



## Next Meeting-June 6th. Noon lunch with meeting to follow.

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### President's Message

Gosh the months and years are running together. Quickly. Well, here we are in the start of summer and activities are starting to arise so, let's look forward to good weather and flying! I hope to see a bunch of brand new homebuilts in the air very soon. It's actually going to be very fun to see all the 701s and other projects take to the air and maybe participate in some group flying to somewhat local \$200 hamburgers! (inflation). Among on-field news, happy that Andreas astutely handled an engine-out situation and brilliantly put his Bonanza onto the runway at Myrtle Creek ! I got to see the engine first hand and it is sobering. Good job man ! Also want to thank David Applegate for a kind donation of \$100 to the chapter! Very much appreciated Dave. Got some fun plans for this summer, hangar/ garage sale again is the first. Working on that one. And lastly, best wishes for member Wayne Pinger who just had heart surgery. Is doing fine and hopes to be back with us real soon.

Looking forward to a fun and active summer! I'm still trying to gather volunteers for the painting project, not a lot so far. The posting in the FBO has yielded ZERO volunteers. And I only have a few members signed up. Oh well. We will do the best we can. Please try to make it to a meeting if you can.

us Joe

### Editor's Note

I believe our chapter is an integral part of our very active airport. Our activities, along with the commercial and other elements contribute to a large General Aviation family and we all interact at a lot of different levels. By promoting our common interests we form a unique bond. Let's build on that.

## Treasurer's Report 5/17/2021

Checking account balance 4/30/2021	\$2,146.02
Cash box	\$200.00

### Receipts

cash	donations	\$ 40.00
cash	dues	\$ 20.00
check	dues	<u>100.00</u>
		\$ 160.00

### Transfers

### Expense

Check	Phil Cloutier-Garbage dump	(\$ 16.00)
check	Pacific Power	(\$ 21.40)
check	Joe Williams-Food	<u>(\$ 123.70)</u>
		(\$ 162.31)

### Deposits

Receipts	\$ 160.00
interest	<u>\$ .09</u>
	\$ 160.09

### Ending balance

checking	\$2,143.80
cash box	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>Funds available</b>	<b>\$2,343.80</b>

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## May Meeting Minutes

5-2-21

Our paid member ship is now 20, a good sign.

AIRPORT NEWS: Some of the recent visitors in big jets have been marijuana farmland buyers from out of state. The problem with illegal (sometimes Cartel) farms has increased and gotten the attention of local and Federal government. Associated water theft is a major concern for all of us.

OLD BUSINESS : The L29 has been removed by the buyers. Larry plans to use the \$5000 collected to pay for the Cozy project, which is in the hands of an engineering firm who is designing a mechanism for it to swivel per Larry's wishes. A locking feature will be included.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OTHER: Dave McGloon explained the upcoming Texas 4000 bicycle race which will pass through Grants Pass. The chapter is not involved but has agreed to let Dave offer the campground and facilities to the participants for one night. If you would like more information or to volunteer please contact Dave.

We have multiple builds in progress and hopefully will see some engines starting real soon.

Andreas Blech is collecting donations for a commemorative Bench to be installed at the FBO honoring Larry Graves tenure. If you would like to donate you can give it to Joe who will make sure Andreas receives it.

Adjourned: 1:45pm

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## Around the Chapter

### Milestones

I saw Bear washing a RV8 a few days back. I didn't figure he was doing anyone a favor, so concluded that he has acquired a stable-mate for his Maule. N298DM was built several years ago by Don Marks, but hasn't been active for quite awhile. Well, it will be now, at least when Bear isn't flying Pacific Aviation's Conquest.

Note: Bear is talking about a mid-June fly-in bbq at Chris Nace's 1200 ft. strip along I5 north of the Glendale exit. Perfect for 701's. I'll send out more info when it gets firmed up.



### Projects

Phil's airplane projects were put on temporary hold as Phil and Kathy hit the road for a trip to Montana and Wyoming. They should be back now unless they got snowed in. With any luck, the temperature range will soon be acceptable for painting, so Phil can start putting some color on that bare CH650 aluminum.

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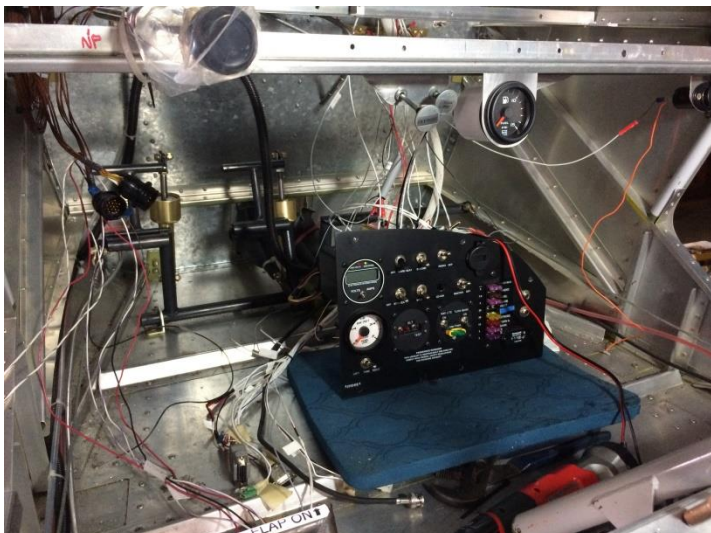


With 2 cylinders indicating sticking valves, Dennis decided to pull all four and get them inspected. Dick jumped in to give him a hand. Since this photo was taken, the cylinders, pistons, and associated parts have been delivered to Beagle, where they will be inspected by Brian Pankonen. Maybe Dennis will know by meeting time if they can be refurbished. But for now they're on the back burner. He spent most of the week houseboating with family on Lake Shasta.



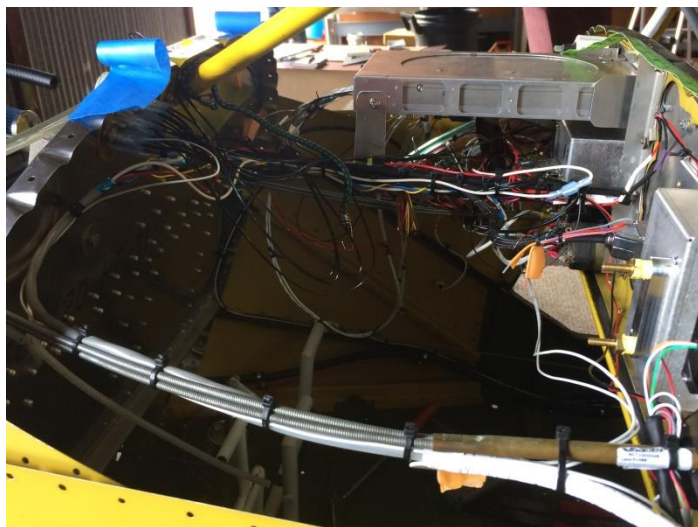
Up the creek without a paddle-again.





These two photos show Dick's progress on his CH701 wiring installation. Considerable work has been done to complete connections and tidy up the routing. No promises, but he's hoping to report at the next meeting that he's made initial engine runs.

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Dennis Mitchell is getting his CH701 ready for taxi tests, possibly early July. He has settled in at his new county hangar digs and continues to finish up systems installations. The wiring has been completed and the panel turned on and confirmed fully functional. Given the other three CH701's in various states of assembly, we may have a CH701 Airforce by fall. How about a fly-by at Airport Day?

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The latest entry in Gabe Johnston's builder's log shows photos of his installation of the fiberglass tips on the Sonex stabilizer. This is a great way to document progress and people like me don't have to bug him for updates. But it adds another layer of time to the project.

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Looks like we'll finally get to meet new member Mark Michael at our June meeting as it won't conflict with his airline flight schedule. He sent me photos of his RV12 project and it looks like he's making good progress on the tail section. Unfortunately, I was too far along with formatting this issue and there wasn't enough available space to include them. So, with apologies to Mark, I'll file them for now and include a representative selection in the July issue.

Chapter members are our life-blood and we welcome all that share our interests. Nothing like greeting a new member and being able to connect a face with a name. An active project? So much the better.

## **Around the Airport**

### **County**

Larry officially retires June 30<sup>th</sup> after 10 years as Director of Josephine County Airports. His retirement party will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> at noon in the FBO Training Room. Assistant Director/Operations Manager Jason Davis was selected as his replacement and officially assumed that position May 1<sup>st</sup> with a 2 month overlap. A whole bunch of us were pulling for Jason. We certainly feel he deserved the appointment, and we'll give him our full support. So congratulations are in order but, in all honesty, there will be times when condolences might be more appropriate.

We hope Larry enjoys a great well-earned retirement. The airports have gone through a multitude of changes during his tenure and I, for one, won't let him get away without highlighting some of them. He has been a strong manager and, over the years, has had to juggle the many disparate interests of the tenants and deal with the FAA bureaucracy while keeping the county commissioners happy. Herding cats would have been a lot easier. I'm sure he's pissed off more than a few people along the way but, during his tenure, the G.P. airport has become an essential contributor to the economy of the county while providing a home to those of us who pursue aviation as a strictly recreational activity. Here are a number of projects completed or in process and issues addressed during his tenure. May not be a complete list and they certainly aren't in chronological order.

### **Grants Pass Airport**

- Eastside taxiway development
- AWOS
- New instrument approach procedure allowing much lower minimums
- Initial ground prep for new county hangars
- New maintenance building
- Complete rebuild of county hangar doors. I suspect Jason's still feeling this one.
- Upgrade county hangar electrical service
- New Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lights
- Update Master Plan
- Runway extension approval (but not the full 1,500 ft. despite extraordinary efforts)
- New runway and taxiway markings
- "Cozy" on a pole. Won't be up before he leaves, but it's in the works.
- Removal of the underground fuel tank and rebuilding of the fuel island.

### **Illinois Valley**

- Perimeter fencing
- Runway lighting and apron upgrade
- Runway paving
- Water rights for fire suppression pond

In addition, Larry was named 2016 Airport Manager of the Year by the Oregon Airport Management Association.

I said he was a strong supporter of recreational aviation interests. I believe the following pair of photos support that opinion.





July 2019 saw the arrival of the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club on their semi-annual air tour. Larry was right in the thick of the activity serving as the “Follow Me” leader as he directed these beautiful aircraft to their pre-selected parking places.



Here’s Larry conducting the briefing before the 2020 launch of Joe Williams’ Chicken Drop Contest. This was year 4 and Larry served as “Airboss” for each one.

So bye-bye Larry. Don’t let the door ..... Just kidding. Come back and visit us often.

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Lisa tells me that the project to remove the underground fuel tank is scheduled to start July 6<sup>th</sup> after completion of the bidding process next month. Start to finish will take approx. 3 months.

### **Pacific Aviation**

Bear reports 3 students passed their Private Pilot check rides in May and 3 more are scheduled for June. The expansion to Medford has proven to be successful with the two instructors and aircraft there being kept quite busy. He’s actively flying their Conquest with little time available for instructing, so another instructor is being hired. We’ll also be seeing more of Dave Palmer’s son (and chapter member) Liam around the FBO. He’s now a member of Pacific Aviation’s growing staff.

92Q will be out of service for awhile due to required engine maintenance-2 low cylinders. Meanwhile, their Cessna 340 is permanently out of service, the victim of a hail storm while parked on a ramp somewhere in Oklahoma. Totaled it.

### **Baker Avionics**



The Stinson 108-3 that arrived last month for a panel upgrade has now been moved into the shop and the old panel removed. Should have gotten a “before” picture. There was no standardization for the instrument arrangement in these older aircraft and dedicated space for avionics (What’s that?) was nonexistent. “After” will definitely be an improvement and I’ll have to get a photo of the finished product.

## VSI Aviation



This will be one very well equipped RV10. The new panel is the latest installation and it certainly is impressive. More wiring is being added forward of the firewall. It will even have air conditioning!



At the other end of the spectrum, this KR-1 has been an off and on project for some time. Ryan was recently informed that the owner has passed away. His daughter has assumed responsibility for the estate, so it may soon be for sale.

Ryan says Derek Reed's RV-6 is still on the market. It's a really nice one and I hope someone picks it up soon. Preferably local.

## Going up?



Not every day you see a crane this size on the airport, so I had to get a picture of it while it was there lifting the trusses in place for Sean's new hangar. This structure certainly dominates the skyline as you swing around the south end of the field on Brookside. All the trusses are up now and roofing will soon follow. It should be useable by late July or early August although the interior might not be completely finished by then.



## My Favorite Airplane

Here's the inaugural entry for the "My Favorite Airplane" segment courtesy of Tom Jensen. This will be an occasional feature as long as I get submittals. Remember, all that's required is that it's an airplane in which you are/were qualified as PIC and for which you have a particularly warm memory.

My "fav" (probably because I couldn't own it...) was a 1963 Dornier Do-27-Q6. I stored it and another airplane for the Narcs after they had been seized in a raid. (Lots of cash and cocaine, but I never saw any.)

N321PB was a radical STOL bird, 6pax, 4000# gross, but a bit under-powered with a 270hp GO-480. But it could out-turn a Super Cub. Very well-balanced controls and great visibility. It was auctioned to an old miner for his young wife who became friends with us. I built an aux fuel tank with transfer pump (and a second tank for a local Do-27 after the owner somehow found my drawings.)

We delivered it to Fairbanks (almost 18 hours, 180 does it in about 10) and I checked out the wife and a fellow who was flying for Everts Air Cargo on a 500' dirt strip. Best flying of my life, but I was younger, sharper, and a bit more daring\*. I have some terrific Hi-8 video somewhere which I should put on a DVD if my old Sony can be resurrected.



\*I transitioned from our 150hp Pacer with no instruction other than the GO-480 engine operator's manual..

Tom  
Fly Safe, Folks!

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## Future Happenings

### June

5<sup>th</sup>: OAHS Fly-in Breakfast, Cottage Grove. **Cancelled due to COVID restrictions.**

26<sup>th</sup>: **OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove. Vintage aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles and more.**

**See Flyer below.**

**Green means "Go". This is the first event of the season that I know of and is within reasonable proximity.**

**I highly recommend it. COVID restrictions should be way down, if not totally gone, by then.**

### July

3<sup>rd</sup>: OAHS Fly-in Breakfast, Cottage Grove, 9:00-noon. \$6.00, all you can eat. Under 12 free

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>: Wallowa Co. Fly-in, Joseph State Airport (KJSY), Joseph, OR

26<sup>th</sup> through Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>: EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

30<sup>th</sup> through Aug 1<sup>st</sup>: 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in

### August

7<sup>th</sup>: OAHS Fly-in Breakfast, Cottage Grove, same as above

Aug 14-15: Chapter 292 Fly-In, Independence

Aug. 20-22: Arlington, WA Fly-In and Airshow



## September

4th: OAHS Great Oregon Homebuilt Fly-in, Cottage Grove. Surprise!! Breakfast too.

10<sup>th</sup>-12th: Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum Fly-in, Hood River

15<sup>th</sup>-19th: Reno Air Races

25<sup>th</sup> and 26th: California Capital Airshow, Mather Field, Sacramento featuring the USAF Thunderbirds

## October

2<sup>nd</sup>: OAHS Fly-in Breakfast. Last of the season.

**16<sup>th</sup>: Grants Pass Airport Day**

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## **And Finally**

SEVENTH ANNUAL COTTAGE GROVE WINGS & WHEELS

**JUNE 26, 2021**  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$5 per person | Kids 12 & under FREE

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OK, so this is a blatant promotion and I'm not apologizing. As an OAHS board member, I can't be objective. This is a fun event that has sometimes conflicted with our Airport Day. Not this year. Visit the museum and enjoy a great display of vintage airplanes and vehicles. And since it doesn't start until 10:00, you don't have to leave at O-dark thirty to get there even if you're driving.

So fly, drive, take the bus or hitch-hike; just decide to make the trip up whatever your ride and have a great afternoon with fellow aviation enthusiasts (OK, and a few vehicle fans also).

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

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

**Summer months: Chapter hangar with barbecue at 12:00 noon**

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