



Next Meeting-Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:00 at the FBO Training Room

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello all present chapter members, past members, potential members and anyone who is generally interested in aviation!

Well we're in the March toward spring! (Oh I'm so funny). Don't get me started on the time change, it drives me nuts! But that's happening March 10th, I guess.

Stan will go into more detail about the EAA Chapter 725 booth at the Home Show. But, I want to thank everyone who helped out. I got several responses to my request for the use of a TV, thanks Jack, it worked great.

During the three days at the show, we passed out about 150 cards and flyers. We talked in detail to several dozen interesting people who've had a life-long fascination with aviation. We hope to see many of them at the meeting on March 3rd

Regards,
Dennis Mitchell
President chapter 725

Treasurer's Report, 2/22/24

Checking Account Balance 1/20/24	\$1,672.51
Cash box	675.00
Receipts: Donation	10.00
Checking Interest	.37
Membership: 7@\$20/ea.	140.00
Dennis Mitchell, Rod Case, Michael Seal, Andreas and Fritz Blech, Allan Runia, Caleb Cross	
Disbursements: Propane	(10.00)
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$1,672.98
Cash Box	815.00
Funds available	\$2,487.98

February Meeting Minutes (submitted by Vice Pres. Michael Seal)

- Called meeting to order at 1:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance
- Michael Seal agreed to take notes in lieu of Secretary
- Attendance
 - 21 attendees
- Bank Account
 - Dennis C. motioned that we remove Joe Williams from WaFed bank account, add Dennis Mitchell, and retain Jim Hammell. It was approved.
- Award
 - Award was given to Michael Seal and he explained why they are moving to Texas.
- President's Message
 - President Mitchell gave a summary of his conversation with the Airport Director and we now get \$15/hr. credit against our hangar ground lease for approved airport projects.
- Video Presentation
 - Cleanup work party had 9 participants. Hangar was cleaned up and shower trailer refinished.
 - Books found and set aside for anyone who wants them.
 - Invited all to go to the hangar and look around to see if anyone has updates on the stuff that was found.
 - Introduced our chapter website and showed the online app: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea725>.
 - Chapter emails will stay with the position, not via personal email.
 - Looking at getting a physical mailing address. Check with JOCO Planning Department, fill out form, and take to USPS, plus a fee.
 - Newsletters will be mailed to all. If you don't want your email listed in the TO, let President know.
 - Gave a summary of Facebook group-EAA Chapter 725 Grants Pass, OR.
 - Bylaws are available on the website. They were last revised in 2003.
 - Reviewed Elections, Officer Duties, Nominating Committee
- Member Announcements
 - Activities suggested: Hangar dance, Booth Rentals, Hangar Sale, Food truck/trailer, Fly-in Pancake Breakfast, 50/50 Raffle, Poker Run (Chris Beebe volunteered to organize).
 - Only one person with Food Handler certificate required. Celeste has experience.

- Other Announcements
 - Campground and shower is a joint venture, chapter and airport. We handle mowing and cleaning.
 - Chapter has been given space at the JOCO Home Show for free. Feb. 16-18. Jim Hammell will head up and asked for volunteers to man booth. Will feature his CH701. Highlight our breakfast on Airport Day.
 - Not too early to start getting volunteers committed for Airport Day breakfast. Thoroughly clean hangar a week or two ahead. Consider selling tickets at entrance and having someone circulating through the crowd selling tickets. \$10/adult, \$5/children 12 and under.
 - Attendee Intro's
 - Went around room.
 - Meeting adjourned at 2:36.
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March Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order
 - dedicate meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Ask for a volunteer to take meeting minutes, since we have no secretary...still
- Get a count of attendees and welcome visitors. Visitor Introductions later.
- Discuss candidates for new officer positions and hold vote
- Richard Colson, presentation of his cross country flight in a Stearman PT-17
- President message
 - Summary of Josephine Co. Home Show.
 - Report on CAP meeting
 - Work on Brookside and Airport break-in
 - Independence chapter 292 STOL event
 - Airport Days June 15th
- 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
- Other announcements?
- Adjourn meeting

Around the Chapter

The morning of the monthly meeting, 10 members, led by our intrepid Treasurer, Jim Hammell, gathered in the cold of the chapter hangar to do a whole bunch of cleanup, prepare the shower trailer for the upcoming season, and prep replacement parts for the segmented circle. Fuel was supplied by coffee, donuts and other goodies although we did manage to make some progress between bites. In fact, we made a lot of progress. And we have a few photos for proof.



Steve Cross and Brad Baum apply a new coat of stain to the shower trailer. The step also was repaired by Chris Beebe and Danny Hanley with Trex boards pre-cut and supplied by Jim.



Rod Case applies primer to boards pre-cut by Jim which will be assembled into replacements for the deteriorated sections of the segmented circle.



This would have been a lot more impressive if I had a "before" picture for comparison.



The motley crew. L to R: Brad Baum, Rod Case, Steve Cross, Chris Beebe, Danny Hanley, Michael Seal, Celeste Hammell, Jim Hammell, and Stan Loer. Dennis Mitchell behind the camera.

Jim also took point for organizing our display at the JoCo Home Show held mid-month. His CH701 fuselage was the centerpiece, but there were lots of brochures, and he brought some materials and tools so he could demonstrate the assembly process. We talked up Airport Day and introduced a large number of people to the world of homebuilt aircraft. Assisting Jim and Celeste at various times during the weekend were Dennis Mitchell, Richard Colton, Dennis Crawford, Dan Hanley, Andreas Blech, Allan Runia, Michael Seal, Tracy Malone, Caleb Cross and Stan Loer. Dave McGlooin dropped by Sunday morning to lend moral support. The following pictures reflect the daily activities.



Thursday afternoon was reserved for set-up. Most of the handout material was collected and/or prepared by Dennis Mitchell. We're all set to go. Let the crowds gather.



Another view of our display showing the many Sport Aviation and Kit Planes magazines, last year's Airport Day flyer modified with this year's date and highlighting our breakfast, and brochures on the airport and businesses. Also a bowl of candy for kids of all ages.



The airport staff all dropped by to check us out. Here, Airport Director Steve Dobbs gives us the once over. He was very complementary on the display and our efforts to promote not only EAA and our chapter, but also the airport and local aviation interests in general.



Celeste and Jim answer questions from visitors to our booth. We had the full spectrum, from the seriously interested to the "prefer to keep my feet on the ground" types.



President Dennis makes sure our visitors have the complete skinny on what our chapter is all about and the many contributions the airport makes to the county and its citizens.

Allan Runia has been busy. He bought Ed Lee's hangar and put his Lancair 235 up for sale. The Bonanza has a new starter (and it works). But it's a hangar queen, along with the most of the chapter members' airplanes, until the rain stops and we see the sun again. Which we did at least for this last weekend. Take what we can get this time of year.

Michael and Eva Seal will soon be on their way to their new home in Texas. Michael sold his CH601 to new member Eric Hask, so it will stay in the area.

With Ryan Marshall's help, Jack Brusius is finishing up the repairs to his CH701 which resulted from damage that occurred when the airplane was stored by its previous owner. It should soon be ready to fly again. He will do the initial flights with the existing Subaru engine, but has decided to replace it with a 3 cylinder, 4 cycle Yamaha engine rated at 120 hp. He has a reduction gearbox on order.

Andreas told me the Shinn has found a new home in Texas. The new owner wanted to "downsize" from a Bellanca Viking. Down 2 seats and probably at least 6 gph fuel consumption. Some cruise speed too. Son Fritz made the delivery flight.

Around the Airport

County

Perimeter fence repairs will start on the 26th to minimize animal access to the airport property. There will be no negative impact on air operations.

A maintenance road was roughed in inside the north and east fence line to facilitate perimeter fence inspection. It is strictly for county vehicles and will eventually be graveled.

Repair of exterior lighting on the end of the hangar rows is underway. This will help taxiing safety during the night.

Rescue kits will be placed in Airport department vehicles and the Airport office so that some extrication equipment is available in the event of an emergency where time is of the essence while waiting for the arrival of Fire/EMS personnel. This is not a requirement, but another layer of protection in the event of an airplane crash on the field and immediate extrication is necessary.

Airport Day(From Joe)

Planning is still in the early stages. Records of the previous Airport Days are being reviewed to identify past participants so that a complete list of contacts can be generated. The car show is being organized and food vendors are being notified. Anyone who has a favorite is encouraged to have them contact Joe so they can be added to the list of potential participants. Leah Baker has again offered to create the flyer. Expanded participation at future meetings will address more detailed planning issues as the scope of the event becomes better defined.

Fuel Price Drop

A belated thank you to Pacific Aviation Northwest for managing to get us a 50 cent reduction in the price of 100LL. It's now at \$6.49/gal. and has been since about mid-month. I've never documented the process by which our fuel prices are set as new loads are delivered. Maybe it's time I did. I don't think it's a big secret.

Off to Gold Beach



SOJ Flyers' Saturday trip to Gold Beach. They're calling it "South Boy gang at 4S1 for secret handshake meeting." The spring-like weekend weather brought a lot of us out to fly. Fritz Blech took this and sent it to Dennis Mitchell and he passed it on yesterday. I debated where to put it as some of this bunch are also chapter members. Turns out this was the best fit. It may be awhile before we see cloudless skies again, so I wanted to include this if at all possible.

Future Happenings

I checked my sources and didn't come up with any new events to add, so this is a repeat of last month. One change: The Chapter 292 fly-in dates are a week later than originally set. If you're aware of any upcoming aviation activities that might be of interest, please let me know and I'll include.

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 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.

And Finally

Continuing on with the Pilots and Pets feature, Jamie Jones provided photos and information on his constant companion Reese. He's a 2 year old Yorkshire Terrier and frequently travels with him. In fact, Jamie says he has in excess of 1,000 hours and even went to Oshkosh 2022. Can't get much better than that.



Well, I'm ready to go. What's keeping you?



Wow, that looks like really rugged country.
Are you sure we're on the right course?

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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