we're aware of):

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| Bill Houze: Just Highlander   | Melvin Thorson: Savannah (flight testing now) |
| Andrew Weaver: Zenith 601, Mini-Max ultralight and Koala project(s)   |   |
| Glen Swiatek: Panther   | Brian Trani: C-140 rebuild                    |
| Ernst Loosli: Zenith 750  | Alan Collins: RV 8 & engine build             |
| Ted Waltman   | Marc Watterman: New engine planned            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SQ-2 slats version 2 (using resin infusion—the project that goes on &amp; on &lt;g&gt;)</li></ul>   |   |
| Dave Gallant:   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RANS S-7 kit in progress</li><li>• Multiple rudder projects to learn different fabric techniques/processes<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Dave will perhaps do an in-depth presentation on this at a future mtg</li></ul></li><li>• Carbon fiber door project</li></ul> |   |

## Tech Corner: Propeller Efficiency

I stumbled on this great article on propellers, title: - **Propeller Performance Factors** -

**Basic Information to Help Select the Correct Propeller** [Link here](#)

Excerpt: That is why drag reduction pays bigger dividends than adding engine power (for level flight conditions;.....clearly more power has a big payback in terms of increasing climb rate.)

## Chapter Youth Workshops

Please contact Andrew Weaver for more information @ [andrew81401@yahoo.com](mailto:andrew81401@yahoo.com)

- Aircraft engine disassembly & assembly workshops (next workshop TBD)
- RC aircraft builds and RC flying
- Normally: 1st Saturday of each month beginning after Chapter monthly meeting



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## Members at 2025 Montrose Tribute to Aviation

Rod Smith had his recently completed Bearhawk and Rob Duncan flew his gyrocopter in for display at the 2025 Montrose Tribute To Aviation






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## Other Chapter Resources

3D Design & Prototype Service for Experimental Aviation	
 <p><b>COLORADO</b> CUB</p> <p><a href="http://www.ColoradoCub.com">www.ColoradoCub.com</a> <a href="mailto:dave@ColoradoCub.com">dave@ColoradoCub.com</a></p>	<p>Component &amp; assembly design for aluminum, steel, plastics &amp; composites</p> <p>Fusion 360 CAD &amp; CAM</p> <p>3D Printing</p> <p>CNC</p> <p>Laser Etching</p> <p>TIG Welding</p>

### CFI Resources

Ben Lowe 970-318-8188

- CFI-I MEI
- 800+ hours
- 200 Multi (150 Turbine Multi)
- 100 Tailwheel
- 200 Dual
- Jump Pilot
- 12,700+ Skydives

"Information about these CFI and Experimental Aircraft Build resources is provided for the benefit of our Chapter members. Our EAA Chapter and its officers do not endorse any of these resources.



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## Chapter Meeting Minutes

Past Chapter 1373 meeting minutes are located on our Chapter website:  
<http://www.eaa1373.org/> Thank you Alan Collins for your time & efforts on our website.

## Chapter Meeting Map @ 99V

### ***Fly-In Meeting & Lunch for Regional EAA Chapters***



*Hosted by*  
**EAA Chapter 1373**

**Saturday, October 4, 2025 (9:30 am – 1:30 pm)**  
**Rod Smith's Hangar at Crawford Airpark (99V)**  
**3450 Stearman Lane, Crawford CO 81415**



- Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1373 (The X-Chapter) will host a Special Monthly Meeting together with regional EAA Chapters.
- Brief Meeting starts at 10:00, followed by lunch at 11:30 and aircraft viewing (Rain or Shine).
  - Burgers, Hot Dogs, Braughts, Chips, Cookies and Soft Drinks provided by EAA-1373.
  - Lunch donations graciously accepted.
- Rod Smith's recently completed and flying Bearhawk will be on display.
- Also, Melvin Thorson will fly-in his freshly completed Savannah.
- Fly, Drive, Bike or Hike. Ample parking for Aircraft and Ground-based vehicles.

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