



Next Meeting-Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held Dec. 12 (Thursday) at the Grants Pass Golf Club (south on Williams Highway, left on Espy Road). Coctails at 5:00, dinner at 6. Guests are encouraged. Buffet style featuring steak and chicken. Price is \$27/person including tip, same as last year. Remember your white elephant gift if participating in the exchange and consider bringing a toy for the Toys for Tots collection.

President's Message

This marks my last message as President at the close of my two year tour on 31 Dec 2019.

I have been inspired greatly during these years by the continual dedication of some members in building new aircraft from initial materials, whether from plans or kits, taxiing and ground testing those aircraft, and putting their lives on the line by flying those aircraft for their first time! We have at least four builders just now in various stages of building and flying!

In similar manner, some purchase older manufactured aircraft, restore them, and test them in their first restored flights. Still other pilots have had flights where their engine quit and they stretched to achieve a rough landing with limited damage to their aircraft. They picked themselves up, repaired their aircraft, ground tested them, and flew again. Their courageous spirit prevailed!

Some of our members at lunch recently spoke of the compelling nature of an empty workshop. Their last project had been completed and successfully flown, but their creative energy seeks to launch on a new aircraft building project. They start and create in a new aircraft direction.

Several pilots generously give introductory flights to young or mature people who have never before attuned their being to the thrill of flight in a light aircraft! They find this is vastly different than riding among the rows of passengers in a commercial aircraft flight. Our pilots have aviated aloft with several of our non-flying members who yearn to be airborne, maybe even considering flying lessons.

Our heterogeneous Chapter includes other modes of lofting airborne with our paragliders, trike riders, and motor glider pilots using various combinations of wind soaring, bare bones powered aircraft, or climb assisted aircraft followed by gliding flight.

I am honored to be a renter pilot closely integrated flying among these builders and flyers, sharing their enthusiasm and generosity in sharing and teaching their professional acumen to me. This has been and continues to be an uplifting journey in spirit and flight.

May we all continue to enrich our youth and fellow air-minded seekers in this realm of flight!

Clear skies!

Nate

November Meeting Minutes (Submitted by Nate)

Call to Order: 11:00 by President, Nate Riffle

Pledge: 11:01

Guest and new member introduction: one new visitor and experienced potential member: Dick Baker.
Guests (and program presenters) Greg and Leah Baker of Baker Avionics. 17 persons were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report by Phil Cloutier, who submitted a full written report. Funds available are \$3807.50.

50/50/Second Chance: Treasurer Phil Cloutier conducted drawing. Dennis Crawford donated his winnings back to the Chapter.

Airport Advisory Report: by Andreas Blech and Stan Loer. The next advisory board is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Airport needs a serviceable 100LL refueling truck. Maybe the former mogas truck will be refurbished?

Aircraft hangar doors: some repairs are underway.

Old Business:

Chapter Roster. Of the 17 persons in attendance, only 11 initialed the available roster to update their information. A new roster will be promulgated using this information for the beginning year 2020 c.e.

New Business: Annual Chapter renewal and other reports are due.

State of Oregon, non-profit renewal report due and sent today with \$50 fee.

Chapter 725 Liability Insurance renewal due in December 2019 by the President with Treasurer.

Chapter 725 Renewal Request to Oshkosh due in mid-December 2019 by the President. This request must include the names of the 2020 board members including the Secretary for the year 2020. Our planned Board for 2020 includes:

President: Joseph Williams

Vice President: Dennis Crawford

Treasurer: Phil Cloutier

Secretary: Nominations must be made for the Secretary's position at the Christmas Party.

Newsletter Editor: Stan Loer

Webmaster: Ed Lee

Chapter 725 Grants Pass Airport hangar ground lease fee. This is offset by work that we perform on behalf of the airport.

Food Handler Certificate: Kathy Cloutier will carry on through 2020. This is a 2-year certificate that she renewed in 2019 for two years, good through 2020.

Presentation: Greg and Lea Baker provided a lively overview of their new avionics equipment for retrofitting and updating light aircraft for ADS-B and other related components. Their shop is at the Grants Pass Airport.

Our Christmas Party was arranged by Dennis Crawford, 19 persons indicated planned attendance. The number is expected to increase to the required minimum of approximately 30. Each attendee shall bring a gift for Christmas toys for tots as well as a separate gift to be drawn for one fellow member.

Adjourned Meeting: 12:25 p.m.

President: Nate Riffle

Vice President: Dennis Crawford

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Phil Cloutier

Newsletter Editor: Stan Loer

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November Meeting Program (Baker Avionics)



Greg Baker, of Baker Avionics, gave us a presentation on the ins and outs of ADS-B. There's more to it than just giving us the "privilege" of operating within the confines of Classes B and C airspace. Greg and Leah relocated their shop from Medford to Grants Pass last summer and are eager to get fully integrated into the Grants Pass Airport community. (Photo courtesy of Joe Williams).

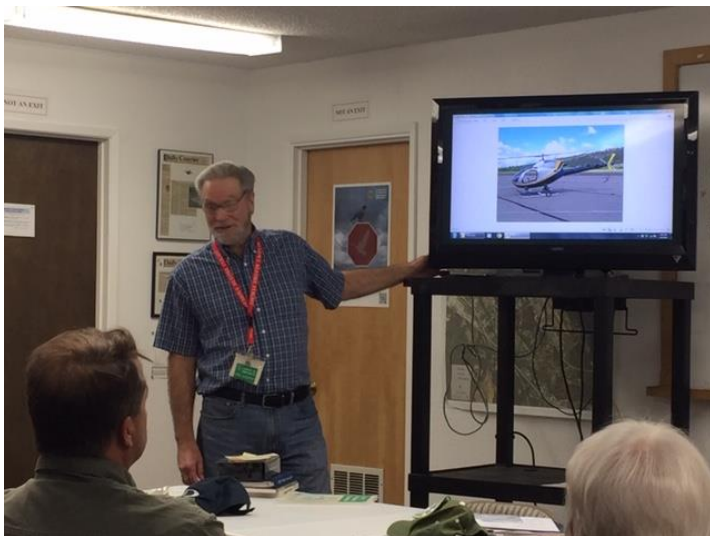
Around the Chapter-A Year in Pictures

2019 was a very active year and I thought it might be a good idea to take a look back. Selecting the photos and fitting them to the pages was a real challenge. To make it a full 12 months, I've included a couple of photos from last year's Christmas party. It was a lot of fun and worth revisiting for the memories. And we'll do it again next week. (Photos in subsequent sections courtesy Joe Williams, Ann McGlooin, Nate Riffle, Phil Cloutier, and ????. Thanks all.)



The dining room was all decked out to get us into the Christmas spirit.

Not sure what Nate scored for a White Elephant gift, but it looks unusually useful. A keeper or will we see it back again this year?



Phil Cloutier presented a program at the January meeting recounting his and Kathy's experiences with homebuilt helicopters. But they traded their fling wing chariot for a Wag-Aero Supersport and now a CH650 project is underway.



Dick Smith acquired a new project-a CH701 he found at Stark's Twin Oaks airport near Hillsboro. A bright, sunny day in January? Are we sure this was Oregon?



Off to lunch after a March flight to Myrtle Creek. This was the first of at least 3 fly-outs made to M. C. this year. But after this trip, lunch was at the 7 Feathers casino and the transportation was via shuttle bus.



A real rogue's gallery gathered for a group photo when we toured the Medford tower in March. Joe Williams set the visit up and it was highly informative.



For a couple of seasons during Joe's miss-spent youth in south Texas, he was a flagger for a crop-dusting company. This was the subject of his April meeting presentation.

At the May meeting, Dave Palmer and his fellow hang glider pilots introduced us to their favorite sport and some of the safety issues they address, including the annual repacking of their harness parachutes.





Did someone say wine? Great idea. A group of us gathered at Longsword winery in early June to enjoy a sunny afternoon and watch the paragliders launch off Woodrat Mountain and land right in front of us.



We served a couple hundred happy customers at our annual Airport Day breakfast in June. It's our one and only major fund raiser for the year. A real boost for the chapter treasury but a lot of work too. I don't think anyone wants to do this more than once a year, so we go all out and give it our very best shot. Seems to be working well.



← July saw a small gaggle of our intrepid aviators head for Prospect. Flight debrief reported it was a bit warm and density altitude definitely affected aircraft performance.

But what a beautiful day! Joe shot this photo of the Crater Lake Highway bridge across the Rogue on his return trip. →





August was party time. Nate and Cheryl generously hosted a party for chapter members and guests at their beautiful home in the Applegate. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all. We need to start lobbying for another one next year.



Myrtle Creek again in October. Most likely the last fly-out of the season.



The usual subjects ready for lunch at 7 Feathers. We sure could use some new blood added to this group.



The Riffles and Cloutiers both hit the road this fall for western states tours. They each included a visit with Brent and Donna at their new home in Big Fork, Montana. It's been a year and a half since they moved, and we really miss them.



Around the Airport

A little trip down memory lane featuring three significant events that occurred at the airport this year. Not that chapter members weren't involved (aren't we always?), it's just that these events were not chapter sponsored.



Part of the crowd that gathered for Airport Day, June 15. I think the rest were having breakfast.



Erickson put on a real show with their Airplane water drop demo. An Airport Day first.



Another kind of drop. This was a demo in advance of the real chicken drop contest held in October. Of course, Joe's carpet bombing attack did not conform to contest rules. It definitely was for show only.



An impressive showing of local vintage and classic cars was also a part of the Airport Day displays.

Smokey showed up to remind us all that the summer wildfire season had just begun.



July brought the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Association 2019 Air Tour to Grants Pass for a two-day stop. Somewhere between 35 and 40 aircraft from WWII trainers to modern homebuilts provided lots of eye candy for the large crowd that came out to welcome the visitors. A real summer highlight. Larry, his staff, and Pacific Aviation deserve a lot of credit for the great success of this event. And we were right in the middle of it too!!



Naval Aircraft Factory N3N's date from the early 40's and are a rare sight these days. Two were on the tour.



Stearmans executing a 360 overhead break. A beautiful sight and sound.



Not exactly rare, but not very common around airports anymore, this beautiful 14-19-2 Bellanca Cruisemaster settles onto runway 31 to join its tour mates.



A vintage homebuilt, this all-wood 5/8 scale Hawker Hurricane was first flown by owner/builder Fred Sindlinger in 1972.



Here's a lineup of aircraft preparing to compete in the 3rd annual Joe Williams chicken drop contest held in October. The number of participants almost doubled this year over last and it was even covered in the Daily Courier.



Darin Hecker didn't place and it doesn't look like he's dropped his chicken yet in this photo, but this is such a great shot and his HG Trike has such a graceful wing I had to include it.



Jeff Karmy took 1st place. His chicken landed 25 ft. from the target.



Dennis Mitchell gives it his best shot-not quite good enough. Maybe a CH701 will give him better target visibility next time?

I've got a bunch of info on future airport development projects contained in the new Master Plan, but I'll save that for next year.

And Finally (Last Minute Additions)

Ed Lee is recovering from recent major surgery. No word as to whether he'll be up to attending the Christmas Party, but we certainly wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Donna called me and asked that I add their new phone numbers to the newsletter:

Donna Battles: (406)407-0850

Brent Battles: (406)407-0868



Looks like Santa paid Darin an early visit and made his Christmas wish come true. He's become the proud owner of a 1968 C182. It looks great in and out. Now he can finish off his Private in his very own airplane.
(Joe Williams photo)

Note: Allan Runia has purchased a Bonanza he found in New Mexico. The carburetor is currently being overhauled, so he may not be able to bring it home until next month. But that makes two new airplanes among our chapter members going into the new year.

That's a wrap. Thanks to everyone for helping make 2019 a memorable year. Onward to 2020.

EAA Chapter 725
Grants Pass Airport-3S8

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