



**Next Meeting-May 2nd. Noon lunch with meeting to follow. We now have a string of one. Hopefully, we'll be having meetings every month from now on.**

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

As we are now a year from the time we were all told the "lockdowns" were very temporary bla bla bla, we know better. But we have managed. And we have managed to keep the chapter going although on a limited basis. I refused to go along with the cancel cancer that prevailed and even though some of our weekly "lunch get-togethers" consisted of a pizza and sitting outside apart... we kept on with our routines. It depended on that small core of members that are usually there. And I am glad we did. This could have easily sunk our chapter if not for our tenacity in keeping things going. A true show of what we can do working together and not giving in to the hard fought battles to completely shut us all down by certain factions. Call it politics if you want, ( I do). I don't care, but us True Americans won't be defeated quite that easily. We are still here, and plugging along with future goals and projects in the works. Airport Day is in the works, and yesterday I witnessed our local Turkey Hen escort her new babies across Runway 31, a heartwarming sight. Spring is here and we are flying. We are meeting, and we are all still good friends. So, there ya go. Chapter 725 is strong and ready to expand our membership to a sustainable level. Come join the fun. Thanks to everyone.

us Joe

## Treasurer's Report 4/19/2021

Checking account balance 3/31/2021	\$2,010.33
Cash box	\$200.00

### Receipts

cash	donations	\$ 77.00
cash	dues	\$ 120.00
check	dues	<u>20.00</u>
		\$ 217.00

### Transfers

### Expense

check	Pacific Power	(\$ 21.40)
check	Joe Williams-Food	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
		\$ 81.40

### Deposits

Receipts	\$ 217.00
interest	<u>\$ .09</u>
	\$ 40.07

### Ending balance

checking	\$2,146.02
cash box	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>Funds available</b>	<b>\$2,346.02</b>

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## April Meeting

### Minutes

Start. 1:05pm

Introductions: Newly active member Gabriel Johnston, who is building a Sonex after selling his Debonair.

Airport News: Larry Graves retirement. Jason is confirmed as new Director, with some planned overlap prior to Larry's final day. Jason will come be a speaker as soon as the transition is done.

Old Business: Larry has sold the abandoned L29 for scrap and parts. The \$5000 collected is planned for helping the costs of mounting the Cozy as has been planned for almost five years.

New Business: Planning is underway for Airport Day, October 16th. Stay tuned for meeting announcements. Joe and Lena Traeger are leading the planning.

Presentation: Andreas Blech gave a fascinating talk about his crossing the Atlantic after he retrofitted his A36 Bonanza fuel system. (Both ways) he showed his survival suit and other gear, as well as bringing the A36 to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1:45pm.

us Joe

## Program



Andreas gave us a very interesting account of the trans-Atlantic flight he made in 2007 in his V35B Bonanza. From the initial planning, through obtaining required approvals, getting all the required equipment together, to actually making the flight to Germany and back. Major challenges but the achievement of a life-long goal. Pacific next?



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## **May Meeting**

Joe tells me we may get a look at Dave Palmer's Tango XR now fitted with a beautiful custom interior. Yes please. We will also need to discuss repainting the logo in front of the FBO and our involvement in Airport Day. Probably a few other items on the agenda as well.

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## **Around the Chapter**

### Campers



On the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup>, our campground played host to Elizabeth Chapple and Niklas Dellby, from Washington State, who arrived in their Evector "Harmony". The aircraft is a S-LSA from the Evector-Aerotechnik company in the Czech Republic. Had to look it up. Our campground might be getting a little more use from the flying public this year. Turns out it is included in the airport information section on Foreflight.

## Milestones

Congratulations are in order from all of us to Darin Hecker. He passed his Private Pilot check ride on 4/12. Understand the examiner did everything he could to tumble Darin's gyros, but he stayed calm and cool through the whole ordeal.

**Good on you, Darin. This is a great personal accomplishment.**

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Allan Runia officially joined the ranks of the retired on 4/2. Welcome to the world of airport bums. He's accumulating parts for the addition of right side rudder pedals on the Lancair and preparing his Bonanza for annual, so he'll have plenty to keep him busy for awhile.

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In going back through the April newsletter, I realized I did not include the sad news that Barbara Crawford lost her battle with COPD and passed away April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our sincere condolences go out to Dennis on his loss. I prefer to report only good news, but reality sometimes requires us to acknowledge the other kind also.

## Projects

Phil has been chasing an oil leak on his Super Sport that seems to be associated with the oil filter assembly and he has a new housing on order. He did get one flight off on Friday with son Matt, but there is still a bit of seepage so the problem wasn't self correcting. As to his Ch650 project, he's still waiting for warmer morning temperatures so he can start painting. LyCon has informed him that the engine he purchased from Alaska has numerous expensive parts that cannot be overhauled. He will be discussing options with them.

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Beth was Dick's engine installation assistant and now he's enlisted Ryan's help in getting fluid lines and control cables built to speed things up a bit. He's hoping to have the engine ready to run sometime before the end of May.

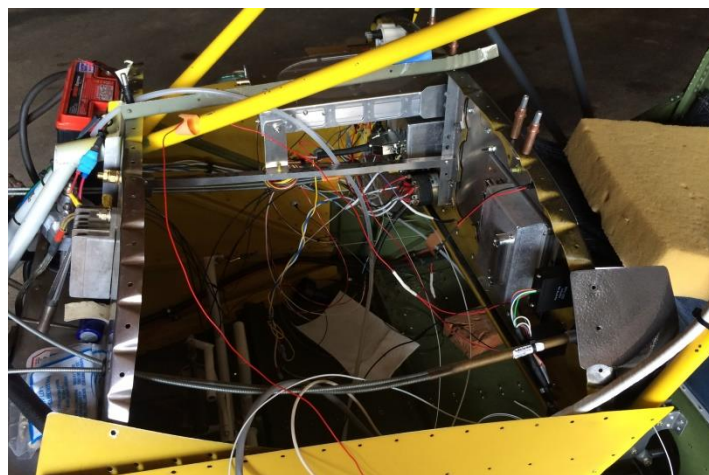
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Dave McGlooin is finishing up the condition inspection on his Sonex. We should be hearing engine noises again fairly soon.

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Gabe Johnston is making great progress on his Sonex project since receiving his tail kit in Feb. He has finished the horizontal stabilizer and elevator. He sent Joe an e-mail with his builders log site and Joe forwarded it to me. It's <https://eaabuilderslog.org/?s=gjohnston>. When I first typed the address in, I couldn't get it to open. Not sure what I was doing wrong, but it seems to be working now. If you give it a try and it won't let you in, please let me know. This is a great way to track the builder's progress through his project and Gabe was nice enough to provide the link. I surely would like us to be able to follow along.





Dennis Mitchell is multi-tasking these days. He's relocating to County hangar F1 while continuing on his CH701 project. Here you can see that his panel is essentially finished and the wiring is well along. The radio installation is pretty complete. Overall, it's still a ways from being finished and he intends to enlist Ryan's assistance in making sure none of the wires go astray as they are connected. He hopes to start taxi testing by mid-May. Me and wiring tasks don't get along very well, so looking at this rat's nest just gives me a headache. Sure glad there are people who understand this stuff.

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We also have a new member, Mark Michael, who has started a RV12. No update on his progress and I don't think he made the April meeting. Note to self: Follow-up required. We now have more active projects than we have had in a long time. Gotta keep up with them all.

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## **Around the Airport**

### **County**

#### **Congratulations to Jason Davis on his selection as the new Director of the Josephine County Airports Department.**

Larry's announced retirement several months past triggered the search for his replacement and culminated with the announcement by the County Commissioners on Apr. 20. Jason has been the Operations Manager for several years, is intimately familiar with all aspects of the airports operations, and is held in high regard by both business operators and recreational aviation enthusiasts alike. Larry was on the interview committee and says Jason prevailed against some pretty stiff competition. The overwhelming written and verbal support on his behalf from the G. P. and IV airport communities certainly contributed to helping the commissioners make their selection. Now they just have to recruit a new Ops Manager. Good luck with that.

Larry reports they are going through the grant agreement process for the fuel tank project. It could get started by the end of April and certainly will extend through the summer. There will probably be some finish work still to be done by the time Airport Day rolls around, but the impact on the annual event should be minimal or less.



Going, going, almost gone. Finally, the L29 that the county confiscated after it was abandoned here many years ago has been sold for salvage and Joe sent me a few pictures as it was being disassembled for transport. The airframe is heavily corroded after years of sitting exposed to the elements and I'm sure critters have left lots of evidence of their temporary occupations. But the buyers are intimately familiar with these aircraft and feel there are more than enough salvageable parts to justify the 5K purchase price.

### Pacific Aviation

Bear reports considerable instructional activity both at G. P. and Medford. Two students (Darin was one) passed check rides in April and three are scheduled for May. Cathy Frankel is no longer with Pacific Aviation as she has moved to Alabama. Charter operations are also showing a growth in demand. Paper work is being completed to get their 441 approved for charter operations, so it will go on-line with Pac-Jet in the near future. From the FBO to the maintenance hangar (**and beyond!**), it certainly looks like Pacific Aviation's businesses are operating on very solid ground.

### Baker Avionics



Two recent arrivals here for the Baker Avionics treatment: A beautiful Stinson 108-3 from Prineville and a Cessna 185 on floats from Lakeview. But there's more than avionics going on here. The outer office is getting a complete makeover. One wall has been moved and a new ceiling, floor covering, and lighting are next on the list. Baker is funding the entire remodel project.



## VSI Aviation



Dave Palmer rolled his Tango XR in for a new weight and balance after extensive modifications and I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. He still needs a new fuel valve and interior trim installed, but the airplane is now beautiful in as well as out. The seats are especially nice.



The RV10 project now has a brand new IO540 on the firewall in prep for plumbing and wiring runs. Some wiring in the fuselage is also in place.

## And how many yards was that?



Sean McGillivray's new hangar project now has a concrete floor. I think it was still a bit soft when I shot this picture, but I certainly wasn't going to test it. By next month, I suspect we will see the trusses up and maybe a roof on.

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## Farther Afield



Joe reconnected last month with his friend Allan in Sacramento for some P51 time. This particular P51 has a full set of controls for the aft seat, so Joe could do his own rolls and loops. But he reports his body gave him a good talking to after the 360 overhead with a 4G break. Says he can't handle that as well as he used to. Must be some reason for that. If it had been me, I suspect I'd have ended up a little puddle on the seat cushion.

## Future Happenings

The Wallowa County Fly-in is the one new addition this month. It looks to me like a number of potential event sponsors are holding off on committing to firm dates pending better visibility on progress against the coronavirus. OAHS has announced cancellation of the May 1 fly-in breakfast, but is hopeful all subsequent events can be held as scheduled.

### June 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. I can highly recommend “Wings and Wheels” which is no longer in conflict with our Airport Day. More on that next month.

### June

June 26: OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove. Vintage aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles and more. First appearance of the Traveling Museum Display.

### July

#### **July 9-10: Wallowa Co. Fly-in, Joseph State Airport (KJSY), Joseph, OR**

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

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

### August

Aug 7: OAHS Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in, Cottage Grove

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

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

### September

Sept 4: Great Oregon Homebuilt Fly-in

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

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## New Feature

Next month I'd like to introduce a new feature to the newsletter: The most favorite airplane you have flown as PIC. Owned, rented, borrowed, or? Doesn't matter. Just that you accumulated time as PIC and acquired a particular fondness for that airplane. I've got mine, I'm sure you have yours. Let me know what it is and then everyone else will know too.



## And Finally



We often get a visit from Bud in his Starduster 1, but this one was a bit different, his first outing after almost a year of rebuilding and refurbishing. It started when he broke the tailwheel on landing. That led to finding a crack in the main gear and it just went on from there. But he's finally airborne again and the airplane sports a bright new paint job and a smoke system. Gave us a demo as he climbed out on takeoff. Neat. This is one beautiful little airplane and not the most common around. Always glad to see it parked on the ramp in front of the FBO.

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### **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**

**(Subject to prevailing coronavirus restrictions.)**

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