



## **Next Meeting-Sunday, August 4, 2024**

### **1:00 at Hangar with 12:30 BBQ**

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

Greetings Chapter 725 members. As of today we've had mild smoke on the ground. And I'm sure the forecast is bleak. I got to fly the pattern a few times, but it was pretty "milky". Class G up to 800 ft AGL around the airport, 1 mile visibility and clear of clouds. So I was legal, maybe a little low in the pattern. I heard from pilots between here and Roseburg, they were reporting IFR between 3000 and 4500, then blue skies to the North. Headed South? Similar story.

As a VFR pilot, I get a little nervous about flying somewhere and getting stuck. I heard a saying "you're not a serious pilot until you've had to take the rental car home". I've been there, but my issue was mechanical. We rented a car in Sun River and drove through central Oregon and Nevada. It turned out to be a fun trip. A couple other times involved a local motel. A few years ago with my wife, we flew up to go fishing at Gold Beach, then headed home to Carson City, NV. Over the Sierras thunderstorms were north and south along the ridges. We landed in Auburn CA and got a cab to a motel. Then my wife decided that "for her inconvenience" I owed her a dinner at a nice restaurant. People say flying is expensive, keeping the wife happy is part of the "hidden" costs!

Get out there, go fly, use your best judgment, stay safe, and precautionary landings are always an option plus they can provide a happy lasting memory.

Dennis Mitchell  
EAA Chapter 725

## Treasurer's Report, 7/26/24

Checking Account Balance 5/21/24	\$4,425.71
Cash box	00.00
Receipts: Donation	17.00
Membership: <a href="#">1@\$20.00</a> , Jack Brusius	20.00
Disbursements: Steve, refreshments	22.00
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$4,425.71
Cash Box	15.00
Funds available	\$4,440.71

Current Credit against Hangar Ground Lease: xx hours. Added x hours for assembly, installation, and painting of segmented circle.

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## July Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm

Pledge of allegiance

Meeting dedicated to making things work.

Celeste was awarded recognition for her work at recent pancake breakfast.

Alan update of YAD: Aviyah became sick and could not attend the flight academy our members helped support with cash donations. Other opportunities are upcoming which she might attend dependent on her health.

Went around the room and each member introduced themselves and told us something about them. Some were brief and some were extensive.

Brett is a local CFI who gave a presentation on getting flight training.

Meeting adjourned around 2:30pm.

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## August Meeting Agenda

- Agenda August 4th, 2024
  - Call meeting to order
  - Dedicate meeting
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Get a count of attendees.
  - Welcome visitors and new members.
- Vice President's Announcements and Chapter events
  
- Member recognition

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

For chapter information visit:

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

Facebook group, "EAA Chapter725"

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

## Around the Chapter

A 2+ hours work party was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> to repair/replace sections of the segmented circle. After moving materials to the site and clearing out a lot of weeds, four were rebuilt and two were recreated brand new. Jim and Celeste showed up with a trailer to haul the broken boards and trash to the dump. Other participants were Dennis, Steve Cross, Jack Brusius, and Joe Stone. Photos by Dennis Mitchell.



Just getting started. L to R: Joe, Jim, Celeste, Jack, and Steve.



Lots of progress for just over 2 hours spent. Repaired, reset, and ready for paint.

A follow-up session to paint the sections was held the following Tuesday evening. Participants were Dennis Mitchell, Jim and Celeste, with grandson Porter, Steve Cross, and myself to photo document getting to the finish line. No heavy lifting for the old man. Cloud cover lingered after a late afternoon shower, so the temperature was not oppressive.



Jim gets the paint party started as Steve and Porter look on, ready to move the generator and paint cart to the next section.



Porter got the "opportunity" to try his hand with the sprayer with guidance from grandpa. I think he actually did most of the painting.



And it's a wrap. The segmented circle hasn't looked this good in several years, and we added additional hours for credit offsetting our annual hangar ground lease charge.



Aviyah Jones got her Young Eagle flight on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Allan Runia's Bonanza. The rear seat passenger is her younger sister Rebecca. Aviyah had to cancel her early June trip to Oshkosh for a 10 day introductory flight course which might have led to solo due to a serious (an understatement) illness. She's still in recovery but is continuing to regain her strength. Hope she'll be back to 100% soon. She'll be eligible to reapply for the flight program next year. Photo credits: Dennis Mitchell, left; April Jones, right.



Brad Baum's Jodel 11 is shown undergoing a condition inspection by A & P Brian Busch, Twin Oaks Aircraft Maintenance. Which means it still hasn't made the final leg to Brookings. But he's confident that will happen in the next couple of weeks. He says he is completely satisfied with the aircraft and is looking forward to getting it home. I'm looking forward to seeing it on the ramp in front of our hangar at one of our meetings.

Phil should have finished his 40 hr. Phase 1 Test Program by the time you read this. Complete some paperwork and the Phase 1 flight test geographical boundaries disappear. Then it's off to McMinnville(see Further Afield).



Kurt von Salzen has made the move up from the Sacramento area. Well, at least his airplane has relocated. It's a beautiful Globe Swift which he rebuilt several years ago and installed a 210 hp Continental I0360, replacing the 145 hp Continental O300. He said he would be joining the chapter when he visited our meeting a couple of months back. I'm introducing him and his airplane in the chapter section albeit a week premature. But that means he can't back out now.

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## **Around the Airport**

### **County**

Talk about repainting the Compass Rose raised the issue that it has been inaccurate and not FAA approved since the magnetic poles migrated and our runway direction changed from 30/12 to 31/13. That's almost beyond the limits of my memory. Resurveying and "resetting" the orientation would not bring it into compliance with FAA requirements. That process is far more complicated (read expensive). May still pursue the survey, but nothing is firm yet.

A Land Use Agreement has been put in place with the Feds in preparation for a possible influx of firefighting helicopters. This identifies landing zones and spells out the level of support the airport provides. The airport receives payment for this space and services.

### **VSI Aviation**



The stabilizer for a new Harmon Rocket is going together in its build fixture. No pre-punched holes here. Just lay out rivet patterns with very fine Sharpies and drill lots of #40 holes.



Got this photo of the finished fin with Ryan's help.

## (Youth Aviation Development) Program



Allan Runia reports he had a good turnout at the BBQ held June 13<sup>th</sup>. He hopes to build a core group of youth who are interested in learning about aircraft maintenance. His teaching aid will be this Mooney 201 which has not flown in 23 years. Work on the aircraft should begin "soon". Kurt (left) will assist him with the engine teardown and reassembly.

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## July Campground Visitors

We had two: One intentional and one not. This was Ron Lem's 3<sup>rd</sup> year to use our campground facilities. He stays there while Ryan does the annual condition inspection on his RV6. However, Grants Pass was an unplanned stop for Joey Myers in his Avid Flyer Mk 4 on his relocation flight from northern California to Idaho. After trying to find a path around the smoke Friday, he did a 180 and overnighted here. Said he was glad to find a campground and the opportunity to take a hot shower. He was hoping to be able to find VFR conditions to the north on Saturday.

An airport campground is a real benefit for travelers who are looking for a place to stop overnight and are willing to rough it a bit. A hot shower is at the end of a day's flying has to be a real plus. Even more important, ours also serves to support our firefighting crews who are deployed here during the summer months. And they probably will be this year.



Ron Lem photo



Better than being up there wishing you were down here.  
Joe Myers photos.



**Postscript: Kenny Jordan to the rescue.** Cut and pasted this from Joey's email Dennis forwarded to me. A tight squeeze, but I had to include it.

"Made it out. Took my cowl off to take a peek today and found a cracked header. Your airport jumped in and a guy named Andy hooked me up with Ken from Dutch Bros and I got a professional TIG weld on the spot. I am up in Lebanon watching racing at Willamette speedway."

"I'm blown away. Anyplace else and I would have been dead in the water. He wired up a 220 plug in his hangar just to help me."

## Further Afield

### Oregon Aviation Historical Society Wings and Wheels

The weather gods smiled on southern Oregon for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual OAHS Wings and Wheels fly-in making it possible for many visitors from our area to attend. I don't know who all made it, but Dick and Beth were there in their CH701. Dennis and Cheryl arrived by motor home. I did see Tracy, Ryan, Zack Leitch, Bear, and Chris Nace. My apologies if I am overlooking anyone. I was responsible for minding the "used parts" sales table, so I didn't get out and about a whole lot. The following photos were provided by the OAHS. Awards were determined by "People's Choice" votes. The 4<sup>th</sup> photo is not from a drone, but from the top of the South Lane Fire and Rescue's Ladder Truck. Thanks to the unidentified fireman who climbed to the top and took the picture.



Motorcycle: 1912 Harley, Tim Burns



Auto: 2020 Caterham Super 7, Randy Flowers



Aircraft: 1942 Ryan PT-22, Kenny Chapman



Gotta be at least half-way to pattern altitude.  
No way I'm up this high without an airplane.

### Visit to Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum

Some of our members, including the President, will play hooky from our next meeting and head for McMinnville for a trip into aviation history. The excursion will consist of Dennis Mitchell, Dick and Beth Smith, Phil and Kathy Cloutier, Chris Beebe, and his neighbor. Maybe I'll have his name by the time I put together a report on their trip for the next newsletter.

## Future Happenings

Joe says he's planning on holding the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken Drop contest sometime in September. I'll list it in the calendar when he sets the date. He's promising some spectacular, never before seen, trophies. Entry stays at \$10. No inflation there.

**Aug 3:** 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Jim Wright Memorial Fly-in, Cottage Grove, OR

**Aug 24-25:** EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in and STOL Exposition, Independence. Website: Wings over Willamette

**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

**Dec. 7:** **Chapter Christmas Party. Details to follow.**

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## And Finally



No upcoming event posters this time, so I had to look for something else to fill the space. My usual fallback is aviation humor, and there's plenty of that. Came across this one and I just couldn't pass it up.



## **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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