



Next Meeting-Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024

1:00 at the FBO Training Room

FLASH!! Sunday morning work party, 9:00.

Coffee and donuts (at least).

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Blue skies? Arizona or Texas maybe. But we've seen a few airport birds flying around. Mid month, I was in the pattern with a few other chapter members. It was packed, one member jokingly said "the whole town showed up. We need a control tower!" I saw Dick Smith and Dennis Crawford flying around. Gotta pick your days but winter flying can be fun. Stay safe out there with the cold days, but don't hibernate!

Speaking of hibernation how about relocation? Looks like Michael Seal is flying out of the grey skies and rain and headed for blue skies and grandkids. He's leaving Oregon and taking up residence in Texas.

Dennis Mitchell
President
EAA chapter 725

Treasurer's Report, 1/24/24

Checking Account Balance 12/20/23	\$1,660.63
Cash box	370.00
Receipts: Food Donation	5.00
Checking Interest	.24
Membership: 17@\$20/ea.	340.0
Stan Loer, Dick Smith, Jamie Jones, Brad Baum, Dan Hanley, Chris Beebe, Dave McGloon, Ryan Marshall, Michael Cawein, Dave Palmer, Joe Williams, Dennis Crawford, Richard Colton, Aviyah Jones (April-Mom), Jim Hammell, Celeste Hammell	
Disbursements: Electric	(28.36)
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$1,672.51
Cash Box	675.00
Funds available	\$2,347.51

January Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Twenty one people attended the meeting.

The first order of business was to affirm the new officers of the club. Dennis Mitchell, President, and Michael Seal, Vice President, were both affirmed by a unanimous vote.

Awards for previous chapter service were handed out.

James Hammell briefed members on the status of the chapter budget showing a sizable decrease from the previous years. Recommendations for work projects were discussed. Jim recommended one way to offset was to arrive early for scheduled chapter meetings to work on projects. Most members thought this was a good idea.

Discussion on hangar and shower usage followed. It was agreed that updated hangar use guidelines would be posted. It was determined that Josephine County owned the shower and the club can get credit for work performed on the shower.

A lengthy discussion regarding getting younger club participation involved in the club began. This could possibly be accomplished by involving youths in building projects that included but not limited to toolboxes, and airplanes. Dennis Mitchell agreed to provide a "framework" for future plans to involve youths, most likely high school students, at the next meeting.

February Meeting Agenda (Condensed Version)

- Open meeting
- Request volunteer to take minutes
- Reaccept new officers (need specific wording transferring authority to sign checks)
- Summary of meeting with Airport Director
- Video-on line resources
- Member discussion of potential chapter activities
- National resources
- Closing comments/adjournment

Around the Chapter

LATE BREAKING NEWS! That giant sucking sound is the pull of grandkids that Michael and Eva Seal have found to be irresistible. After their last visit, they have decided to move to Texas to be closer to family. They've bought a house there and are in the process of closing on the sale of their home here so things are happening fast. This is a very recent decision and was not under consideration when Michael agreed to run for Vice President. I am sorry to see them go, and will surely miss them. But this is a very personal decision and one only they can make. Wishing them the best as they enter this next phase in their lives.

The family visit obviously included Halloween. The theme was Monsters and here they are ready to terrorize the neighborhood. Left to right: Spencer, Liz, Michael, Eva, Sienna, and Jonathon.



The all-wood Jodel D11 is a French 2-place design that originally dates from 1950. Several thousand variants were built under license by a number of European companies and it was also available in plans form for homebuilders. This version was built near Eugene from plans purchased from Falconar and first flew in 1980. It has been based at Paine Field in Everett, WA for several years, but our Brookings member, Brad Baum, recently became its new owner. N5020G will be returned to its state of birth as soon as a suitable weather window opens. Looking forward to a "trip report".

Allan Runia will be replacing the starter on his Bonanza with an overhauled one he has on hand and is going through another round of musical hangars. Hopes it will be his last.

Here's a follow-up on the January newsletter with the explanation from Jim Hammell on his White Elephant gift from the Christmas Party.

"Stan, it was a real "white elephant" gift! Joe put a high wing aircraft on a pedestal over a "Blue Room" with the words "Flight Planning EAA Chapter 725". A friendly commentary from Joe. I'm holding it kinda funny because the aircraft broke off the glue holding it together." So now we know.

Around the Airport

County

Latest on the runway extension project: It looks like we won't see dirt moving until about April next year. The government fiscal year starts in October and funding was not in the 2024 budget.

Steve introduced me to a company called Elbit Systems (who?). They have a major presence on the military side with night vision and other electro-optical sighting and targeting systems. On the civil aviation side, they are big in enhanced vision fog penetration sensors. Now you understand why we caught their attention? They are an east coast company and use three airports on that side of the country as test sites, but only one out west. That's us. It's the climate, don't you know. Seems they were out here several years ago calibrating their sensors to incandescent runway lights and they need to do some additional testing against LED lighting. At least that's my understanding. They spent a few days here recently and will be returning when conditions are most favorable for their requirements. Heavy fog at 2 AM.

Baker Avionics

I stopped by to get the latest news since November and boy did I! Rather than me transcribe from notes, Leah said she would send me an update. I have inserted it here verbatim. It includes the receipt of a very prestigious award from Garmin. Before I left, Cory grabbed me and introduced me to Tre Brown, who just recently joined the company. They certainly have plenty of work to keep them busy. If you haven't stopped by to just say hello, I urge you to do so whether you will have a need for avionics service or not. They're really good folks, and you never know.

Garmin Aviation Dealer Advisory Council

Greg Baker was selected to sit on the Garmin Aviation Dealer Advisory Council. Greg, along with 11 other top tier dealers in North America were chosen to participate in the council meeting, which happened in November in Olathe, Kansas. The council meeting offered a forum to provide critical assessment of Garmin products, services, and marketing efforts, as well as providing suggestion and guidance on current and future Garmin products. Along with the other 11 dealers, also in attendance at the meeting was Philip Straub, the Executive VP and Managing Director of Aviation; Jim Alpiser, Director of Aviation Aftermarket Products Worldwide; Carl Wolf, Director of Aviation Marketing and Sales; Lee Moore, Director of Avionics Product Support. Many other key Garmin personnel members were in attendance and the meeting was also broadcast out at times worldwide, and as many as 800 Garmin Reps were able to listen in and participate on different topics. Greg feels truly honored to be selected and feels it is his top achievement in the 35 years of his aviation career. Greg's participation was very appreciated and he has been invited to come sit on the council for 2024.



Garmin Platinum Award

Baker Avionics was honored with a Platinum Award from Garmin International for Elite Performance. The award represents the highest level of sales performance. Only a select few Garmin dealers worldwide achieve this Platinum Award for Elite Performance. To be recognized as the top 10% in sales globally is quite the accomplishment and honor as we are going into our 5th year in business.

Northwest Aviation Conference & Tradeshow

Baker Avionics and their entire crew will be attending the show in Puyallup for their 4th consecutive year. It takes place the last weekend in February, on the 24th and 25th. We would love to see some of our locals there. Please visit www.washingtonaviation.org for more information. It is the only show like it on the entire West Coast.

VSI

The AirCam that was completed last summer by Drew Meltebeke was sold to a man who lives in the Dominican Republic, but it's still here. Ryan told me a set of floats for it should arrive this week and the new owner wants more horsepower. It will be getting a pair of Rotax 916is engines to replace those originally installed. They're turbocharged and equipped with electronic fuel injection and dual electronic ignition systems. Rated at 160 shp for takeoff, and 137 max. continuous. This will be the first installation of the 916is engines on an AirCam.

New projects which will be on the schedule for later this year include a Ran's S21 and Sling 4.

Airport Day(From Joe)

The 2024 Airport Days celebration IS ON! It will be on Saturday June 15th. This date was chosen as it coincides with the annual Fathers Day weekend Pottsville event and has always worked well for both events, as they both attract families out for the day and are very close together geographically . I am starting to get confirmations from vendors and aircraft displays and participation. Of course we expect to see the always popular Pancake Breakfast at the Chapter Hangar. There also will be a coinciding car show as usual. Stay tuned for more information as we confirm more details. As always we will ask tenants to participate by bringing aircraft out for the public to see. Please contact me for further information as we get closer. We hope to continue the great success we had at our last event !

Future Happenings

With the need to schedule Airshow acts months in advance, these events are starting to appear on aviation events calendars. I have picked up a few to start off our calendar and have included a couple of fly-ins that have firm dates, including our very own Airport Day.

May 18-19: Oregon International Airshow, Hillsboro

June 15: Grants Pass Airport Day

June 22: OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove

July 20-28: Oshkosh

Aug 17-18: Wings over Willamette, EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in and STOL Exposition, Independence

Aug. 22-24: Airshow of the Cascades, Madras

Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Oregon International Airshow, McMinnville. Thunderbirds scheduled to perform.

Marketplace

I'm more than happy to occasionally include aircraft for sale if they are in reasonable proximity, whatever that means. Hopefully, there might just be one that attracts attention among our members. It's almost a given that any CH701 within a 200 mile radius which shows up on the market will end up with a Grants Pass owner.



Andreas and his partners have put their Shinn 2150A on the market for \$70K. It has only 385 hrs STOH and has been extensively upgraded since originally purchased. For a complete description and contact information, check out the "Single Engine Piston" section of the Trade-a-Plane website. It's listed as a Varga.

And Finally

I'm introducing a new feature to the newsletter: Pilots and Pets. This was suggested by Michael Seal and emerged from a little brainstorming session last fall. I had concluded that the newsletter format had become a bit stagnated and could benefit from a few new ideas, even if they might not be directly related to building, flying, or fixing. Well, here's one. In the future, I want to get back into member bio's and "my favorite airplane" accounts as well. I also encourage our members to suggest subjects they would like to see covered.

Where you find a household with a pilot, you very often also find a 4-legged family member. They seem to go together. I'll start close to home; no arm twisting required. But, if this is a feature you would like to see continued, I'll need input from our readers. So send me a photo or two and a few notes to introduce our members to your own special friend who accepts you just as you are regardless of Uncle Charlie's opinion. If I get this kind of feedback, I guess I'll have my answer (or not).

Meet Ollie. He's a thirteen year old orange tabby that started showing up in my back yard about 10 years ago and ultimately adopted me. He wasn't homeless, just decided he needed a new environment, so he left his original home on the other side of the back fence. All we could figure out was that maybe he was getting bullied by their other cat.

I grew up in the middle of Indiana corn fields, so cats were greatly appreciated for keeping down the rodent population. As long as Ollie behaved himself, I had no problem giving him a new home. Not sure I had a choice anyway. He's an indoor/outdoor cat, and I can leave him in while I go to the airport. He doesn't jump on the counters or tear up the furniture. Pretty much laid back just like the pictures show. It's been several years since he has brought me a bird. I'd like to believe he's given up because they're faster than he is these days, and that would be a good thing. More likely it's because he knows I don't appreciate the "gift", so he just leaves what's left in the bushes after he's finished with them. But I hope not.



He rarely uses his bed. I think this is the only picture I have of him in it. Only explanation-he's a cat. Nuf sed.

My editor-in-chief on the job. If the text in the newsletter occasionally looks a little skewed, now you know why.

EAA Chapter 725, Grants Pass Airport-3S8

Meets: 1st Sunday of the month-1:00 P. M

Summer months: Chapter hangar with barbecue at 12:00 noon

Winter months: FBO Classroom

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