



Next Meeting- May, hopefully

The April meeting planned as a project visit at Phil and Kathy's house has been cancelled. A real bumner, but the guv says no. With all the precautionary recommendations related to the current pandemic, future plans are uncertain at this time.

President's Message

We are in very strange and trying times. Just a few short weeks ago as we sat together in hangars, and lunches none of us would have ever guessed what was coming. But here it is. Who would have ever believed the Las Vegas Tower would be shut down and all of those 737's be negotiating very busy airspace as an uncontrolled field? Or see pictures of downtowns in large cities with no cars or people? Our country was hit with an unknown, and unexpected Virus coming from a small city in a far-away land. But, here we are, negotiating as Americans always do, together working toward the end of this event called Covid 19. Before too long we will back to our usual lunches together, visiting each other's hangars and projects, and enjoying the friendships that have been forged by membership in our little chapter. For me, it has really exhibited just how important those friendships and freedom to gather with a common interest really are. I can't wait to sit together again in Baldinis and pontificate about our aviation abilities. Thank God none of us have been infected as of yet, and hopefully we will all escape it. I hope to see us all back in the cockpit soon.

Joe W.

March Meeting Minutes

Call to order and Pledge 1:00pm

Guests /new members: Rick Koppen, new member, from Southern Michigan.
Longtime pilot, currently building a Kitfox 1.

Treasurers report: \$2904.02 in funds plus \$200 petty cash.

50/50- Rick Koppen \$7.50. Second chance-Nate won flashlights.

Airport Advisory Board update: New airport maintenance shop near completion. New Security and maintenance person residence to be completed 6/20. We need to mark the existing water line along the fence. Next meeting 3/3/20. Andreas Blech, Board Director, reminds us that all pilots are welcome to attend.

We have a new CFI, Cathy Frankel, working for Pacific. Cathy has multiple ratings and is already busy with students, BFRS, etc. Stop and say hello. She plans to be active in our chapter.

Old Business: Weigh the Cozy for CG stats.

New business: Next Chapter meeting 4/5/20 will be hosted at the home of Kathy and Phil Cloutier. Mexican Lunch will be served. Please bring any special drinks you may prefer. We will see Phil's current project underway there. His third fixed wing, he has also built a helicopter. Busy guy. RSVP required by separate email.

Flyouts and activities: Stan, Phil, Joe and Dennis flew to Ashland where they were met by Uber driver Larry Graves for a nice lunch. Dennis and Joe recently overflew the VA cemetery in Eagle Point following the internment of one of Dennis's Army buddies. May he Rest in Peace.

Presentation: Joe gave a slide and video presentation of his recent visit to the 3rd Recon group at Beale AFB. He was hosted by Lt. Col. Chris Reeder for a rare close up visit to the U2 and RQ4 operation based there. This included the opportunity to spend part of the day in the right seat of the chase car used for U2 takeoffs and landings. The technology of these aircraft is quite amazing, as shown in multiple slides. Thank you to our United States Air Force!

Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm

Submitted by Cheryl Riffle

Around the Chapter

With the new flying season rapidly approaching, I'm leading this section with a list of member and their flying (or flyable) aircraft and/or projects. By my count, 13 current chapter members make the list. If I'm missing anyone or there are errors in my data, I'm sure I will be corrected.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Flying/Flyable Aircraft</u>	<u>Project</u>
Andreas Blech	C182 and V35B Bonanza	
Phil Cloutier	Wag Aero Super Sport	Zenith CH650
Dennis Crawford	Ercoupe 415C and Kitfox 1	
Darin Hecker	Northwing Apache and Navaho/C182	
Ed Lee		Cherokee 140
Stan Loer	Cherokee 180	RV 8
Ryan Marshall	C172	
Dave McGloon	Sonex	
Dennis Mitchell	CH601	CH701
Dave Palmer	MX Quicksilver and Antares Trike/TR-2	
Allan Runia	Bonanza	
Dick Smith	Hornet	CH701
Joe Williams	Ercoupe 415C	

OK, we should start planning fly-outs. With any luck, the Coronavirus pandemic will have peaked by June, the country will be getting back to normal, and there will be any number of breakfasts, lunches, and maybe even an overnight trip or two we can arrange.

Three of our members have their aircraft up for sale. Dave Palmer has his TR-2 listed on Barnstormers and Dennis Mitchell has decided he has one aircraft too many (How can that be?) with the acquisition of his CH701 project, so his CH601 is now available. Dick Smith has relisted his Hornet on Barnstormers after taking the winter off. Sure would be nice if all these aircraft could find new owners here. My only 601 experience is a few short flights with Brent Battles, but I got several hours in a TR-2 way back when and really liked the airplane. Fun to fly. Let the bidding begin.



Dave Palmer's TR-2 (Dave and Darin Hecker)



Dennis Mitchell's CH601

The huge map that was on the wall in the FBO break room for eons is no more. The space is now occupied by a smaller map and will become the home for our chapter newsletter, photos of local activities, and other airport information. Joe and Pacific Aviation have split the cost of materials and several chapter members have pitched in the labor. Larry will credit that labor against our hangar ground lease charge.



Joe starts scraping, but this proved to be an exercise in futility. Plan B, covering it up with fiberboard, turned out to work much better.



And this is the finished product with plenty of space surrounding the map for photos and aviation activities information. This newsletter is now posted there.

Ed Lee reports our new website will be fully active on the 31st. Until then, there's an auto transfer from an earlier site which is a bit confusing. The address is shown on the last page of this and every newsletter. Check it out; it's pretty impressive. Well done, and thanks. He's still looking for photos of members' aircraft, so if you don't see yours among his gallery, please send him one.

Dick Smith crunched some numbers and got sticker shock when he figured out what it would cost to put an O200 together for his CH701 project. So he put in a bid on a Jabiru 3300 (6 cyl, 120 shp, same as Dave's Sonex) he found on e-bay and his offer was accepted. Lots of miscellaneous parts to go with it too. All he had to do was go down to Scottsdale, AZ and pick it up. Well, he's back with all the goodies. The engine will need some repair, but he still should end up with an airworthy engine for less money when he's finished. Will include photos in the next newsletter.

Around the Airport

Airport Advisory Board Meeting Highlights

The FAA has agreed to reevaluate the issue of the requested 1500' runway extension based on jet operations data. They want to see 500/year to justify the request and will evaluate the count (extrapolated to 12 mo. operations) in Sept.

The Airport Master Plan is in final phases of review and comment by the FAA.

2 ODA COAR Grant applications have been approved and awarded. They will support a new Jet-A storage tank and match for a runway extension Environmental Assessment.

Advisory Board meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Pacific Aviation

Big news is that PacJet, the charter arm of Pacific Aviation has purchased a Cessna CJ-3. As this is written, it's going through a thorough inspection at Hillsboro, but should be down here ready to go to work within the next week or two.

Airport Day Meeting (We're planning like it's going to happen)

Sign of the times. This meeting was a conference call. Not enough space in the training room for all of us to stay 6 ft. apart from each other. Highlights from the discussion follow. Did not try to identify everyone making the comments.

Larry hasn't given up on a military fly-by. He has obtained the name of a contact at the K. Falls ANG.

West Coast Ravens will definitely be part of the show.

John Paul Takacs will be flying his aerobatic routine in a Christen Eagle. See photo of this type below.

Will have at least one, possibly two jet RC models in the RC demo flight time.

Larry will check with the Repel Team and Erickson to see if they will be available. Depends on firefighting commitments.

ODF would like to have a presence, but participation will also be dictated by firefighting commitments.

Dutch Bros. is planning to display their new CJ-4 and also demo fly it. Will have their coffee trailer on site.

Chicken drop is a go. Will try to get 5-6 aircraft to participate. Possibly 3 Ercoupes among the group.

Use of NG Armory parking lot has been confirmed. A portion of the west triangle may also be useable.

Pacific Aviation will not offer flights this year due to the increased show aircraft operations.



This is not John Paul's aircraft, but representative of the breed. The Christen Eagle was designed by Frank Christensen and first flew in 1977. It has been a popular aircraft with airshow pilots ever since, and probably was best known as the aircraft flown by the Eagles Aerobatic Team comprised of Tom Poberezny, Gene Soucy, and Charlie Hillard.



This little guy was a recent visitor and a somewhat unusual one at that. It's a Cirrus Vision Jet SF50, registered to Vision Aero LLC out of Ringgold, GA. Looks like Cirrus almost matched the hangar color. (Joe Williams photo)



Good progress is being made on preparing the caretaker residence for occupancy. Appears to be on track for June if not sooner. That blue-gray color is really popular.

I had intended to include an interior photo or two of the new maintenance shop, but decided that will have to wait until a later newsletter. Like (I hope) everyone else, I'm practicing safe separation and severely limiting my contacts. I don't consider the airport totally off limits, but I'm definitely restricting my movements while there. Fortunately, I can spend hours working on hangar projects and never see anyone, so I guess that will satisfy the governor.

Farther Afield

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society is looking for Poly Fiber covering materials to help finish the restoration of the 1935 Les Long designed "Wimpy". This aircraft is being restored to static display status and will be covered with the light grade Poly Fiber cloth and finished with Poly Tone Insignia White. All other products from Poly Tak to Poly Spray are also needed. Donations are tax deductible and sponsorship credit will be given. If you can help, please contact me at my e-mail address or Tim Talen at ragwoodivy@gmail.com.

"Wimpy" will be one of the three static display aircraft which will be part of the 2021 Oregon Aviation Centennial traveling historical exhibit now being assembled by the OAHS in recognition of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Oregon Department of Aviation. In addition to several stops around the state, this exhibit will make the long trek to Oshkosh. Fair warning: I will be reporting on the progress of this project as it develops.

Future Happenings

Note the Christmas Party date, new this month. I'll keep my eyes open for additional aviation activities and would appreciate all of you doing to the same. I'll include anything I can get from any legitimate source. Sure hope none of these get cancelled.

May 2: OAHS pancake breakfast, 9-noon. All you can eat. Cottage Grove Airport. \$6 adults, children under 12 free.

June 6: Same. Is there a pattern here?

June 27: Grants Pass Airport Day. Chapter 725 Breakfast

June 27: 7th annual OAHS Wings and Wheels Event, 10-4.

July 11: You guessed it, another OAHS pancake breakfast. It's obviously a once each month event during the summer.

August 1: This time the pancake breakfast is coupled with the 42nd annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in.

August 14-16: Arlington, WA Fly-in

August 21-23: EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in at Independence. Saturday features Van's homecoming, forums, other aviation activities and mid-Willamette Valley wine tours. Sunday is the 4th STOL Expo. Watch this space for further info.

August 29: Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival and, yep, another pancake breakfast.

September 11-13: Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) Fly-in, Hood River

December 17: Chapter Christmas Party at the Golf Club. Yes, we already have the date.

And Finally

A couple of photos I couldn't pass up. Airplanes and pets. Both bring us pleasure and sometimes a bit of frustration. But wagging tails and friendly wet noses are hard to ignore. Both pictures courtesy of Dave McGlooin.



Here's their Working Cocker Spaniel, Millie the Mutt Missile, ready for launch from Ann's garden wagon. Given her skills as a dog trainer, I'm sure Ann programmed in some aftermarket software so that Millie has now been upgraded to a Precision Guided Mutt Missile.

Brad Traeger's Labradoodle Kodi has pretty much become a fixture at the FBO and a better greeter would be hard to find. A couple of weeks back, he went to the vet for that operation which most male dogs get (and perhaps more than a few men should). As a result, he had to wear this cone for a few days. But I'm not sure about Joe. Was this maybe a twofer?



**EAA Chapter 725
Grants Pass Airport-3S8**

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

**Winter months: Pacific Aviation Training Room
Social Hour starting at 12:00 noon**

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

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