



## Next Meeting

**Due to the continuing coronavirus restrictions, the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting has been cancelled.**

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### President's Message

I can honestly say that I, like most, am very happy to see this year come to an end-period. For way too many reasons to list. But, as far as aviation goes, it was a weird year. With all the shutdowns and restrictions it pretty much ended our favored hobby. We lost our own localized events plus the big national events we all look forward to. Reno, Oshkosh, Sun-n-fun, you name it. All gone. Did it help? Who knows, I'm personally not so certain, but we had no choice. But big plans for 2021 (Unless politics step in again). I hope to see all of the usual big events as well as our own. That means Airport Day, as well as my own plans such as Chicken Drop V, Spot Landing and another airport garage sale. No...not EAA sanctioned, but whatever.

So let's all look forward to 2021 with aviation in mind !!! I'm excited about the builds going on now as well as a couple planned. This will be the year of the build as far as EAA-725 is concerned and this is big news. There has not been a lot happening in this area for the last few years so this is exciting to look forward to.

Everyone have a great holiday!! We did not have a party but I have a plan up my sleeve. Stay tuned!!

Joe  
Joe W. us

## Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance 11/30/2020	\$2,491.14
Cash box	\$220.00

## Receipts Transfers

### Expense

check	EAA Nat. Dues/ Ins.	(\$ 583.00)
check	Property Tax	(\$ 9.69)
check	Pacific Power	(\$ 22.59)
		<b>(\$615.28)</b>

### Deposits

interest	\$ .12
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### Ending balance

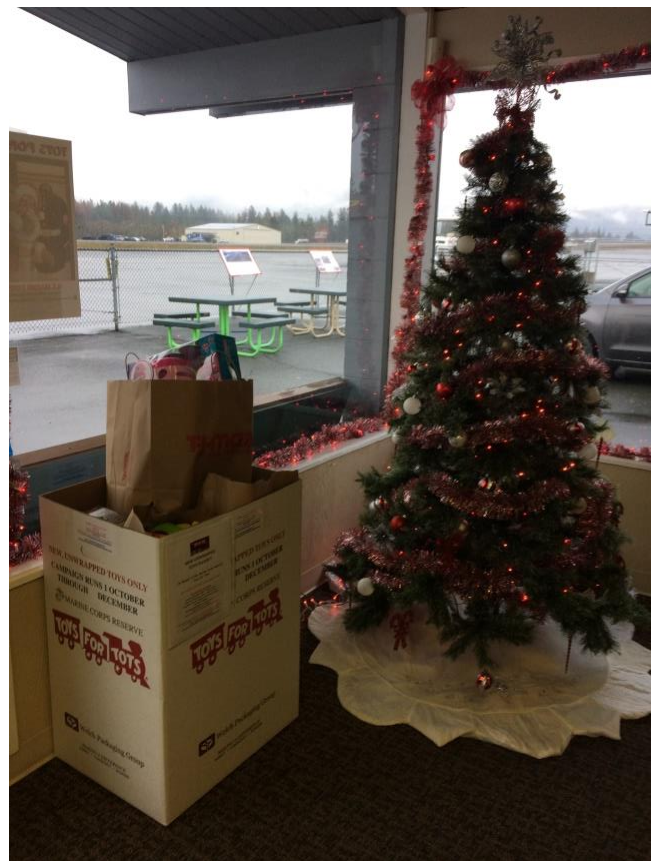
checking	\$1,875.98
cash box	\$ 220.00
<b>Funds available</b>	<b>\$2,095.98</b>

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## Editor's Comments

In this issue I'm going to take a look back along with a bit of the current activities I normally include. A bit more text and fewer photos. But I'll return to what passes for normal next month.

While I won't minimize the hardships many experienced throughout the year, I did find a few positives worth noting. The accompanying photo illustrates a good example. After all, it's the Christmas season. Joe came up with the idea to place a Toys for Tots collection box in the FBO in lieu of the collection we normally do at our Christmas party. The Traegers were more than happy to lend their support. It was full to overflowing when Joe delivered it to the Chamber of Commerce on the 15<sup>th</sup> and they were quite happy to get it. With so many economically suffering from the effects of COVID, providing a bit of sunshine for the kids is the least we can do. Meanwhile, we try to salvage as much of the season's traditions as we possibly can and hope there's a better future coming soon. I'm sure I have a lot of company when I say "Good-bye and good riddance" to 2020. Let the good times roll in 2021.



The adjacent photo says a lot. It's pretty much navel contemplation time at the airport for us fair-weather pilots and hangars are cold. But our builders are still at it and some of us will take this opportunity to get through our annual inspections in preparation for the upcoming flying season. Spring comes early in our corner of the Pacific Northwest, and we eagerly await the return of warm, sunny weather and the relaxation of Coronavirus restrictions.

As I start my 4<sup>th</sup> year (really?) as newsletter editor, I've given consideration to how this whole thing has evolved. This is a chapter newsletter of course, but I think including other activities within our sphere is important. I see us as a very important segment of the General Aviation mosaic. We interface with FBO operations and other commercial services on the field. We safely share the sky with everything from ultralights to bizjets. As a unique volunteer organization, we provide a labor force for tackling airport projects that can serve to offset our hangar ground lease expense, and we can be counted on to be in the middle of other airport activities even if they are not directly chapter related. In more normal times (hopefully 2021), there are aviation events we can attend that allow us to mix it up with like-minded aviation enthusiasts. So I plan to continue the broad-brush approach and hope for very interesting subjects to include throughout the year.



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## Around the Chapter

### Milestones

- Dave McGlooin made the initial flight in his Sonex on Memorial Day.
- Andreas' daughter graduated from Cascade Christian in June without the traditional graduation ceremony. So Andreas stepped in and threw her and classmates a hangar party. Cathy Frankel, Joe, Richard Colton, and myself provided rides. The kids had a great time, and so did we.
- Darin got one step closer to his Private with the completion of his solo X-C in November.
- Joe's Ercoupe annual is complete pending installation of a new ignition switch. With a new STC'd brake master cylinder, it now has every STC upgrade available.
- Dick and Beth moved into their new house in August. Yes, non-aviation milestones deserve mention
- also. Maybe they can finally host a house warming after we all get shot.

### New Members

We welcomed 1<sup>st</sup> time members Wayne Pinger, Bear Perrin, Cathy Frankel, and Keith Guy into our happy little group. Looking forward to adding more new members this year.

## **Additions**

Seven of our members acquired new wings in 2020.

- Andreas Blech-Shinn 2150A
- Richard Colton-Cessna 150
- Cathy Frankel-Cessna 150
- Dennis Mitchell-CH701 Project
- Dave Palmer-Tango XR
- Bear Perrin-Maule M8
- Allan Runia-Lancair 235

I believe there has been a photo of every one of these aircraft in past newsletters and there certainly will be opportunities for more as we get back into decent flying weather.

## **Subtractions**

A few of our members' aircraft found new homes.

- Dennis Mitchell-CH601
- Dick Smith-Hornet (OK, now he's down to just one airplane, his CH701 project.)
- Bear Perrin-Cessna 172
- Ed Lee-Cherokee 140 (but it remains on the field)

Since both the Hornet and CH601 departed the pattern possibly never to return, I'll include photos just to keep the memory fresh. Not sure where Bear's 172 ended up and I didn't get a picture for posterity.



## **Projects**

We have 3 active aircraft projects and they're all Zenith products. Dennis Smith is finishing up the build on a CH701 he purchased as a partially completed project. Dick Smith's CH701 had actually been completed and flown when it took a step backward and became a project again as the result of problems the original builder had with its VW engine conversion. Dick will replace it with a Jabiru 3300. Phil Cloutier is making great progress on his CH650. It's quite possible that all three of these projects will be completed and flying by year's end.

Ground has been prepared for a large hangar to be erected on Andreas' lot. It's a joint project and will ultimately house a menagerie of aircraft. This will be the first new hangar to be built on the west side of the field since the Kraus hangar went up on a large portion of (what used to be) the transient parking ramp.



## Around the Airport

### County Milestones

- The new airport Master Plan has been completed and there are many capital improvement projects that will be pursued over the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 year interval. The length of the proposed extension is still a bone of contention. Larry wants the full 1500 ft. in one shot (which makes economic sense); the FAA offered 700 ft. initially with the remainder on a schedule TBD. Regardless, no work can be expected much before 2023.



A new caretaker's residence was completed. Trenton Wood was hired as the new caretaker and moved in in June.



And the airport got a new maintenance shop. Now all the equipment can be stored and worked on out of the weather.

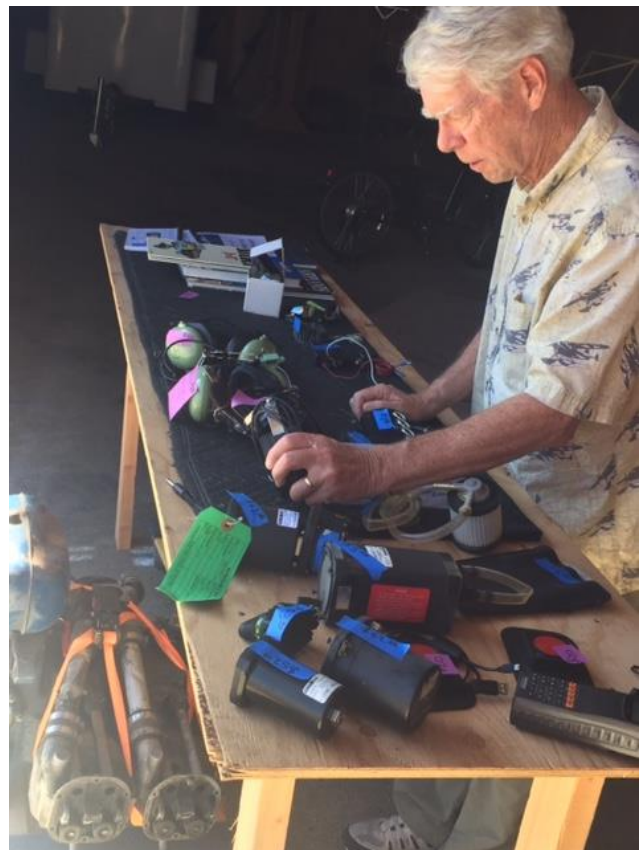
### Airport Swap Meet

Another idea for an airport activity courtesy of Joe Williams, and a very successful one. There will definitely be a "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual". However, while billed as an airport "yard sale", I suspect most items that changed hands simply found homes in different hangars.



Marty is all set to welcome his customers.

Dennis puts the finishing touches on his table of goodies. >



## Chicken Drop

Another Joe Williams fun event-the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken Drop. Eleven pilots/teams competed for the 3 trophies and \$100 grand prize. Participants came from as far away as northern California and southern Washington. Even had 3 visiting Ercoupes and the pilot of one of them took home first place. No. 5 coming up later this year.



Airboss Larry (aka the Airport Manager) briefs the pilots on safety procedures.



And the winners are (left to right): Wayne and Jeanette Pinger, G. P., 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kevin Mackey, Longview, WA, 1<sup>st</sup>, and James and Charles Good, Grass Valley, CA, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Pacific Aviation

- Added a Piper Seminole to the rental fleet and hired John Smith as their multi-engine instructor. Pac. Av. can now offer flight instruction up through multi-engine and CFII.
- Four instructors are now on staff: Bear Perrin, Cathy Frankel, John Smith, and Skye Irigoyen. Lots of choices.
- Putting the finishing touches on a plan to add a satellite operation at Medford. Will rent office space from Million Air and base 2 aircraft TBD there. Should be in operation shortly after the first of the year.
- Christiaan Schrimpf is well along to completing all requirements for his ATP rating. Needs some additional simulator time, but that's about it.

## Baker Avionics

- Moved from a south end facility to a far more visible location in the hangar formerly occupied by Pac Jet.
- Became a full service Garmin dealer. Can now offer the GFC autopilot in Cessna 172RG and select Mooney M20 models through Garmin's FAA approved STC as well as the full Garmin product line in other aircraft.
- Installation of a Genesys 3100 Digital Flight Control System in Sean McGillivray's Aerostar has begun. This is the first of what could be many Aerostar installations that Baker will do under contract to Genesys.
- The Merlin that has been parked alongside the fuel island for many moons was moved to the Pacific Aviation maintenance hangar so the new avionics installation could proceed out of the weather. Hard to do wiring with half-frozen hands.
- Kiera Morales is on board as Greg's Office Manager. Greg invites everyone to drop by and get acquainted.

## VSI Aviation

Ryan and Tony have been quite busy since moving into their large hangar space at the north end. RV's mostly, but he is assisting Drew Meltebeke with his AirCam build. Just to mix it up a bit, he and Tony did a number of upgrades on Dave Palmer's Tango. Not many rivets in that airplane. He also has been brokering Derek Reed's RV-6A and reports a sale may be imminent to a buyer from Eugene. Just arrived is an RV10 kit. The owner is from Yuma, AZ and will be spending quite a bit of time here working under Ryan's guidance.

## **Further Afield**

The coronavirus put a real kink in summertime plans with cancellation of practically every aviation and other event and strong recommendations against travel for any reasons. So I'm short of "what we did on our summer vacation" stories, but I know of a couple of trips that went beyond the county lines. I had long-standing plans to visit former members Brent and Donna Battles in Montana and decided the risk would be minimal. Mission accomplished and I had a great week. Finally got to fly the Ecolot with Donna. Joe and Jenny escaped to Depoe Bay for a long weekend. Nothing to do with aviation, but I hope we're not totally one-dimensional. Dick and Beth Smith spent part of last winter in Arizona, so they were there and back before the coronavirus storm hit. Dick was able to spend some time at the Copperstate Fly-in now held at the Buckeye Municipal Airport west of Phoenix. With any luck, we'll see the return of this kind of event as we progress toward summer. Later, they made the round trip again to pick up a Jabiru 330 engine for the 701 project.

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## **Future Happenings**

Think positive. Here's looking ahead at some of the events which we can hope will return this year. I'll lay out a calendar in the next newsletter and fill it in as more events are announced. I think we'll very likely see an expanded list of local activities also.

### **May through October**

Oregon Aviation Historical Society (Cottage Grove): A \$100 pancake breakfast destination the first Saturday of every month. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in will be held in August, followed by the Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival in September, both held concurrently with the respective breakfasts.

### **June**

Grants Pass Airport Day: Date TBD.

### **July/August**

Jul. 26 through Aug. 1: Oshkosh Airventure

July 30 through Aug. 1: Oregon International Airshow, McMinnville featuring the USAF Thunderbirds

Date to be Announced: Chapter 292 Fly-In, Independence

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

### **September**

Sept. 10-12: Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum Fly-in, Hood River

Sept. 15-19: Reno Air Races

Sept. 25 and 26: California Capital Airshow, Mather Field, Sacramento featuring the USAF Thunderbirds

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## **Last Minute Additions**

### **James Good U-Tube Video**

James Good spends a lot of time in his 1948 Ercoupe. Wherever he goes, he films the trips and creates great u-tube videos he posts under the name "Ercoupe TV". He came to Joe's Chicken Drop this year and now has posted Part 1 of the trip which covers the first leg from his Nevada County CA home base to a fuel stop at Weed. Son Charles usually accompanies him and the conversation between the two of them is really fun to listen to. The easiest way to access the video is to Google "james good ercoupe tv chicken drop". Appears right at the top of the menu. Can't wait for Part 2.



## Right Place, Right Time



Joe got a chance to fly Andreas' Shinn Christmas eve. Said it's a very easy airplane to fly and it was nice to be able to give his feet something to do for a change. If there's a line, I want to be in it. Near the front, of course.



## Airplane for Sale

A member of Chapter 292 at Independence is finishing his RV6A and has put his Piper Colt up for sale. I have no details on the airplane but, if anyone is interested, I'm sure I can find out how to get in touch with the owner. Note: The Colt does not meet Light Sport Aircraft operating limitations.

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## And Finally

Here's a sampling of some of the more interesting visitors who passed through during the year. For some of the visiting aircraft, I have little more than the photo itself and get additional information from the FAA Registration data base. I'm going to have to try harder to talk to the pilots and take down more background information. New Year's resolution.



Robin Reid, Independence, stopped to refuel this last-of-the-breed Monocoach he was delivering to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum from its former California owner. Since he had owned the aircraft for several years previously, he was the obvious choice to do the delivery flight.



This turbine conversion 1952 Sikorsky S55B made a stop on its way home from a contract job in central California. It's owned by N2302F LLC in Salem and is powered by an 840 hp Garret turboshaft engine that is probably at least 30 years younger than the airframe.





The only things I know about this Lake LA-4 Amphibian is that it was from Sacramento and obviously needed fuel. Oh, and one more thing: It sure had an eye-catching paint job.



This Quickie Tri-Q 200 is registered to Daniel Lee of La Conner WA. It was built in 2018 and is powered by a Continental O200 engine. This is a variant of the VW powered taildragger Q2, itself an evolution of the Burt Rutan designed tandem wing Q1, although Burt was not involved in the design or development of the Q2.

## 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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