



## **Next Meeting-Sunday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

### **1:00 in the FBO Training Room**

#### **President's Message**

I love new high tech stuff! In my career I went from pencil and draft board design to CAD systems, typing out parts list to entering them into databases. Which led to a whole other career in programming database systems and web design. I've never shied away from "change". But good change is good and bad change is... well bad.

Our chapter used to mail out information to members now we use email. I think we'd all agree, email is a good change. Still I think there's a time lag and a lot can happen between messages being passed back and forth. There are other message services available, but it would be a technical leap, really more like a technical step. So we'll take baby steps.

We have the "Join or Renew" form online with information to a Venmo link. Also we have the "Flyout Sheet" readable directly from the Web, both of these are on Google Forms so any changes take effect immediately, very handy.

We have a Facebook group with 38 members. I'm guilty of not posting very much, but a lot of you post some interesting stuff. Hopefully as we get into spring we'll get more posts up there on Facebook. If you're on Facebook, join the group and post.

I created business links for Google and Google Maps, so when you search "EAA Grants Pass" you'll get links to the website and the map with directions and the address, plus the web menu items. Which weirdly enough, includes a link to the "Dave Palmer" page, I'll take a look at that and fix it. Since September we had 244 hits, 234 were to get directions, that tells us something. New people are trying to find us. So... you know, let's help them out.

OK, so here's the point... YOU can enter reviews, add photos, make posts and all that cool stuff to get us higher on the search scale, attract more people, give people a better idea of who we are, and reach out to nearby chapters and pilots. The public wants to know about us, so let's give them what they want.

OK, if you're not a geeky numbers person, stop reading now...

I read that by 2030 AI searches and usage will be the greatest single source of energy use. AI searches will comprise 10-18% of energy use. Not sure if that's world wide or just US.

Dennis Mitchell

EAA Chapter 725

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### **Treasurer's Report 2/18/25**

Closing Checking Balance 2024		\$3,215.00
Cash Box		1,210.00
Receipts:	Donations	103.00
Memberships:	25 @ 30/ea	750.00
Disbursements:	Propane	(28.00)
	Hangar Ground Lease (\$1,437 less credits)	(148.00)
	Chapter Dues w Insurance	(681.00)
	Corporate Annual Filing	(50.00)
	Electric	(82.00)
	990-1 Filing Fee	(150.00)
	Real Estate Tax	(329.00)
Ending Balance		
Checking		\$3,610.00
Cash Box		200.00
Funds Available		\$3,810.00

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### **February Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order and pledge of allegiance at 1pm.

#### **Guests introduced:**

Brian from Spokane. Now has a hanger but no plane yet. Another Brian works for Erickson and is looking for a plane to build that he fits in. He is an A&P and private pilot. Ken, flies for Alaska, is a CFI and started building an RV 14 with his wife, Stephanie, a private pilot.

#### **Agenda items from Dennis:**

Summary of progress on 501C3 process.

EAA survey result deadline extended to Feb. 1. Results should be available by mid month.

Discussion of schedule for summer activities. Flight lead organizes activities at each event.

Stan discussed the Discovery Trail project and some history of experimental aviation in Oregon and the Beaverton Outlaws. The plan for Discovery Trail 2.0 is to save money by having Baker Aviation print the panels. The goal is to have the panels completed by Airport Day this year. (spoiler alert – Airport Days canceled this year due to construction projects on the airfield.)

Alan discussed the Youth Aviation Development (YAD), the Mooney and last Saturday's meeting.

Six high school aged kids are involved with taking the engine apart, measuring the crank and pistons.

Last meeting was a class room session on manuals.

Dennis opened the meeting to agenda items from members. The projected construction work at the airport was mentioned as a possible threat to Airport Days.

We will have another float in the Boatnik Parade. The Civil Air Patrol is invited to to participate with Chapter 725.

Our participation in the Home Show has not been finalized.

Meeting adjourned around 2pm

23 board, member and guests in attendance.

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## **March Meeting Agenda**

Call meeting to order

- Pledge of allegiance
- Dedicate meeting
- Get count of attendees
- Welcome visitors and new members

General

- Quick summary of 501(c)3 status
- YAD project status from Allan
- Presentation by Steven York
- Member discussion on recent flights

Open for Member discussion

Volunteers are key to successful chapter activities

Adjourn meeting

For chapter information visit:

Website <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea725>

Facebook group, "EAA Chapter725"

National EAA <https://www.eaa.org/ea725>

## Around the Chapter

Dave Palmer sent me this photo of his recent acquisition, an EAA Acro Sport II. This is an evolution of the Acro Sport I, both designed by Paul Poberezny in the 1970's. It's a bit larger than its contemporaries and was designed to be fully aerobatic while having more docile handling characteristics than a Pitts Special. Construction is classic tube and fabric with wood wings. Spec's:  
Length: 18' 10"  
Span: 21' 8"  
W (empty): 875 lbs.  
W (gross): 1525 lbs.  
Engine: Not sure. Probably Lyc. 0320 or O360

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Nic should have his CH750 at the airport this weekend and should have the wings on by the time you read this. Inspection is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Paperwork is moving a lot faster than he expected.

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### Preparing for the Upcoming Flying Season (Suggested by Jamie Jones)

There are a number of websites that cover this subject, and I'm relaying recommendations here that I found in several of them. The first series relates to the aircraft, the second to the pilot. Stated in 3<sup>rd</sup> person, but I don't exempt myself. The recommended servicing and inspection items are especially critical for aircraft that spend much of their time outside during the winter months.

- Review maintenance history. Are there any deferred maintenance actions that should be addressed?
- Clean the aircraft, inside and out. You don't want to take the airplane apart, but you should do the best you can to get into those corners that are dust magnets. While you're at it, look for signs of rodent and bird nests. More an issue for airplanes left outside, but even our own chapter hangar is not critter-proof.
- Change oil. Even fresh oil can absorb contaminants over winter months.
- Check fuel systems. Sump the tanks a few times while rocking the wings between each sump to purge whatever water may have collected. Make sure the drain valves seal. Replace if required. They're cheaper than fuel and that stain a dripping valve leaves on the wheel pant is ugleee and difficult to remove. Check the fuel lines and fuel valve for damage or leaks.
- Inspect the tires for evidence of wear and/or bald spots. Inflate if required to the pressure specified in the POH. Check the strut condition and brake lines and brake assemblies for signs of leaks.
- Check the exterior and moving parts such as control surfaces, propeller, and landing gear to make sure nothing is loose, damaged, or dirty.
- If summer flying means trips to destinations where you might have to leave the aircraft on a tiedown for more than just an overnight, a cockpit cover might be a good investment to protect the windshield and interior from the intense summer heat. Also, remember to make sure you haven't acquired any unwanted tenants while the aircraft was parked.

OK, now the airplane is ready, are you?

- Memory refresher: When is the next BFR and medical due? Time rushes by. They might be closer than you think. Of course, if you're flying Light Sport, you can forget the medical.
- Currency: A long layoff might mean the need to reestablish currency. Maybe even a self-imposed flight review with an instructor to polish off the rust. Some of our fly-outs will be to runways shorter than 4000 ft. and may not be paved. Maybe a bit of short-field practice for those of us not flying a CH701? And summer afternoons (return flights) can mean turbulence and crosswinds. How proficient are you in those conditions?

- POH Review: A memory refresher on performance data and emergency procedures might be in order.
  - Emergency Kit: A good idea. You can buy them prepackaged or create your own. Lots of info on a number of websites regarding recommended contents.
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## Around the Airport

### Aircraft Rebuild Youth Project



Since August of last year, 2024, Alan Runia with the help of Kurt von Salzen, have worked together to lead a youth project. They have directed 6 young adults, including myself, for the past 7 months in overhauling and preparing a Mooney aircraft to fly again. Through the sacrifice of many Saturdays and hours of work from our team, we currently have the engine pulled out and completely disassembled. The next step is to clean, paint, and reassemble the engine. We enthusiastically anticipate flying when our work is done. Throughout this process, we have learned some great lessons. From reinforcing “if you drop it, you buy it” (yikes the prices!) to being methodical and thoughtful, we have learned so much about Aviation. We are forever grateful to instructors who are willing to spend their weekends sharing their knowledge.



Many of the youths in the group aspire to have careers in aviation and we value the instructors’ generosity in giving us such an opportunity. Through the instruction of Mr. Runia and Mr. von Salzen and the challenges they give us, we are challenged. The instructors have made it fun and engaging, keeping us on our toes with tasks like reading an Overhaul Manual beginning to end. Beyond giving us hands on interaction, this experience has grown our knowledge and love for the subject. Over all it has been an influential and enriching experience for everyone. Going forward, we are excited for more hours working together on this project.



## County

- Airport Day: **The main news item this month is that Airport Day has been cancelled for this year.** The published timeline for the installation of the water and sewer lines shows construction continuing through at least July. That most likely will adversely affect airport access via Brookside. Moving the large numbers of attendees in and out of the airport is awkward enough as it is without the added complication of a construction zone. Scheduling later in the year is not considered viable due to fire season. That's why it ended up in mid-June in the first place. So Joe decided it was best to defer to 2026.
- The contract for the new 4-unit Nested Tee building is on hold pending Board of County Commissioner's signatures. This step should be completed by the time you read this.
- Compass Rose: The surveyor has confirmed that the rose is off 1 foot. He will mark a compass point reference to facilitate remarking to the new compass points. Steve does want the compass to be repainted to the correct orientation when we get a stretch of favorable weather.
- The lease templates are being standardized. They will apply to new and renewing leases.

## Baker Avionics

Greg, Leah, and the whole Baker Avionics crew are again attending the annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup, WA this weekend. This show provides a major opportunity to showcase their services and capabilities and contacts made there have significantly contributed to the expansion of their customer base. This photo shows the display of the capabilities of their Cad Panel division in preparation. It will be enhanced on the exhibit floor and I'm sure we'll see the finished display in the exhibit photos.



## VSI

Lots of projects in the works. Ryan said he may be getting in a Bushliner 1850 for finishing. A what??. Turns out it's a homebuilt version of a Cessna 185, but it's definitely high end. Kit price is in excess of 800K. That's not a misprint. At least it includes the Lycoming IO580 engine and MT propeller.

A little more downscale, two more RV12 kits are now on site. One is a partial, the fuselage and finishing kit for Mark Michaels. He was a chapter member and had finished up the wings here before relocating to Las Vegas.

The RV10 project shown in previous newsletters has been set aside. Next step is to prep the fiberglass parts for paint.

## Future Happenings

I've separated proposed fly-outs and other chapter activities from aviation events which do not lend themselves to planning attendance as a group activity. These are based largely on travel distances and are somewhat subjective. In addition, since some of our proposed fly-outs are not associated with scheduled events and dates are flexible, Dennis has suggested only including those projected for a few months ahead. In some cases there will be an overlap, but I'll try this presentation and we'll adjust as required. While our first fly-out is targeted for March and I'm designated "Flight Leader", I'm a bit reluctant to assign a date until I see a stretch of better weather in the forecast. Maybe near the end of the month when March turns more lamb-like.

### Chapter Fly-out and Activity Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Flight Leader</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<b>Mar.</b>				
	Ill. Valley 3S4	Direct	Stan Loer	Brown bag lunch or order from town
	Gold Beach 4S1	Direct	Dennis Mitchell	Brown bag or walk to town
<b>May</b>				
	Chapter Hangar	Walk, drive, or fly	Dennis Mitchell	Friday afternoon BBQ's. Broad invitation to airports and chapters.
3	Myrtle Creek	Direct	Steve Cross	Order lunch from town?
	Powers 6S6	River to Agness, then direct	Dick Smith	Brown bag lunch or town?
	Beagle	Direct	Volunteer	Avoid MFR airspace. TWR 119.4/ATIS 127.25
17	Shady Cove	Direct	Chris Beebe	Burrito Breakfast. Lots of fun. Fill seats. Mandatory waiver to land. <a href="https://rogueair.org/">https://rogueair.org/</a>
18	Myrtle Creek	Direct	Volunteer	Chili and Rib Competition
24	Boatnik Parade	G. P.	Tracy Malone	Coordinate airplane float
25	Brookings A/P Day	Brookings	Brad Baum/Dave Palmer	Possible overnight to include Cres. City?

### Scheduled Aviation Events (You're on your own)

Mar 22-23	Cal. Capital Airshow	Mather Field, Sacramento. Blue Angels
Jul 21-27	Oshkosh	Check EAA websites for all the info you need to plan your trip.

Aug 16-17 Independence 7S5

Chapter 292 Wings over Williamette  
STOL Expo Sunday.

Aug 21-23 Madras

Airshow of the Cascades

Sept 6-7 Hood River

WAAAM Fly-in. Antique aeroplanes  
and autos.

Sept 10-14 Roswell, New Mexico

National Championship Air Races

Oct 2-5 Dead Cow Lakebed, NV

High Sierra Fly-in

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### And Finally

LONG LIVE SNOOPY! I thought this was a pretty good one.





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

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

**Summer months: Chapter hangar with barbecue at 12:30**

**Winter months: FBO Classroom (Maybe not with heat in the hangar)**

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