



**Next Meeting-Sunday, June 2, 2024, 1:00**

**12:30 BBQ and Meeting at Hangar, 1<sup>st</sup> of the season!  
Come early (10:30) and join the hangar cleanup work party**

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Spring, summer and fall, that seems to be the month of May! And what's up with this wind? Most days I've been at the airport we've seen gusts into the 20's. Well it helps us keep our skills up to par, so gotta get out there and at least fly the pattern. I've made a few flights over Sunny Valley, Shady Cove burrito breakfast and some just in the area.

Special thanks to those who worked on the campground, Dave, Dick, Joe Stone and Stan. The grass was getting to be waist high. It's looking pretty good right now but will need a trim before Airport Day.

I know I'm sending a lot of group emails, hopefully you haven't blocked me yet. Lots to report on and discuss at the June meeting so hope to see you all there. Finally we'll open the hangar and have the BBQ fired up.

Dennis Mitchell

EAA Chapter 725 President

## Treasurer's Report, 5/21/24

Checking Account Balance 4/21/24	\$2,021.45
Cash box	300.00
Receipts: Food Donation	28.00
Membership: 2@\$20/ea. Steve Cross, Eric Haskins	40.00
Disbursements: Food License	40.00
Electric	47.53
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$1,973.88
Cash Box	388.00
Funds available	\$2,301.88

Current Credit Against Hangar Ground Lease: 14.25 hrs.

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## May Meeting Minutes

- Called meeting to order shortly after 1pm. Dedicated meeting to students pilots
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Attendees: 14 plus all 5 board members

## President's discussion

- Campground maintenance signup sheet - Dennis will create and post new signup sheet.
- Hanger cleanup, 10:30, before June 2nd meeting
- We have a license to serve food for PC breakfast and two qualified food handlers.
- Motion to hold pre-PC Breakfast only no lunch sliders on June 8 at 9am, second and passed.
- Pictures for the website and web updates delayed for training and the web editor (Sitecore) has been down, not available for updates.
- Kenny Jordan power-washed segmented circle. Repair boards in hangar awaiting assembly and paint.
- Eric Haskins is finishing sandwich boards pointing the way to EAA hangar for Airport Day.
- Up-coming events
  - May 18th Shady Cove, not actually a chapter, but members involved: burrito breakfast.
  - May 18 & 19 Myrtle Creek: lunch event.
- Dennis will send out weekly email to include a schedule of upcoming events.

There was discussion of how to effectively communicate among members. Google shared calendar, email with bcc, Signal app texts. No decision or motion was made.

**"Volunteers are key to the success of our chapter"**

## Chapter projects

- May 25th Boatnik parade
  - Volunteers? email to Captain Tony Meyer at CAP 4 to 6 kids requested.
  - Jim can lay out the plan for the day. Float will spend Friday night at the hangar.
  - Jim has parade banners for float and safety orange shirts for volunteers.
  
- June 15th Airport Day / Pancake Breakfast
  - CAP request 4 to 6 kids for dining room help, raffle and kids activities.
  - Do we want to do a raffle (Danny?), local companies donate services or gift cards, pilots donate flights, other "valuable goods"
  - Raffle Licenses not required per Ore DOJ - Google "conducting raffles in Oregon"
  - If raffles are not more than \$10,000 gross sales per any calendar year; and/or Your total ANNUAL handle is \$10,000 or less.
  - Pancake Breakfast Volunteers
  
- Allan R. YAD, Youth Aviation Development update and clarification of Ray Scholarship program.
  - Pointed out correct procedure for bringing a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, amend motion, vote.
  - Roberts Rule of Order will be good to follow for future practice.
  - 501C3 setup may be desired.
  
- Ray Scholarship- applicants and chapter requirement. This scholarship is very successful for seeing applicants through to completing pilot certification.
  
- YAD is working towards finding dedicated small group of kids to start an aircraft build project. Likely to be done after summer school break.
  
- 501C3 discussion revealed its high level of complexity and possible cost – i.e. legal fees. “Build a footing before a roof” as we grow this EAA chapter.
  
- What is Chapter 725 mission statement? Discussion about use/need of our hangar. Supporting YAD, community and club members who do not yet fly but want to. Monthly meeting time/day discussed.
  
- Stan L. Discovery Trail project updates
  - Wants to revive this project. Trail signs deteriorate over time in the outdoors. Airport used to organize this funding of the trail / signs. Want to have EAA725 manage the funding. Looking at updating 20 signs.
  - Our bi-laws say our quorum is at least 1/3 of membership but not less than 10.
  - Motion to start a Discovery Trail Project managed by EAA725. Member vote passed this motion.
  
- BBQ at next meeting. Needing volunteer to get grill out, cleaned and fired up. And get the hamburgers and fixings out and ready. Jamie and Steve agree to be the first volunteers. Inventory of our current supplies may be needed before next meeting.
  
- Meeting adjourned around 2:45pm

## June Meeting Agenda

- Call meeting to order
- Dedicate meeting to member participation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Get a count of attendees.
- Welcome visitors and ask them to introduce themselves.

### President's announcements

- **Volunteers are key to the success of our chapter**
- Member announcements, expectations and comments
- Adjourn meeting

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## Around the Chapter

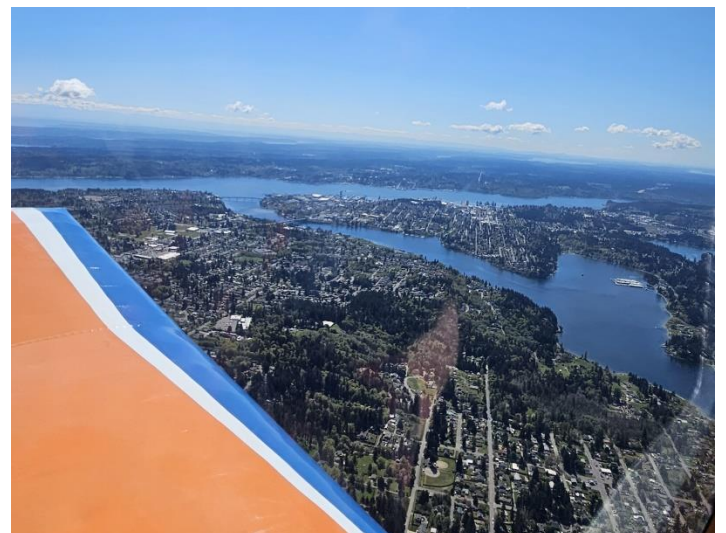
Here are a couple of photos of our Boatnik float taken in the staging area. Once on the move, I didn't get any more. I have photos Dennis and Jim took that I will include next month, along with more info and credits. Brookings too.



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Brad doesn't have his plane home yet, but he did send me this account and several photos of his first leg a few weeks back. He expects to complete the trip to Brookings within the next two weeks.

"I did a ferry flight from Harvey (S43) to Twin Oaks (7S3) a couple weeks ago. Perfect weather for no electrical system, VFR trip. I hired the Snohomish Flying Service, tailwheel CFI, Peter Swift to ride along, to confirm ground reference points, and dialing sector discreet frequencies, as we motored around KSEA, and direct to Hillsboro (7S3). Peter was also outstanding company for the trip".



The Airport Day Breakfast will be a major item of discussion at our June Meeting. It's less than 4 weeks away and is our major annual fund raising activity. One week prior, on the 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "dress rehearsal" at 9 AM for chapter members (and friends?) to make sure we have everything lined up and are prepared for the real thing.

Note: On Airport Day, we typically have claimed the entire area from the chapter hangar out to the ramp as "ours" and our members have brought their airplanes out for display. I highly recommend we keep the "tradition" alive.

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Discovery Trail Project: I'm glad the chapter has agreed to take this on as a chapter project. Brent Battles created most of the material that went into the Version 1.0 files, but I have copies of everything and the planning that was done to date to define Version 2.0. I'll be looking to get a serious start after we get through the "all hands on deck" Airport Day Breakfast project. Seems to me that's Priority 1 right now.

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Another project we have in progress is the repair of the segmented circle. All raw materials are in hand. Planks need to be primed and assembled on pre-cut frames. We may be able to make some progress between now and Airport Day, but final installation and painting will happen after we recover from serving hundreds of breakfast customers.

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Our youngest member, Aviyah Jones will soon be off to Oshkosh to attend a 10 day course (June 7-17) where she will receive ground school and, weather permitting, 10 hours of flight instruction. Aviation professionals, both civilian and military, will share their expertise on how to prepare for a career as an aviator. This fee program is conducted by the National Flight Academies in conjunction with the Civil Air Patrol. Aviyah is currently a cadet 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. and serving as the Cadet Commander of the local squadron. The program is open to CAP cadets who will be age 16 by the start date. By that time, they must also have a student pilot certificate and 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical. Other eligibility requirements also apply. There's a possibility she will come home with a "1<sup>st</sup> solo flight" entry in her log book.

As you can imagine, there are more applicants than slots available. Aviyah was one of only about 20 selected out of the more than 250 who applied. I already told her we would expect a full report on her experience. Big mistake. We probably won't ever see her again at another chapter meeting. (Just joking. April says she will be quite willing to tell us all about it).

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Had to include these. Dennis had to wait out a few rainy days before he could bring his Ercoupe home from Beagle after its annual inspection. Joe got a few photos of his departure and I chose these two to mark the occasion. Since I acquired my hangar, getting an owner-assist annual at home is much more easily accomplished, but Beagle is a really neat little private airport and it was fun flying in and out of there.

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Congratulations to Chris Beebe. He had numerous delays and complications, but he finally traded in his "Sport Pilot License" for one that says "Private Pilot". Maybe he can take us down the road that led to this milestone at the June meeting.



Do you know the way to IV? Well, this 5 plane gaggle made it there and back on May 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a perfect day to fly. The group consisted of 2 CH701's (Dennis M. and Dick S.), 2 Ercoupes (Joe W. and Dennis C.), and a CH650 (Phil C.). I tagged along with Dennis in his 701 just to make sure he didn't get lost. Just a little practice for the upcoming summer season. Gold Beach for lunch next time? And maybe the Cherokee will join in for the next trip whatever the destination might be.



Michael Cawein recently brought this CH701 home from northern New Mexico. It's a complete aircraft, but will need some work to make it airworthy. He found it on Aircraft Exchange. He tells me it was built in 1998 in Canada and has an 80 HP Rotax engine. One especially unique feature (which he really likes) is its PegaSTOL wing which incorporates automatic leading edge slats. It was developed as an aftermarket performance improvement and not offered as an option by Zenair. It is no longer available, but I found lots of positive comments from owner/builders who have experience flying the 701 with this wing.

By my count, we have 6 CH701's in the chapter, four of which are flying. I can count another 3 (two flying) which are owned by non-members. I may have missed a few. We're becoming the CH701 capitol of Oregon, perhaps the world.

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## **Around the Airport**

### **County**

Request for Bids for the water and sewer line will go out in October. These are required to lock in the funding which has to be committed by the end of December. The lines will extend at least as far as the FBO; perhaps as far as the triangle area.

Trent has started mowing. He's moving south between Alpha taxiway and the runway. Public Works completed the spraying along the edges of both the runway and taxiways.

Steve is getting estimates from Public Works on addressing the tarmac cracks.

## Baker Avionics



Editor's note: It's very possible this process can be used to print the Discovery Trail panels. We'll be taking a hard look at that in the next few months.

Greg and Leah went to Alaska on a well-deserved vacation. But they took a brief side trip to Palmer to engage in a little Baker Avionics business. Here's what Leah sent me (in addition to the photo).

"We attended, for the first time, The Great Alaska Aviation Gathering in Palmer, Alaska. We featured our newly developed division CAD Panels. We brought a mini demo of a Piper Cub panel to show our new panel printing capabilities. Fittingly, we printed a scene of the Aurora Borealis with Alaska Mountains on what we call the perfect minimalist panel. We were well received and received a lot of interest in the panel we had on display".

## VSI Aviation



Although I did include a Joe Williams photo in the December newsletter, this is the first opportunity I had to get up close to this French-built MH1521 "Broussard" which is owned by Andreas Blech and Sean McGillivray. Ryan had it at his shop to troubleshoot a magneto problem. It's a beast. I needed a step stool just to get up to the fuselage step, visible between the gear legs. Haven't compared stats, but it and the DH "Beaver" must be about the same size. They use the same engine, a 450hp P & W R985. Since the aircraft was never certified in the U.S., it's licensed "Experimental". I presume that's "Experimental-Exhibition", for which the FAA imposes certain operating limitations.

## Further Afield



Dennis Mitchell and Joe Stone flew over to Shady Cove on the 18<sup>th</sup> for the Breakfast Burrito Fly-in. Dennis provided the photos and info. No guarantee on the accuracy, but he counted 14 G. P. pilots with 6 spouses and 5 children. Perhaps another 60 to 80 in attendance. Chris Beebe provided additional info: Served 102 burritos. Counted 27 aircraft. 70 people signed in but he's certain there were several there who didn't. Overall, the best turnout to date. Wish I could have been there. Maybe next year.



## Future Happenings

**May 25: Boatnik Parade. Our chapter will enter a float.**

**May 26: Brookings Airport Day. Have float, will travel.**

**June 8: Trial Breakfast, Chapter Members, chapter hangar, 9:00. We'll make sure we're ready for the real thing next week.**

**June 15: Grants Pass Airport Day. Chapter 725 Breakfast**

**June 22:** OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove, 10-4

**July 13-14:** California Capitol Airshow, Mather Airport, Sacramento

**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.

**Sept. 7-8:** Annual WAAAM Fly-in, Hood River, OR. (WAAAM= Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum)

**Sept. 28-29:** California International Airshow, Salinas, CA. USAF Thunderbirds

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## And Finally

TENTH ANNUAL COTTAGE GROVE WINGS & WHEELS

**June 22, 2024**  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wings & WHEELS  
OREGON AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Admission \$5 for adults / Kids under 13 years of age free

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Last month I used this space for the Airport Day flyer. This month I've chosen to highlight another Oregon aviation event, the annual OAHS Wings and Wheels Fly-in/Drive-in at Cottage Grove. Our Airport Day and Wings and Wheels normally conflict with both scheduled for the same day. This year it's possible to attend both, and I certainly encourage a strong presence from southern Oregon. You will see airplanes and cars that don't often venture this far south and vintage Oregon homebuilt aircraft and other Oregon aviation memorabilia on display in the museum.

Full disclosure: I have been a member of the the OAHS Board of Directors for several years and have recently become Vice President.

## **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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