



Next Meeting-Not Mar. 7th. But the next one will be ASAP, even if it's not on our regularly scheduled 1st Sunday of the month. Looking forward to a great year even if we're getting a late start.

President's Message

As we are approaching the end of the winter doldrums, and hopefully also some relief of the Lockdowns, the itch to fly is spreading. And it does not require a stupid mask, unless you go above 12,000. Hoping to see some of the new projects out on the taxiway in the spring. Planning meetings are underway for this year's Airport Day and due to various factors we have moved the date out to October 16. We expect relief in the parking situation by then as well as the planned digging up and replacement of underground fuel tanks should be completed. We must assume the Governors lockdown will be relaxed as well. We have some great ideas in the works, stay tuned. I am assuming we will be able to have a chapter meeting after about mid-March and will plan for that. Announcement will happen ASAP. In the meantime if you see me around and want to pay your 2021 chapter dues I can take it. Thanks. We will get things cranked up as soon as possible! I have a couple of great presentations lined up as soon as we can do it. Thanks for your support through this Insane time.

Joe
Joe W. us

Treasurer's Report 2/25/2021

Checking account balance 1/31/2021	\$1,914.41
Cash box	\$200.00

Receipts

Checks	dues	Dick	\$ 20.00
	"	Nate	\$ 20.00
	"	Joe W.	\$ 20.00
	"	Dennis C.	\$ 20.00
	"	Ryan M.	\$ 20.00
			<u>\$ 100.00</u>

Transfers

Expense

check	Pacific Power	(\$ 21.74)
		<u>(\$ 21.74)</u>

Deposits

checks and cash	\$ 100.00
interest	<u>\$.08</u>
	\$ 100.08

Ending balance

checking	\$1,992.75
cash box	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Funds available	\$2,192.75

Around the Chapter

Projects

There's a little friendly competition going on between Dennis Mitchell and Dick Smith to see who will be the first to finish their CH701 project. Both are hard at it and making great progress in spite of the cold and rainy winter weather that is routine for this time of year. Maybe we should start a pool?

When Ken Jordan and Tracy Malone get their CH701's refurbished, we'll have quite a contingent here at G. P. Chris Beebe comes over from Shady Cove to visit occasionally and give Dennis advice and counsel, so there's another one. Maybe they'll all compete in the 2021 Chicken Drop.

A few photos follow to document the current status. Dick has actually made some additional progress since these pictures were taken.



Yes, Dick's engine finally made it back from Tennessee and is now temporarily installed on the front of his CH701. Here, Phil lends a hand installing one of the engine mount bolts. Let the fun begin.



Hmm. Now it's time to find a home for all those parts that have been gathering dust on the shelf for lo these many months. Dick has since worked on fitting the cowling, but is now focusing on getting everything hooked up for initial engine runs.



And here is Dennis' 701. The wings are on and control system hook-up is complete. Here he has stripped out the old panel in preparation for installing a new one.



Dennis sent me this picture of the panel mock-up. For ease of working on wiring and plumbing on the backside, the final panel will be built in 3 removable sections. Major progress.

Didn't pulse Phil for his CH650 status this time around. He's been making progress leaps and bounds. Could be flying by now for all I know. I'll have to hit him up for updates next month.

Around the Airport

County

Environmental Services Associates has been selected as the Aviation Planning Services Consultant to conduct the Environmental Assessment required to support all short term improvements recommended in the recent Grants Pass Airport Master Plan Update including the proposed runway extension. The specific scope and fee of the EA will be determined in close coordination with the consultant and personnel of the FAA's Seattle Airports District Office.

Two federal grants distributed by the FAA have been received under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. Grants Pass Airport received \$23,000 and Illinois Valley \$13,000. The press release states they are for Coronavirus relief, but the legal language allows them to be used for any legitimate operational or supply expense. Larry extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to the American taxpayers.

Two Airport Day planning meetings have been held to date via Zoom, the latest just this last Thursday. It was noted that the original proposed date of June 26 would be problematic because the removal of the underground fuel tank and rebuild of the fuel island will be underway at that time. Lena Traeger suggested we consider early fall to hopefully put us past fire season. After much discussion, Oct. 16 emerged as the preferred date with Oct. 9 as a possible alternate, dependent on a full review of possible conflicts. A final decision will be made at the next meeting to be held Mar. 25. The format will be similar to past years, but ideas for additional participants and events are being solicited. Several pertinent issues we have had to deal with in the past were discussed including parking, one of the most critical concerns. Previous years' parking issues will be exacerbated due to the likely unavailability of the Armory parking lot due to on-going construction activity there. Off-site parking with shuttle bus transportation seems to be the favored solution, and potential locations have been identified. Follow up will include contacts to determine availability and obtain permission.

Pacific Aviation

Thanks to Bear for serving as my monthly contact for Pacific Aviation activities.

- The "Medford Wing" is now fully operational with the Seminole and a 172 assigned. They have signed up 7 students for instruction at that location.
- Chad Shultz has officially joined the instructor staff.
- The Cherokee 140 previously owned by Ed Lee is now available for instruction and they're looking for another 172 or similar aircraft for the coming summer so they won't run short of available aircraft in the event of a maintenance grounding.
- Four checkrides are coming up in March, 3 private and 1 commercial.
- Bear especially wanted me to mention a special deal they will be offering in March and April for anyone wanting to get a complex aircraft endorsement. A great opportunity to get Comanche time. Call for details.

Baker Avionics

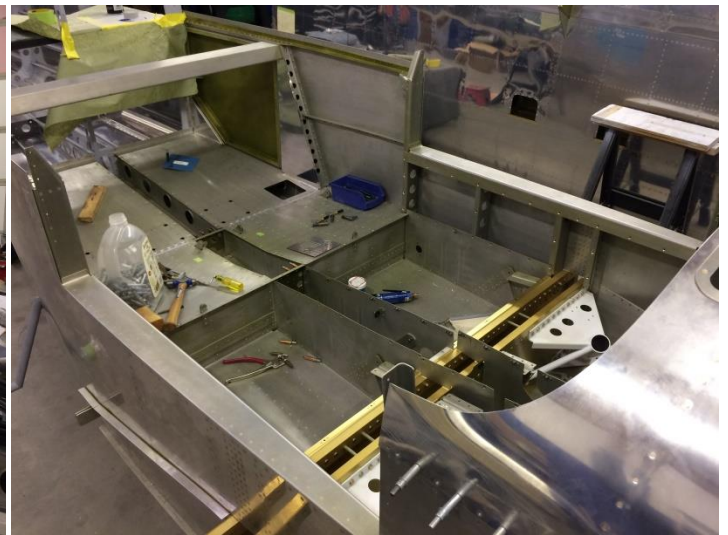


On the grow. Baker has expanded into the hangar formerly occupied by VSI Aviation. This will accommodate more and/or larger aircraft than their current shop space.



Remodel time. A new break room and kitchen area are being created in the main shop which will open up space for an additional office.

VSI Aviation



A couple of pictures of VSI's latest builder assistance project-a RV10. To do a project of this magnitude and not overwhelm their floor space at Chief, they temporarily expanded into space in the industrial complex across the street. With any luck, this should be a flying aircraft later this summer.

Further Afield

No fly-outs to report this month, but it's time to think about the summer. Hopefully, most of Oregon will be past the worst of the Coronavirus restrictions by May, so we need to put a list together of potential day and overnight destinations. Some of the Fly-ins and Airshows cancelled last summer should return this year, so possibilities there. Maybe consider a trip to the museum at McMinnville. We did that several years ago. Non-aviation related destinations are also a possibility. So let's get ready for an active flying season. We certainly didn't have that opportunity last year.

Future Happenings

The major change is the rescheduling of Grants Pass Airport Day to October. Otherwise, everything stays the same for now. However, with spring on the way and a lot of pent up interest in returning to some semblance of flying season “normalcy”, I anticipate events calendars will blossom just like spring flowers about this time next month.

May through October

Oregon Aviation Historical Society (Cottage Grove): A \$100 pancake breakfast destination the first Saturday of every month. The 42nd 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. I can highly recommend “Wings and Wheels” which is no longer in conflict with our Airport Day. This event will also launch the OAHS Traveling Museum which is being created in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Oregon Dept. of Aviation.

June

June 26: OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove. Vintage aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles and more.

July

Jul. 26 through Aug. 1: EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh

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

Aug 20-22: 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

October

Oct. 16th: **Grants Pass Airport Day**

And Finally



When Joe sent me this photo, I immediately thought I was seeing the same Cirrus Jet SF50 that visited us last March and I included in the April newsletter. Caught my attention then not just because it's a bit unique, but that it almost blended in against the gray sky and county hangar background. Déjà vu? Not really. Different registration, just the same paint colors and scheme, so there are at least twins flying around the country. This one is registered to SF50 Aero LLC out of Chattanooga, TN. We definitely get some interesting flying machines passing through our little airport.

EAA Chapter 725
Grants Pass Airport-3S8

Meets: 1st Sunday of the month-1:00 P. M at the Chapter Hangar
(When not under Coronavirus restrictions)

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

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