



Next Meeting

1:00 Sunday, March 1 at the FBO Training Room

Social Hour starts at 12 Noon

Thanks to all who have renewed for the current year, our membership count is now up to 19. If you have yet to renew, please do so at the meeting or mail to: EAA Chapter 725, 1331 Brookside Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526. It's only \$20.

President's Message

Finally, some nice clear days at 3S8! And I have seen more airplanes come out from their winter hiding places and take to the air, including mine. A refreshing sight. We have enjoyed some recent meetings to include visits to local businesses on the field. The tour of the Dutch Bros aviation department was very informative and fun and I want to thank Brett and his group for that. Fun to see a brand new Corporate Jet. Even had that new car smell. And thanks to Ryan for hosting our last meeting. Also very interesting. My goal is to keep things coming that keeps us interested and involved. Although we did it last year, I see Pacific has a signup sheet for another Medford tower visit for those interested. Soon we will all be shining up the aluminum and going for the \$140 hamburger somewhere. If you have event ideas, let us know. I have several ideas for this summer, stay tuned. Thanks for your support !

Joe W.

February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by President Joe Williams at 11:06 a.m. in Hangar 140 at the Grants Pass Airport

Pledge of Allegiance to our flag: 11:07 a.m.

Guest and new member introductions: none.

Treasurer's Report: Phil Cloutier stated that we had \$3,025 in our EAA 725 bank account.

50/50 Second chance drawing: none today.

EAA/Airport Manager open items as reported by Pres. Joe Williams.

1. Airport Manager, Larry Graves had wanted the static Cozy aircraft parked outside the EAA hanger to have a pedestal that allowed it to rotate to show the direction of the wind. Larry has now agreed that the plane can be installed on a simpler non-rotating pedestal. We still need to provide weight and balance data.
2. Larry approved the periphery of the newly planned wall map display board in the FBO for use by EAA725. The new map, donated by President Joe, will leave room to post additional chapter bulletin board material. We will get credit for the labor required to install the new board.

Old Business.

1. Grants Pass Airport is presently building a new Maintenance Equipment Shop on the northwest side of the airport behind existing hangars in that general area. The building is well along and weather tight at this time.
2. Incidental to building a new building for a resident airport security person, the chapter needs to install a new water valve by the northwest side of the EAA hangar. This will continue to supply cold water to the EAA hangar and to the park grounds in the nearby area.

New Business. The new meeting time for EAA Chapter 725 will be on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Conviviality will begin at 12:00 noon prior to the meeting. Feel free to bring a snack to be shared.

Fly Outs and other activities-President Joe introduced the following:

1. An aircraft spot landing contest this summer and an airport led Chicken Drop contest.
2. These possible activities will present no conflict with our annual Pancake Breakfast fund raiser at Airport Days.

Added Note: The spot landing contest and chicken drop will not be under chapter sponsorship as neither activity is covered by our EAA insurance. As in past years, Joe Williams will assume organizational responsibility and other interested parties will volunteer as participants and assistants.

Presentation. Ryan Marshall, whose hangar we occupied, spoke about his aviation oriented background.

1. He started building airplanes in high school.
2. Ryan attended Junior College and decided to repair airplanes in Eugene, Oregon.
3. Ryan presently helps pilots complete their airplane kits and do test flying.
4. He builds airplanes at the Grants Pass Airport and performs annuals and repairs as well.
5. He does not perform overhauls.
- 6, Ryan is a qualified A&P/IA.
7. Ryan is putting up signs for his work on airplanes. This has been approved by the Airport Manager, Larry Graves.

Adjournment. 11:50 a.m. Motion was made and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Cheryl Riffle.

February Meeting

Our meeting at Ryan's hangar was well attended and we learned a lot about his experience building various models of Van's aircraft, especially RV-12's at Synergy in Eugene. He's now assisting builders of Van's aircraft and also providing full maintenance services as an A&P and IA. Here are a couple of pictures.



A hangar full of tools, airplanes, parts, and materials. Is this nirvana or what?

March Meeting

President Joe had a unique opportunity to visit Beale AFB last year and ride in the chase car during U2 take-offs and landings. I included some stills in the July newsletter, but Joe came back with videos too. These will be the program for the March meeting. Should be extremely interesting. Looking ahead, April could be a project visit. Stay tuned.

Around the Chapter



This picture pretty much says it all when it comes to showing extremes of performance in the variety of traffic safely using our (gasp) "uncontrolled" airport. (I much prefer "self-controlled".)

There are occasional breaks in the weather this time of year. Dennis took advantage of just such an opportunity and Joe got this photo of Dennis holding short of 31 while the Dutch Bros. CJ-4 departs from 13 headed for Miami and the Super Bowl. I accused Joe of photo shopping, but he insisted it was just a matter of holding the shutter down and selecting the best one from the resulting series. OK, I'll buy that.

Dutch Bros Visit

On Tuesday afternoon, the 11th, a group of us gathered at the Dutch Bros. hangar for a visit that had been arranged by Joe. We got an up-close look at the new CJ-4 and Brett Hopper, Megan MacDonald, Gabriel Johnston, and Ken Jordon gave us a good overview of the flight department and how it contributes to the overall business success and continued growth of the corporation. I'm going from memory, but I think my numbers are right. (Corrections next month). Dutch Bros. is now approaching 400 outlets in 7 states with projected growth to 800 within the next 5 years, focusing primarily on additional western states. The flight department employs 15, including 5 pilots and they're hiring. All corporate travel requirements (including ground vehicles) are handled on site which means they keep a number of schedulers busy. Their aviation fleet consists of 3 Cessna Conquests, the new CJ-4 and the original Piper Comanche they started with, but they'll look at upgrading as expansion into new markets continues. We thank Brett and his crew for being such gracious hosts and generously taking the time to give us a look into what a full-blown corporate flight department looks like and how it provides the transportation flexibility this far-flung business needs to continue its success. Here are a few photos from the collection Joe and I took. Yeah, I actually remembered this time.



Megan (barely visible) gives us a rundown on "a day in the life.....".



And here's why she's so eager to go to work. Tough duty.



Brett answers questions from Dave, Cheryl, and Nate about their newest acquisition while the rest of us check out the baggage compartment.



The front office is powered up. Whatever you do, **DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING!!**



Not exactly coach.



Oh sure. The new kid gets all the attention. After all these years of loyal service, they push me back into a corner and everyone totally ignores me. Don't even get a friendly pat on the nose.

Another Spectacular Model

Joe has completed another highly accurate display-quality model representing an aircraft from one of our member's past. I'll use his words of explanation as the caption.



As some know, Dave McGlooin was a Navy aviator. He flew a lot of stuff we have heard about during a presentation, (if you were a member in attendance). Well, among his flying was the mighty P-3 Orion. He recently asked me to recreate his exact aircraft as a scale model, something I do for museums, owners, and military. So here it is. It turned out nicely I think. I had to fabricate all of the markings, logo, etc. but it turned out well. This one flew out of Moffett field.

Ed Lee reports that we will have a new chapter website up this month. The new URL will be <https://www.725.eaachapter.org>

Around the Airport



By the time you read this the final inspection will have been completed and the building ready to be put to work. Ribbon cutting ceremony close behind. I'll have interior shots next month.

The foundation for the new on-site manufactured home residence for our future new security employee has been poured. The building should be delivered on Monday, the 24th.

Second Airport Day Planning Meeting

The second Airport Day planning meeting was held Feb. 20 at 3:00. At this early date, not a lot new has transpired since the first meeting last month. Concerns about parking congestion, which has been a problem in the past, was one of the major topics. It's still seen as a potential problem this year also. No brilliant solutions, but we're looking at enhanced enforcement of the parking restrictions along Brookside which have been in effect but largely ignored. Also working out ways to more positively identify on entry who is and is not entering the car show and, thus, entitled to park in the car show area.

Dutch Bros. will have a Conquest and their new CJ-4 on display and they both will probably fly sometime during the day.

Efforts to arrange a F-15 fly-by from K Falls have not been totally abandoned even though past attempts have not been successful. Both the Coast Guard and Army National Guard have been contacted to place helicopters on static display.

We're looking for ways to attract airplanes from a wide area. Possibly sell the idea of making Airport Day a part of a weekend spent enjoying the attractions our valley has to offer. Larry is going to see if the Chamber will come on board, perhaps in part citing the economic impact the PSAAC Air Tour had on our community. This was discussed with Larry after the close of the meeting. Open to any and all ideas.

The next meeting will be held March 19 (Thursday) at 3:00. By the time that meeting is concluded, details should be starting to firm up and we should have names associated with specific assignments.

Pacific Aviation

Cathy Frankel is a recent addition to the Pacific Aviation flight instructor staff. Looks like Bear will finally get a chance to breathe every now and then. Cathy has also expressed an interest in joining the chapter and I hope we'll all have the opportunity to meet her at the March meeting.

Farther Afield

Dick and Beth just happened to be in Arizona when the 47th annual Copperstate Fly-in was on at the Buckeye Municipal Airport west of Phoenix. This is reportedly the largest Fly-in/Airshow west of the Mississippi and the 3rd largest in the country after Oshkosh and Sun and Fun and was Feb. 6-9 this year. Long since under the auspices of an independent 501C3 corporation, it originated under the sponsorship of the Arizona Council of EAA chapters, the first statewide council of chapters in the country. Following are Dick's photos from this year. I'm sure we'll see coverage in Sport Aviation.



The pilot of this Rotax-powered "Airbike" spent 3 days flying from Red Bluff to Buckeye in freezing temperatures. Don't know whether to call this perseverance or masochism. Maybe a bit of both.



The on-of-a-kind Yak 110 (conjoined Yak 55's) wowed the crowd with spectacular aerobatic routines including 30 seconds holding vertically stationary on prop and jet thrust.



A beautiful example of a HE-1 (Hospital Evacuation Model 1). One hundred of these modified Piper J5's were purchased by the US Navy during WW2.



Dick's friend Jon flew down from Mogollon Airpark in his Bearhawk LSA.

Future Happenings

The annual WAAAM Fly-in is added this month plus the Airport Day Planning Meeting and Rogue Valley Flyers R/C swap. I'll keep my eyes open for additional aviation activities and would appreciate all of you doing the same. I'll include anything I can get from any legitimate source.

March 19: Airport Day Planning Meeting, FBO Training Room, 3:00

March 28: 23rd Annual Rogue Valley Fliers R/C Swap and Shop and Auction. Jo. Co. Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

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

And Finally



FOD, an acronym that has become a noun. We recognize it as standing for Foreign Object Damage. This little unassuming rubber "blanket" is more complex than it looks and, towed along the taxiways and runways, collects lots and lots of debris that could damage props, tires (both aircraft and vehicle) and maybe even worse if a hard or sharp object is flipped into an engine inlet or through a fabric or thin aluminum skin. So, while the monetary benefits of having this most efficient tool clean up the detritus deposited by Mother Nature and our routine daily activities might be impossible to quantify, it's performing a much needed service. Larry and his maintenance crew are looking out for us. (Joe Williams photo)

A bit of acronym trivia: We use a number of "words" that originated as acronyms. One of the most common is Radar. It stands for Radio Detecting and Ranging. I'm sure you absolutely needed to know that. And stuff like that sticks with me, but I can't remember what I had for dinner last night.

**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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