



# Chapter 495 Roseburg Oregon

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## Around the Patch:

by Steve Kame

Our August "Pot Luck"/hamburger & hot dog dinner meeting was really well attended. We had Jennifer Weiss there giving a presentation about the Tom Weiss Labor Day fly in, which our chapter has always supported with some well appreciated volunteers. We gave our newsletter editor an EAA 495 hat for coming up with the winning logo for our chapter.

On the "To Do" list, we're looking for someone to help organize a team to decorate the hangar at Felt Field for our Christmas party. We've got a lot of decorations, but decorating the hangar is a BIG job. "Many hands make light work". Besides, it's a lot of fun!! Our party will be on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and our chapter will be supplying the main meats. Thanks, Gil Peterson for volunteering to buy a ham again this year. Now it's up to the membership to dazzle with their own secret recipe yummys!

Our pedal car project needs to be finished so that we can raffle off a pedal car or two and make a couple of \$ for the chapter. Talk to President George Dorius if that sounds like you may be able to make it happen. I am going to talk with the Oregon Aviation Historical Museum group up in Cottage Grove to see if they can present their traveling show to our chapter. I'm hoping for October, but I don't know their schedule yet. The show is paid for by the State of Oregon Aviation Department. The museum was highlighted in the EAA magazine this last spring with a two part article by Lauren Paine Jr.

Our newsletter editor, Joe Messinger, volunteered to help Paul Schafer with the nominating committee for next years' board of directors. If you would like to be in on the planning and directing of our chapter as the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or as a board member at large, let Paul or Joe know. It takes a little of your time, but the upside is that you don't have to pay any taxes, because there is no pay!!! WOW WHAT A DEAL!!!!

## Chapter 495 Hats now Available

We have hats. Yes, EAA Chapter 495 now has their own logo hats, thanks to the hard work and connections of Ronda Sprague, seen modeling our new hat, they are affordable. Your very own newsletter editor/webmaster was responsible for the design. If you haven't gotten yours yet, see Ronda or Dan. They (the hats) come in a variety of colors. The next project will hopefully be Tee-shirts.



## Tom Weiss to be Remembered

By the time you read this the annual Tom Weiss fly-in will be upon us. You can volunteer to help by calling Jennifer at 541-784-5210 or email [tandjweiss@msn.com](mailto:tandjweiss@msn.com). This is a great family friendly event to gather with other pilots and get in some serious hangar flying while enjoying the food and music and watching the various airplanes come and go. Drive or fly into Felt Field September 1st from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (See P.4 for more information)



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# The Airport Commission and the Tree

By Joe Messinger: I attended the last Roseburg Airport Commission meeting and during the audience participation part of the meeting I addressed the issue of the tree that is in the flight-path of runway 34. As you know, each year the tree grows a bit and gets a little closer to landing aircraft. In fact, I understand it has been struck on two occasions. Needless to say, these pilots were a bit low. As you know, everybody has a different landing technique and student pilots are still developing theirs.

City Manager, C. Lance Colley and Public Works Director, Nikki Messenger were in attendance, representing the city of Roseburg. They defended the city's inaction to this point by saying that the tree was covered by a NOTAM, which is true as noted here and taken from the FAA website:

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!RBG **05/003** RBG OBST TREES (ASN UNKNOWN) 431345N1232122W (576FT S APCH END RWY 34) 620FT (86FT AGL) NOT LGTD 1805182107-1812312359)

I responded that even though this information is available and all pilots are supposed to be fully informed about the airport at which they are landing, not all pilots are so judicious about reading NOTAMS. Also discussed was the precision approach path indicator, or PAPI, which is in place but waiting FAA approval and electrical hookup before it is turned on. Nikki Messenger stated that if the PAPI is flown properly the tree is not an issue. The other pilots in the room, Airport Commissioners, Dave Morrison, Frank Inman, Clint Newell, Dan Sprague and Rob Levin, ex-officio member of the commission, all chimed in and agreed the tree is a hazard and pointed out the obvious, that an inoperative PAPI does no good.

As Clint Newell pointed out, most pilots will fly the PAPI until they have the runway "made" and then begin their flare. This is about the time one passes over the tree, which appears to be in close alignment with the runway. Most pilots switch their concentration from their landing target to the end of the runway as they set up their flare for landing, further compounding the problem by switching their attention away from the tree. During the flare many pilots increase their rate of descent until they are in ground effect.

The city representatives responded with a comment that the situation is being studied. At the end of the meeting I was approached by Commission Chair, Linda Fisher-Fowler, Councilor, Ward One, who thanked me for attending and bringing this issue to the attention of the commission.

A few days later I attended the Airport Open House, at which plans for future improvements were displayed. The full report can be found on the city website at:  
<http://www.cityofroseburg.org/departments/airport/documents/>.

The plans outlining the proposals can be found in PDF form under the following link:

[Airport Master Plan: Chapter 4 Improvement Alternatives Draft](#). By scrolling down to page 8, labeled Alternative 1 - Maintain 4 Degree PAPI, you will see the plan the city prefers.

Alternative 2 - 3.77 Degree PAPI, seen on page 11 of the report addresses the removal of 70,000 cubic yards of soil from Mt Nebo and should allow for a safer approach to runway 34 for larger aircraft. Alternatives 3, 4 and 5 are both prohibitively expensive and/or illogical.

Smaller aircraft that turn base between the end of runway 34 and Mt. Nebo are not affected by the hill. It's only when flying a longer approach from the south that Mt. Nebo becomes an issue. Until the situation is resolved, aircraft arriving KRBG at night under VFR conditions may legally land. It's only night IFR operations that are restricted. I realize this is an abbreviated discussion of a complicated issue and the reader is encouraged to look at the Roseburg City website for the full picture.

Since the same City representatives were in attendance at the open house, I again brought up the matter of the tree since it was not addressed in any of the plans on display. We discussed the issue and I received the same, "we are studying it," answer. I had driven up to the home on NW Meloy Ave. and got a look at the property for myself. I found Meloy is a dead end dirt road leading up to a few modest homes with several vehicles parked here and there. The tree appears to be a focal point to the home at that address and removal of it would, no doubt, devalue the property considerably. I asked Mr. Colley what if any was the property owner's response about the hazard to aviation this tree is causing. He told me that nobody from the city had spoken with the owners. It seems to me that would be a good place to start.



# Clean out your Hangar Fly-In/Swap Meet Dubbed a Success



EAA Chapter 495 put on its first ever Clean out Your Hangar/Fly-In Swap Meet Saturday, August 4. Given the fact that it was the first of its kind and put together and organized rather hastily, it was a rousing success. Most of the vendors and, for that matter, purchasers were local folks but a few came in from out-of-town. It's said at one of these events that one man's trash is another's treasure and that was certainly true that day. Gil Peterson filled several tables with what he said was about 1/10th of what he has for sale or give away.

We would have liked to see more airplanes fly in, and maybe next year we will, when we can start on publicity a little earlier. But never mind, there were hot dogs, thanks to 495 friend, C. J. for the loan of his hot dog roller

and sodas, thanks to a generous donation from the local Coke distributor. The chapter threw in some chips and the donation jug was put out and a few dollars were raised for the treasury. This all made for a good day of hangar flying and a chance to see what other folks were storing in their hangars.



EAA Chapter 495 Fly-in/Swap Meet Photos by: Bonnie Rose, Ronda Sprague and newsletter editor, Joe Messinger. More photos on the next page.





## Tom Weiss Labor Day Weekend Fly-in Info: Jennifer Weiss

The event will be held September 1st from 10-2. Below are the links to the Facebook event page and the volunteer sign-up page. In the past, Chapter members have helped with set-up, transporting the tables and chairs from the airport to Felt and back again, and airplane parking. If you are available to help with those things or any other volunteer spots, you can either sign up, email me at [tandjweiss@msn.com](mailto:tandjweiss@msn.com), or call me at 541-784-5210. Dan Sprague will be the AirBoss.

Set-up will be Friday, Aug 31st from 6:00-7:30 (we actually did it in 45 minutes last year and want to beat that record :). If a group could meet at Roseburg Airport and load the tables and chairs like in past years, that would be so helpful.

Volunteer opportunities include:

Aug 31 6-7:30pm Table/chair transport from Roseburg Airport to Felt Field

Aug 31 6-7:30pm General set-up and Safety meeting

Sept 1 8:30-10am Final set-up

Sept 1 10-2 - Airplane parking assistance (hour shifts to be divided up)

Sept 1 10-2 - Car parking assistance (hour shifts to be divided up)

Sept 1 2-3 - Tear down and transport table and chairs back to the airport

Thank you again for sponsoring this event. We look forward to it every year.

Facebook event page: Facebook limits the number each person can invite, and I have maxed out. If you are Facebook friends with someone who is not already on the event page, you can use the "invite link" to send it to them. We don't share the event on general population sites since we have limited parking.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/406228506530933/>

Volunteer sign-up link - or you can just email me with your preference:

<http://signup.com/go/EKDpDuc>

Looking forward to seeing everyone.  
Jennifer, Davis, and Julia

