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EAA Chapter 1373 July 11, 2026 10 am Meeting

Agenda:

- Guest introductions
- Chapter 1373 aircraft project updates
- Report: June 27 FAA FFAST Fly-in event
- Safety talk: Gyroscopic precession in aviation (especially in tailwheel operations)
- Tech Talks:
 - Heim joints—brief hands-on...how to install heim joints correctly
 - Slat project update; flight test results; SQ-2 outside Ted's hangar
- Update: Redbird Flight Simulator
 - Chuck Clemen comments on use of Chapter flight simulator
- Presentation: Early development of instrument flying in the 1920's (the stuff we take for granted for flight instruments)
- Chapter 2026 Youth Flight Training update: Bruce Thieking
- Upcoming Chapter 1373 Young Eagle events & related events: Bruce Thieking
- Montrose Experimental Kit Manufacturer Timber Tiger Aircraft is hiring—see below



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

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 & flying Kitfox

Ted Waltman: SQ-2 slats

Marc Watterman: RANS S-7 New engine update

Dave Gallant: RANS S-7 kit in progress; RV-6 panel update & engine refresh

Gary Heard: Fly Baby

Bill Brunner: American Falcon (glider) canopy

Les Hill: Long Ez

Ben Alizadeh: RV-7 updates; RV-15 wing build

Craig Hampson: Murphy Rebel

Scott Heavers: Murphy Rebel

Chapter 1373 Private Pilot Youth Scholarships

Christian Suppes & William Hardin are our Chapter 1373 Private Pilot scholarship youth for 2026. Bruce Thieking is taking the lead on managing this effort for our Chapter.

Our Chapter has a dedicated bank account for tax-deductible donations which has already has several anonymous donors. Bruce, in coordination with our Chapter board members, is working on basic policy documents to include how to coordinate between students, CFI's, parents and our Chapter.

More information will be forthcoming in our monthly Chapter meetings.



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Upcoming Safety & Aviation Classes

Tim Brill, Salt Lake FSDO FAAST representative, will be holding a number of aviation classes this summer.

FAA FAAST Wings Credit: Aviation Survival Skills

Dates: Saturday July 25: Free (to be held at Delta airport SRE building—map at end of newsletter)

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Private Pilot Ground School - \$ 195.00

Wednesday evenings, 1830 - 2030 - 07/22, 07/29, 08/05, 08/12, 08/19, 08/26, 09/02, 09/09

- Course [content link](#)

Instrument Ground School - \$ 195.00

Thursday evenings, 1830 - 2030 - 08/06, 08/13, 08/20, 08/27, 09/03, 09/10, 09/17, 09/24

- Course [content link](#)

Celestial Navigation Demystified - \$ 195.00

2 days, 1000 - 1700 daily, ON SITE Cedaredge, CO 81413

Tuesday 08/18/26, Wednesday 08/19/26

2 Day Survival - \$ 195.00 / On Site, Cedaredge, CO 81413

Saturday 08/15/26, Sunday 08/16/26

- Course [content link](#)

Contact Tim Brill for details tnbrill@gmail.com (775) 297-9587

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- Payments: Cash or Via PayPal - tim@aerobaticcompany.com or Via Zelle - tnbrill@gmail.com



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Solo on 16th Birthday!

William Hardin, with excellent weather, soloed on his 16th birthday on May 26th! We all congratulate William...be sure to shake his hand and please tell him "Great Job" when you see him at our Chapter meeting.



Stand by for pictures of Christian Suppes soloing soon as well.



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Light Sport Repairman Inspection Course

There is a new outfit in the Denver, Colorado area offering this 2-day course. Here's a [link to their website](#) if you might be interested. A number of other vendors also offer these courses.

Congratulations to Dave Gallant and Andrew Weaver for completing the 2-day course!

At least a couple of other Chapter members are scheduled for the full 150-hour, 15-day (Light Sport Repairman Maintenance) course in the near future.

Delta 4th of July Event Flyover

You may have noticed there were no Chapter 1373 planes flying over for events on the 4th of July events at Confluence Park. We cancelled early in the week due to smoke, visibility and late-afternoon wind concerns.

Redbird Flight Simulator Donation

Our Redbird simulator is seeing increasing attention! Please view in Ted's hangar before & after the meeting. You can schedule time on the simulator thru Chuck Clemen (chuck.clemen@yahoo.com).





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Creating a Custom Canopy

Bill Brunner, with input from Lowell Manary, is “blowing” a custom plexiglass canopy for his American Falcon glider project. Quite an involved mold, heating chamber and lengthy learning curve...See Lowell for more details.



Timber Tiger Aircraft (Montrose)

Timber Tiger makes the Kay's Speedster kit as seen in Ted Waltman's hangar. They are hiring! Here's a [link to their website](#). Below is the basic job description from Nick Pfannenstiel (303) 725-5439:

“Timber Tiger Aircraft is looking to hire some temporary workers ASAP! The jobs are fun and varied. On the job training will be provided. The jobs will be through at least mid August. What we are trying to do is get three Jenny biplanes covered, painted,



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rigged, engines installed, everything fitted and run...all by August 10th. We could start someone as soon as tomorrow. Full time, part time, it doesn't matter at this point. We just need more people power as quickly as possible. Pay is biweekly, standard w2/w4 system. Minimum age by law is 18, no maximum age. Pay is determined by technical experience/ability."

June 13 Young Eagle Rally

Our Chapter hosted 31 youth at our June Young Eagle Rally....





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Previous Chapter Private Pilot Scholarship News

Many of you may remember Bryon LeMaster who was one of our Private Pilot Scholarship youth. Bryon recently graduated from initial Marine Corps training and is now headed to a year long course in Cyber Security for the Marines. Congratulations Bryon!





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Airport News

Delta County Emergency Management and Engineering are working to renew FCC License WQEE590, which is the AWOS System at Blake Field Airport. If anyone has questions please see me for further contact information.

Other Chapter Resources

3D Design & Prototype Service for Experimental Aviation



COLORADO
CUB

www.ColoradoCub.com
dave@ColoradoCub.com

Component & assembly design for aluminum, steel, plastics & composites

Fusion 360 CAD & CAM

3D Printing

CNC

Laser Etching

TIG Welding

CFI Resources

Ben Lowe 970-318-8188

- CFI-I MEI --100+ Tailwheel -- Jump pilot
- 800+ hours TT -- 200+ Dual instruction -- 12,700+ skydives
- 200 Multi (150 Turbine Multi)

"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 William Harden for your time & efforts on our website.



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Chapter Meeting Map

