



More a Gathering than a Meeting

12:00 Sunday August 2nd in the campground behind the EAA hangar

This month's BBQ will look a lot like pizza

President's Message

We continue to roll along in this era of anything but ordinary. The activity around 3S8 has been slower than usual, most likely attributed to the virus restrictions and how those have canceled so many things we usually enjoy this time of year. It has affected us and how we have meetings and other activities, but I am not one to quickly roll-over to the cancel culture and would rather find a way to continue, even if it is smaller or not our usual methods. And so far, that's what is happening. Stay tuned, we don't give up easily. We do have some builds going on, and it seems that we will soon be taken over by a fleet of "7- somethings" ...At least four! Can't wait to see them all lined up on the ramp soon.

Please try to attend our meetings, even if smaller and shorter than some. The next one will be held under the trees in the campground, and since it is fire season we don't want to use the BBQ pit, so Pizza may be the order of the day. Please come by.

us Joe

July Meeting Minutes, 7-5-20

Call to order 1:05pm

16 attendees including some visitors and potential new members, Carlos Alcantara, Dave Skrock, and Scott Cole. Carlos is a CFI from Medford planning to build something soon. Scott is a Commercial Pilot. Carlos brought a dimpler machine he fabricated himself for a future build, very creative and well done. Also present was Kevin Woods, the new Airport Caretaker residing in the new residence near the entrance. Kevin is a full-time A/P for Pacific Aviation. His daughter Kylie was also present. There was no discussion of old business.

The proposed Hangar/garage type sale was discussed but later canceled as a Chapter event due to Covid concerns. Instead Joe is organizing the sale independently and it will be held August 8th, from 9:00 to 2:00. Sellers will sell from their own hangars. EAA is not involved other than renting some of our tables if requested.

Meeting adjourned 1:45pm

US Joe

Treasurer's Report as of 7/18

Checking account balance 6/30/2020			\$2976.02
Cash box			\$200.00
Receipts			
Cash	dues	Kathy Frankel & Bear Perrin	\$40.00 (to cash box for next deposit)
Cash	donations		<u>39.83</u>
Total			\$79.83
Expenses			
Cash		food (Stan Loer)	(\$ 8.83)
check		Pacific Power	<u>(26.00)</u>
			(\$34.83)
Deposits			
Interest			\$.25
Cash from receipts			31.00
Ending balance			
Checking			\$2981.27
Cash box			<u>240.00</u>
Funds available			\$3221.27

August Meeting Program

The main discussion item will be to resolve any lingering questions regarding the upcoming Hangar Sale. Not sure if there is anything else to fill the "Program" slot. So get out of the house, come enjoy some pizza and tell stories that all start with "There I was....." With the location being outside in the campground, social distancing should be no problem, but masks are always appropriate in the current environment.

Around the Chapter

Cool Tool



Carlos Alcantara, one of our July guests, brought his pneumatically actuated C-Frame to the meeting so the toolies among us could drool all over it. This is a required tool if you're building a sheetmetal airplane with flush rivets. Think most RV models. It's used to dimple rivet holes in large skin panels. I have one, but it's the common simple kind that requires a hammer (yeah, we occasionally need a hammer to build our sophisticated airplanes) to strike the end of the plunger that has the die installed on the other end to form the dimple in the metal skin. Developing the right touch is part of the learning curve. This would be sooooo much better. The force is adjustable and the plunger is actuated with a foot pedal. I may never need a C-frame again, but I want one of these.

Hangar Damage



Sometime during the night of July 3 or early the next morning, the wind caught a corner of a sheet of siding on the south wall and pulled it loose. Closer inspection showed some evidence of dry rot, so the attaching screws weren't going into anything solid. Minor repairs have been made to prevent further damage, but a more permanent solution will be required.

Phil says there was no flashing around the furnace flue, so rain entered around the pipe and ran down the inside of the wall. That's what caused the dry rot.

Phil and Dick also repaired a water leak at the spigot for the shower trailer.

Projects

Phil says he has his engine temporarily mounted on his CH650 fuselage and is ready to fit up the cowling. He should have it in hand by the time you receive this.

Dennis Mitchell is getting everything together for the first engine runs on his CH701. Currently working on fuel lines. He now has a prop and oil so it should be soon. His CH601 has been sold, but the buyer needs flight instruction. Looks like Bear, from Pacific Aviation, may provide that service.

Dick has finished installing the fuselage panel stiffeners on his CH701 and re-routed some plumbing lines. He is working on airframe clean-up issues while waiting for his engine to arrive. With the completion of their new house imminent, Dick has decided to put the airplane project on a short hiatus and focus on the upcoming move, which could be an accomplished fact by the first of the month or very shortly thereafter.

Saw some activity at Richard Colton's hangar earlier last week so, of course, I had to stop and check it out. Turns out Richard was getting some detailing done on his C150 to make a good looking airplane look even better. Work was being done by Callas Auto Scratch and Dent Repair. And he didn't have to take it in to the shop. I have their card. Hmmm. Our Cherokee could use a bit of touch-up here and there.



Keith Guy is addressing some mechanical issues on his Maule MX-7 (like a prop overhaul) and will have Baker Avionics upgrade the panel. A Garmin 430W and new audio panel will be installed and maybe a few other goodies. Hopefully, he'll be back in the air before long.

Not every project involves hardware. Darin Hecker is in the middle of a major project to obtain his Private License. Says he's 2/3 weeks away from going for his flight test. Has about 60 hours to date. He certainly is piling up time in that C182. Best of luck, Darin.

Around the Airport



AIRCRAFT PARTS / AVIONICS / INSTRUMENTS / TOOLS

Calling all pilots! Come to the 1st Annual Grants Pass Airport Hangar Sale!

Look for the colored triangle flags on the participating hangars, including some participating commercial businesses.

You never know what treasure or useful part you will find!

20 Cent Fuel Discount for Fly-In Visitors!! Offered by Pacific Aviation NW and JOCO Airports. Just mention to the ramp crew that you are there for the sale.



Not open to the general public, aviation community only please.

SELLERS

- This is an independent effort and any tenant at 358 is welcome to participate.
- Please keep it to Aviation related items.
- Please contact Joe Williams at joew601h@gmail.com with your hangar location and number so he can provide you with a flag.
- A few tables available to rent at the EAA hangar for \$5.00 each.
- Safe distancing is encouraged and up to each hangar tenant.

flyer created by Leah Baker 

Joe Williams is the mover and shaker behind this fun event and deserves lots of credit. He's gotten enthusiastic response from hangar tenants who want to participate. But also notice how much support is coming from the airport management and commercial operators who interface with us recreational aviation bums on a regular basis. Leah Baker, of Baker Avionics put together this fantastic flyer and BA will be selling used avionics. VSI Aviation is also on board. Manager Larry has backed it 100% from the very beginning. He and Dave Traeger, Pacific Aviation, cooperated to come up with the fuel discount for fly-in visitors. They weren't asked, they just did. This event can be held while managing to comply with the current coronavirus limitation on gatherings. We can spread ourselves from one end of the field to the other, observe social distancing and mask requirements, and still enjoy a fun Saturday at our special little airport. Don't know of many other airports where such a spirit of cooperation routinely exists.

Latest from the County

The grant for new paving at the IV airport has been received. The project should be underway sometime in August. The elevated fire danger has restricted mowing operations, but they are still being done early in the morning.

Pacific Aviation

Bear Perrin is my primary contact for up to date information on Pacific Aviation. He reports that 4 of their students should be going for their PPL checkrides within the next 3 weeks. Three students have solo'd recently and another may have by the time you read this. Cessna 340 N331CE, which has pretty much been a hanger queen for the last couple of years has now returned to service as a corporate-owned aircraft. Pacific is providing the flight crews.

VSI Aviation (member Ryan Marshall's company name)

Ryan obviously has plenty to keep him occupied as evidenced by these two photos. But this is only a sample of what's going on in his busy shop these days.



First you buy an airplane, then you take it apart. Dave Palmer's Tango is getting a constant speed prop, a yaw axis autopilot servo, a repair to the elevator trim hinge installation, and a new interior.



Ryan is assisting Dutch Bros. pilot Drew Meltebeke with his AirCam project. This is the fuselage under construction. A very interesting homebuilt with twin Rotax engines. Sort of looks like a canoe with wings.

Baker Avionics

Baker Avionics has been on the field one year now, and Leah says their new digs are working out well. A bit smaller floor space, but much higher visibility than their south hangar location. Certainly looks like they have developed a good customer base and have added a new technician to their staff. Greg and Leah are 100% behind the airport-wide hangar sale. They will have a good selection of used avionics available from their many customer upgrades. Bring your checkbook. I've said many times that I believe there's a special friendly atmosphere at Grants Pass airport. I think Baker Avionics fits right in. Teaser: BA has recently received approval for a whole new retrofit program. Full story in the September newsletter.



Andy's New Ride



A lot of us met Andy Galusha when he showed up on the field with a beautiful red and white Zenair CH601. He's a local homebuilder who is building Dick and Beth's new house. So why do we always see him at the airport? Andy wanted a go-fast airplane and he found this beautiful Lancair 235 in eastern Oklahoma. Only 800 TTAE. Bought it. Hired a Dutch Bros. pilot to fly it back. You see, Andy is still a student pilot. He'll need to upgrade his skill level to handle this slick beauty, but we're all looking forward to his first solo flight. Meanwhile, the 601 is on the market. Would be nice if it was purchased by a local pilot and stayed on the field.

Another addition to the 701 Air Force?

Kenny Jordan bought and finished the CH601 project Donna had purchased from Mike Mitchell. But it looks like he is going to join the CH701 club. Rumor has it that he has found a 701 on amphibious floats in Alaska and is planning to bring it to Grants Pass. But it will be disassembled and shipped to Seattle, not flown down. And from there? Stay tuned. This will make five, but only one is currently flying.

Visitor of the Month



I guess this category is filled by whoever is passing through when someone is there to take a photo. This month I snapped a picture of this beautiful Rans S20 owned by John and Carolyn from Minden, NV. They stopped in for gas on their way to Cottage Grove. Of course I had to give them a brochure and strongly encourage them to visit the OAHS museum.

Further Afield

Don't I wish. It's just not possible to hold the normal aviation events this summer, so this month it's all close to home.

Future Happenings

The scheduled events shown are all subject to change based on how successful are the efforts to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. I check every month before publishing this newsletter to at least try to keep up with the changes. Can't guarantee 100% success. The one cancellation of note this month is the Oregon International Airshow at McMinnville, previously scheduled for Sept. 25-27.

Aug. 1: 42 Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in. This will be a low-key event with maybe 5-8 airplanes in attendance, but they will be prime examples of their type. The induction of Jim Wright into the OAHS Hall of Fame will be held concurrently with this event. (Note: Jim Wright built a virtually identical full scale replica of the 1935 Hughes H-1 racer which he first flew in 2002. Unfortunately, he was killed in the crash of that aircraft on his return flight from Oshkosh to Cottage Grove in 2003).

Aug. 28-29: Airshow of the Cascades, Madras, OR.

Aug. 29: OAHS Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival/Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove. You know I'm plugging this one.

Oct. 3: Benton Air Faire, Redding, CA

Oct. 3-4: California Capital Airshow. Mather Airport, Sacramento

Dec. 17: Chapter Christmas Party at the Golf Club

And Finally



Been there, done that. Just don't have a photo to prove it. Rich Harrison, Chapter 292 Newsletter Editor, found this on the internet (what can't you find there?) and included it in an e-mail to chapter members. He said there wasn't any copyright, so I "appropriated" it. Thanks Rich.

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

**Winter months: Pacific Aviation Training Room
Social Hour starting at 12:00 noon**

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

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