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## **NEXT MEETING**

**Saturday March 2, 11:00, Note New Time**

**FBO Training Room (Hangar Option Rejected, Forecast calls for Rain)**

### **President's Message**

Hi Everyone,

Last month I encouraged a vision for clear skies. Today, Valentine's Day, I'm still encouraging that vision so that we VFR pilots can get airborne! We have seen rain, fog, sleet, snow, ice, and low ceilings in alternating doses for weeks! More are forecast.

In this interim of rare flight opportunities, we read aviation magazines and stories, study our charts, repair or polish aircraft, and plan airborne flyaways to distant airports through mountain valleys and passes. Lunch with our fellows is good for relating past or planning future ventures. Remember the story that compares some traits common to both seagulls and pilots!

March promises a frequently changing meteorological climate in which we may seize the fair days to get airborne. I trust we all will catch the good days to polish our skills and enjoy our wondrous scenery from aloft.

Clear skies,

Nate

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### **February Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 10:00 a.m. by President Nate Riffle

Pledge to U.S. Flag

Guest and new member introductions: Jeff Karmi and Kris Kelly.

50/50 drawing: \$9 earned by Chapter.

Airport Advisory Report. Stan Loer will attend next meeting in a few days.

Treasurer's Report by David Applegate: Chapter has \$3015.88 in bank plus \$9. earned above for total of \$3024.88. For those who have not yet paid their dues, they will be carried as members until 1 April 2019, then removed from active membership roster. Dues include local dues of \$20 plus headquarters Oshkosk dues of \$40.

Old Business. New meeting time on first Saturday of each month will be 11:00 a.m., approved by membership.

Roster has recently been updated. Check your data for accuracy. Correct Stan Loer's phone number to read "Cel 541-474-5887". Membership approved listing dues status on roster.

Discussion was held concerning skipping meeting one month each year. Membership concurred that this should be in winter, possibly November. This item was tabled for future discussion later in the year.

New Business. Campers' showering trailer should be set up soon this Spring, probably in April. Power, water, and water heater must be included. We will revisit this subject in the March meeting.

Nate spoke to Airport Manager, Larry Graves about possible on site projects for Chapter to perform as applicable to future compensation for hangar site ground access annual fees. Possibilities include:

- Painting letters on taxiways, e.g. "elevation, frequency, airport identifier, on each end of runway (Larry would supply the paint).
- Windsock maintenance. Brent Battles and helper erected the north one two or more years ago. It does not yet require maintenance. The southern one requires maintenance. We are unsure concerning status of the middle windsock. Maintenance includes installing new fabric on frames, greasing bearings, ensuring frames are sturdy and capable of keeping mouth sock into the wind. Larry proposed a three inch spaced strong wire frame or equivalent. Base of windsock probably won't need surface leveling such as dressing by a grader or backhoe.
- Segmented circle rebuilding, low profile four to six inches high.
- New maintenance shop projects? Contact Jason Davis, Operations Manager. Joe Williams is researching projects and may make report at our next meeting in March.

Discussed possibility of providing a Spring flying breakfast in April or May. Members commented that these have not produced a profit, in fact, sometimes have cost more than they earned.

Airport Days will be held on Saturday, June 15th. The Chapter will provide our traditional breakfast for visitors and others for a price on that day.

Puget Sound Antique Flying Club. Air tour includes a stop here. They will arrive Tuesday July 9 about noon for a 2 day stay, departing on Thursday. They want publicity to see their planes. They may visit Gold Beach airport. They need help to park airplanes and get them squared away. The Chapter is not planning to serve them breakfast.

Presentation. Joe Williams introduced the Pacific Aviation mechanic, Jeff Karmi, and Kris Kelley. They provided experience and insight on proper preventive maintenance that may be performed by aircraft owners. Jeff stressed the importance of timely, accurate aircraft logbook entries.

It was noted that Mary Hamilton, widow of Lloyd Hamilton, may come and join the Chapter.

Adjournment at 10:54 by member vote.

## March Meeting Program-Crop Dusting South Texas Style

As a teenager growing up in Texas in the '60's, one of Joe William's first jobs was as a flagger for a crop dusting company. For our March meeting, he will recount some of his experiences (cough, choke) and how technology has led to changes within that segment of the aviation industry. Still requires some white-knuckle flying, though.

President Nate attended the EAA Chapter Leadership Bootcamp in Seattle on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I'm sure he'll have some interesting comments to pass on about that event.

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## Around the Chapter

Time to reinstall the wings. Fuselage repairs complete, Dick, Carl, Joe, Dennis, and Phil (at the wingtip) line up the left wing panel on Dick's Hornet. I volunteered to stand back and record the event for posterity. Well, somebody had to do it.



Now it looks like an airplane again. OK, so it still needs a number of electrical and plumbing connections reestablished and a prop would be good, but at least its full recovery is near. By meeting time, Dick should be doing engine runs and taxi tests. Then it's on to the 701. Stay tuned for updates.



Joe sent me this. Said it was a selfie taken on his BFR flight with Dave Palmer. Hard to believe. They're having way too much fun. Where's the expression of serious concentration? And I don't see any sweat dripping down his cheeks. Doesn't seem normal to me. Then again, maybe I've been doing something wrong all these years.

Understand Dave spent a lot of time trying to figure out what to do with his feet. Where did you hide the rudder pedals, Joe?

Dennis is collecting parts to rebuild his cowling, but not grounding the Ercoupe until he has everything he needs. Good thing as yesterday was an absolutely perfect day to fly as this Joe photo clearly shows. Dennis, Joe, and Phil all airborne after lunch. And no near misses. Life is good.



Jeannine sent us an update on the Cuby. With Ken's passing, it found a new home in Minnesota. Well, it now has an O200 on the nose, fuel tanks in the wings, and is being fitted for floats. Plan to fly by the end of April. Of course, the lakes won't be ice free before mid-July so I suspect it will make its first post-restoration flight off land. She's planning to go back to Oskosh this summer and get reacquainted there. **Photos please!**

An iconic family with an iconic airplane. We miss them. But time moves forward, and so have Jeannine and the Cuby. Thanks for the memories. We wish her the best and look forward to further updates.

**Future Happenings. It's starting to fill up. Additions from last month as noted.**

**Mar 30-31:** "Thunder Over the Bay" Airshow featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA. **New entry**

### **June 15: Grants Pass Airport Day**

**June 22:** OAHS "Wings and Wheels". Vintage aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles. Cottage Grove, OR. Highly recommended.

**July 9-11:** Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club Air Tour visit to Grants Pass.

**July 12-13:** Wallowa County Fly-in and Airshow. Joseph State Airport, Joseph, OR. **New entry**

**Aug. 3:** OAHS Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in. Cottage Grove

**Aug. 10-11:** "Warbirds over the West". McNary Field, Salem, OR. **New entry**

**Aug. 16-18:** EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in Weekend. Independence, OR. A great EAA event. [EAA292.org/fly-in](http://EAA292.org/fly-in) for info. **Registration opens April 15.**

**Aug. 23-24:** Airshow of the Cascades. Madras, OR. **New entry**

**Aug. 31 (Sat, Labor Day Weekend):** Second annual OAHS "Great Oregon Homebuilt Fly-in". Cottage Grove

**Sept. 6-8:** Annual WAAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum) Fly-in, Hood River. **If you don't have a bucket list, start one and put this on it.**

**Oct. 5-6:** "California Capitol Airshow" featuring the USN Blue Angels. Mather Airport, Sacramento, CA **New entry**

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### **And Finally**

John Gillespie Magee Jr's reverent ode to the magic of flight has received a number of irreverent treatments over the years by writers with fertile imaginations and slightly perverted senses of humor. Someone even came up with a helicopter version. I must admit, I'm a bit jealous of their talents. Don't know the author of this one, but it was passed on to me several years ago by my So. Cal. friend Fred LaForge. FAA regs can really throw cold water on exuberance.

### **High Flight, with FAA Supplement**

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth(1),  
And danced(2) the skies on laughter silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed(3) and joined the tumbling mirth(4)  
Of sun-split clouds(5) and done a hundred things(6)  
You have not dreamed of. ☐ Wheeled and soared and swung(7)  
High in the sunlit silence(8). Hov'ring there(9)  
I've chased the shouting wind(10) along and flung(11)  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious(12), burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights(13) with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle(14) flew;  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space(15),  
Put out my hand(16), and touched the face of God.

NOTE:

1. Pilots must insure that all surly bonds have been slipped entirely before aircraft taxi or flight is attempted.
2. During periods of severe sky dancing, crew and passengers must keep seatbelts fastened. Crew should wear shoulder harnesses as provided.
3. Sunward climbs must not exceed the maximum permitted aircraft ceiling.
4. Passenger aircraft are prohibited from joining the tumbling mirth.
5. Pilots flying through sun-split clouds under VFR conditions must comply with all applicable minimum clearances.
6. Do not perform these hundred things in front of Federal Aviation Administration inspectors.
7. Wheeling, soaring, and swinging will not be attempted except in aircraft rated for such activities and within utility class weight limits.
8. Be advised that sunlit silence will occur only when a major engine malfunction has occurred.
9. "Hov'ring there" will constitute a highly reliable signal that a flight emergency is imminent.
10. Forecasts of shouting winds are available from the local FSS. Encounters with unexpected shouting winds should be reported by pilots.
11. Pilots flinging eager craft through footless halls of air are reminded that they alone are responsible for maintaining separation from other eager craft.
12. Should any crewmember or passenger experience delirium while in the burning blue, submit an irregularity report upon flight termination.
13. Windswept heights will be topped by a minimum of 1,000 feet to maintain VFR minimum separations.
14. Aircraft engine ingestion of, or impact with, larks or eagles should be reported to the FAA and the appropriate aircraft maintenance facility.
15. Aircraft operating in the high untresspassed sanctity of space must remain in IFR flight regardless of meteorological conditions and visibility.
16. Pilots and passengers are reminded that opening doors or windows in order to touch the face of God may result in loss of cabin pressure.

**Over and out.**

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Grants Pass Airport-3S8**

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