



## **Next Meeting-Sunday, , April 7, 2024 1:00 at the FBO Training Room**

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

This April feels like the ocean water is receding just before the tsunami comes rushing back to shore. We have a lot going on... but not yet. May 25th we'll have a float in the Boatnik parade and then Pancake Breakfast on Airport Day June 15th. That's not to say we have nothing going on in April. The YAD, Youth Aviation Development group is hitting the ground running. Also we hope to complete the segmented circle rehabilitation project this month.

The campground maintenance activity started with Steve Cross doing some weed-eating along the ditch. It's getting to be time to mow and the area needs a general clean up. If anyone can put in an hour or two, every little bit helps. And be sure to enter the time you spend working on the campground. There is a time sheet by the inside of the back hanger door.

If you're getting out there to fly, stay safe and keep one eye on the weather. We get all four seasons in a single day during April.

Be sure to check the chapter web site. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea725>

Dennis Mitchell  
President  
EAA chapter 725

## Treasurer's Report, 3/23/24

Checking Account Balance 2/20/24	\$1,672.98
Cash box	815.00
Receipts: Donation (food)	5.00
Checking Interest	1.83
Membership: 5@\$20/ea.	100.00
Tracey Malone, Linda Colton, Bud Liberatore, Joe Stone, Nic Huttema	
Disbursements: Electric	(46.88)
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$1,647.93
Cash Box	900.00
Funds available	\$2,547.93

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## March Meeting Minutes (We now have a Secretary. Thanks to all previous volunteers who have filled in.)

Call meeting to order at 13:00

◦ dedicate meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Get a count of attendees and welcome visitors.

Counted 16 paid members and 5 visitors.

Dennis reviewed Club expenses verses incomes.

Cash in bank	2487\$
Yearly expense	2800\$ x 25600\$
Difference	3113\$
Divided by 24 members	129\$ each

Dennis motioned to resign previous Vice President. Vote was unanimous.

Dennis nominated Jamie for Vice President. Vote was unanimous.

Dennis nominated Danny for Secretary. Vote was unanimous.

Welcomed Nic and Pete who we first met at recent home and garden show in Grants Pass

Richard Colton gave a wonderful presentation of his cross country flight in a Stearman PT-17

President message

◦ Summary of Josephine Co. Home Show.

Went very well and we are invited to present at home show for Jackson Co. later this year.

◦ Report on CAP meeting

Teens are very interested in an airport and hanger tour. Look into tool box kit builds from Vans aircraft.

Investigate an aircraft build for CAP. Alen R. volunteered to take point lead on this CAP project.

◦ Work on Brookside and Airport break-in

Spectrum installed fiber cable on Brookside. Minor theft incident but warning to keep your things locked up.

◦ Independence chapter 292 STOL event

◦ Airport Day June 15th

Might organize a raffle, kid's games, and airplane rides that are separate from EAA.

☐ Ask visitors to introduce themselves... who they are, what is their interest in aviation and how did they hear about the chapter.

☐ What are chapter member expectations and member goals?

☐ Member announcements

☐ If time allows: Review tactics and strategies to meet new membership goal:

☐ National resources on [eaa.org/eaa-chapters](http://eaa.org/eaa-chapters)

☐ Other announcements

☐ Adjourn meeting at 14:40

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## **April Meeting Agenda**

- Call meeting to order/dedicate to flying days ahead
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Get count of attendees/welcome visitors
  - President's message
    - Campground maintenance/sign-up
    - Next hangar clean-up
    - Owner's airplane pictures on website and wall
    - Plans for fly-outs/Poker Run
  - Upcoming Events
    - Boatnik Parade-May 25
    - Airport Day/Pancake Breakfast-June 15
  - Report on Ongoing Projects
    - Segmented Circle/Compass Rose/campground maintenance
    - Youth Aviation Development weekend report-Allan Runia
    - Other projects
  - Jamie Jones Presentation
  - Member expectations
  - Announcements and Comments
  - National resources on [eaa.org/eaa-chapters](http://eaa.org/eaa-chapters)
  - Adjourn meeting
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## **Around the Chapter**

Lots of getting ready for the new season. Dick Smith recently completed the Condition Inspection on his CH701 and is back in the air. Dennis Mitchell was close behind. He had an issue with fuel flow indication (something not right reading zero with the engine running). After considerable troubleshooting did not resolve problem, he replaced the flowmeter and re-plumbed the fuel lines to take it out of the engine compartment. Success! But he also had to address a fuel seep at a hose connection on a fuel pump fitting. Tightened clamp, no seep. No squawks after a 15 min. flight.

Ryan completed the annual on Stan and John's Cherokee. Back together just in time for the rainstorms that rolled in last weekend. But a post-maintenance test flight over the airport was successfully completed before this last round of rain. Airplane's fine, pilot needs practice. Joe's annual was completed by Pacific Aviation. He had to replace a cracked spinner, so his first post-annual flight has been delayed to this week. But we're all getting ready for those \$100 hamburger flights. And that's not accounting for inflation.

Phil reports he was able to fly both airplanes during the mid-month stretch of good weather, about 3 hours total. Felt good to get airborne again after a long hibernation. He's using the current down time (3<sup>rd</sup> week) to get them cleaned up and ready for the next sunny period.

By the time you read this, Brad Baum may have his Jodel in its new home in Brookings. He just had the brakes rebuilt and hoped the weather would cooperate for the flight down from Everett. If all goes as tentatively planned, maybe he can fly over to the next meeting?

It's BFR time for Dennis Crawford. He's waiting for the sun to shine so he can get recurrent.

Allan Runia has his hangar all organized, so he's ready to get airborne again. The first order of business is to get checked out in the Lancair. He's arranged to get that done with Bear when weather and schedules align.

Allan is also spearheading the plan to organize a youth project. This is in development and specifics are yet to be nailed down. To introduce the idea and judge the level of interest, area youth have been invited to an introductory meeting to be held Saturday, April 6, at the EAA hangar at noon. See the **"And Finally"** section at the end of this newsletter. All chapter members are invited to participate in this kick-off meeting. It would be greatly appreciated if several members with aircraft would open their hangars and give our potential project candidates a look at the variety of airplanes which our members own, prioritizing on homebuilts, of course. Many chapters across the country sponsor youth programs and EAA supports a variety of these activities. I, for one, am glad to see an interest within our chapter. It always starts with a core group of dedicated members.

Jim Hammell has received notice that our application to have a float in the Boatnik parade has been accepted. We're in! Now we just have to put it together.

The shower trailer has been moved out of the hangar to its summer location alongside. Services will be connected when the campground is cleaned up and ready for use.

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## **Around the Airport**

### **County**

Pretty quiet this month. Repair to the deer fence on the northeast side is almost complete and Trenton continues to clear and burn brush on that side to open areas for future development. One individual is still working through the approval process for building in the Triangle. Steve has responded to a couple of inquiries regarding further opportunities there, but no further activity at this time.

### **Pacific Aviation**

In mid-March, Pacific Aviation Northwest announced the receipt of a \$500,000 Aircraft Pilots Aviation Workforce Development Grant from the FAA. Quoting an article in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, this will allow PANW to "expand its airplane and commercial drone pilot programs to focus specifically on high school students." Co-founder Dave Traeger stated that Pacific Aviation NW was "the only grant recipient of this kind west of Ohio and Texas."

In further discussion with Dave, he stated that 2 additional instructors have been hired, both previous students of Pacific Aviation. Also part of ramping up the program will be the addition of new flight simulators, both at Grants Pass and Medford. Given there are details still to be worked out related to the distribution of the funding, he is not prepared to discuss that aspect at this time. He hopes to have a more complete picture by mid-month. In the meantime, a special email account has been set up: [pilottraining@pacificaviationnw.com](mailto:pilottraining@pacificaviationnw.com) to provide a focal point for receiving and responding to requests for information. He feels very confident this program will be a valuable contributor beyond just the local aviation community.

## **Baker Avionics**

Leah is kind enough to provide material for inclusion in the newsletter and it rarely needs editing. This month is no exception. But first, they have welcomed Paige Wolf to the staff. She is now the person who will greet you as you enter the front office. The following is Leah's latest update of events, with accompanying photos.

Baker Avionics had another successful show at the Northwest Aviation Conference & Tradeshow, held in Puyallup, WA, at the end of February. They close the shop up and take the whole crew. This year they expanded their booth size and had many panel displays. It was a hot stop for many enthusiasts to get hands on displays in many example panel & equipment configurations, as well as techs on hand to answer any questions.

Project Work: A customer is happy after receiving the most recent project of Baker Avionics, a 1977 Cessna R172K. With just one squawk found on a test flight, it was a configuration issue and was fixed before his flight back home to Crescent City.



Last but not least. Baker Avionics has added a new capability to their shop. With the recent arrival of a UV Printer, they are one step closer to having their panels fully in-house. The one last step for the process is a powder coating setup, which is in the works. The UV printer is a direct to substrate printer, meaning they can print full color to their custom panels. This is a welcome addition to their new division, CAD Panels. Please visit their website for further information. [www.bakeravionics.com/custom-panels.com](http://www.bakeravionics.com/custom-panels.com).

Leah Baker, Administrative Director



Bye, bye steam gauges, hello glass. This is the transformation of the C172 panel she referred to in her article.



This is what their UV printer looks like. It prints to any solid flat surface.



## VSI Aviation



Progress! The Harmon Rocket project now has wings. Looking at that substantial engine mount, it's obvious some major horsepower will be installed on the front end of this airplane. An RV10 project that has been in the works for awhile will soon be ready for its engine installation. Sometime in the TBD future, a Murphy "Moose" kit will arrive from the factory in BC for a builder from Sun River. The "Moose" is a large high-wing homebuilt taildragger about the size of a Cessna 185. Many of the ones built to date have some version of the Russian M14P radial engine on the nose. Makes them look a bit like a DH "Beaver". There is an "Americanized" version rated at over 600 hp, and that's what is planned for this one.

## Airport Day

Joe reports planning continues with all going well. The two sno-cone vendors that were tentative participants have now confirmed. They will be located one at each end of the display area. He is still looking for a few more food vendors. Erickson and Croman have not responded to inquiries as to whether they might participate. He will contact them (again).

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## **Future Happenings**

I found a few more events which might be of interest. They are in bold print. They're all out of state except for the Boatnik parade (of course) and WAAAM fly-in at Hood River. Hopefully, April will see more local and regional events get publicized.

**May 18-19:** Oregon International Airshow, Hillsboro

**May 25: G. P. Boatnik Parade. Chapter 725 will enter a float.**

**June 15: Grants Pass Airport Day**

**June 22:** OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove, 10-4

**June 22: Truckee Tahoe Air Show and Family Festival, Truckee, CA.**

**July 13-14: California Capitol Airshow, Mather Airport, Sacramento**

**July 20-28:** Oshkosh

**Aug 24-25:** 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.

**Sept. 7-8: Annual WAAAM Fly-in, Hood River, OR. (WAAAM= Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum)**

**Sept. 28-29: California International Airshow, Salinas, CA. USAF Thunderbirds**

**Oct. 4-6: Reno Airshow, Reno Stead Airport, Reno, NV**

And Finally



## Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Meeting Invitation

**When:** Saturday April 6th, 2024 12:00 noon

**Where:** EAA Hangar, Grants Pass Airport

**Who:** All persons with aviation interest!

**What:** This will be the first meeting of EAA Chapter 725 "Youth Aviation Development Group" we will be sharing Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and Beverages while we discuss our mutual enthusiasm for all things Aviation related.

Our ultimate goal is to foster and develop interests in aviation by introducing hands-on skill building activities aimed toward attaining your aviation aspirations and perhaps culminating in an Experimental Aircraft Building Project, Young Eagles Introductory Flights, and Flight Training Opportunities.

Come join us, meet some of our members, enjoy lunch, tour member hangars and get up close with member Aircraft!

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## **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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