



## **Next Meeting**

**12:00 Sunday July 5 in the EAA Hangar**

**Lunch BBQ with Meeting to Follow**

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### **President's Message**

Well if there is one thing that has been constant this year it has been uncertainty. And with the current state of things that seems to be our norm for a while longer. The country has opened back up, to the dismay of some, but utter delight of others. I've witnessed an increase of transient traffic at 3S8 the last month and it has been fun to watch. As far as future events and activities for us, the next up will be the Aviation Flea market we discussed at the last meeting. This should be a fun and profitable activity for many. Watch for updates. Regarding Airport Day, the plan as of now is to make a decision based on the status of things around September 1st. The consensus is that the majority of people want this to happen and that's the direction we are going if possible. In the meantime we have a bunch of projects ongoing with a few builds underway, and some transactions seeing aircraft both leave and arrive. Most flying by members has just been local stuff for now. Stan plans to go visit Brent and Donna so we will look forward to a full report. Our chapter continues to grow, with several new members joining this past month. Come to the next meeting and join in if you have not been in a while. We need you.

Stay flying, and stay safe.

Joe

## June Meeting Minutes, 6-7-20

Meeting called to order by President Joe Williams at 1:00 followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were acknowledged. Attending were Wayne Pinger, Keith Guy, and Nicholas Madtson. Wayne and Keith subsequently joined the chapter. Sixteen members and guests were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: No significant changes from prior month

Old Business: The replacement of the Tetrahedron is still an active project on Larry's "to do" list. Placed on hold until after the summer heat is passed.

New Business: Discussion of Hanger Aviation Flea Market. Settled on July 18, 10-4, \$10/ea. table rental, and open to all pilots. Publicity TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34.

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### Treasurer's Report as of 6/30

Checking account balance 5/31/2020	<b>\$2992.12</b>	
Cash box	"	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### Receipts

Cash	dues	\$40.00
Cash	donations	<u>\$46.00</u>
Total		\$86.00

#### Expenses

check	Joe Williams	food	(\$39.65)
check	Phil Cloutier	food	(\$13.59)
check	Dennis Crawford	plbg.	(\$24.66)
check	Pacific Power		<u>(\$24.45)</u>
			<b>(\$ 102.35)</b>

#### Deposits

Interest	\$ .25
Cash from receipts	<u>\$86.00</u>
	<b>\$86.25</b>

#### Ending balance

Checking	\$ 2976.02
Cash box	<u>\$200.00</u>
<b>Funds available</b>	<b>\$ 3176.022</b>

## July Meeting Program

We don't have a program presenter identified for this meeting, but there are several possibilities. We will also need to discuss the Hangar Sale event further and we always have members' activities and projects to discuss. The opportunity to partner with Pacific Aviation in some kind of "Fun-Fly" event should prompt some conversation. So come and be prepared to listen and/or participate. We are nothing if not flexible.

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## Around the Chapter

### New Members

We've added several first-time members to our happy little group since the first of the year. In no particular order, we have welcomed the following new members since Jan. 1: Cathy Frankel, Wayne Pinger, and Keith Guy. Hope I haven't overlooked anyone. Several others have attended as guests and we certainly hope they will return and join us. Counting renewals, our membership now stands at 24.

### Bye, Bye

Dick Smith's Hornet has found a new home in Salt Lake City. The new owner is the South Valley Flying Club. After delays due to our unseasonable weather and schedule issues, club member and designated PIC Thomas Stowe arrived last Friday (of course) in a C210 piloted by fellow club member Jeff Johnson with his brother Craig along for the ride. Didn't take a picture of the 210. Maybe I should have but, after all, it's just a Cessna. Here are a few photos commemorating the event. A 3 ½ hour trip out at about 140 kts; two days back at about 70 kts. C'mon tailwind.



Bags are loaded and Thomas settles in for the long trip ahead as Dick and Dennis look on. Any last little tidbits of advice, Dick?



One last check aft before closing the door and firing up. Gotta make sure there's nothing loose that could go through the prop.



Up, up and away



Homeward bound. Could have trailered it back, but why? Far more fun to fly it home. Guess it was a successful trip. No reports to the contrary.

### **Yard? Garage? No-It's a Hangar Sale**

Put this on your calendar and spread the word. The date is July 18. More details will be forthcoming following the meeting. The time will be 10-4 (or when there are no more customers) and it will be open to all pilots. Tables will be spread at the appropriate distance apart and will rent for \$10 each. Sale items should be aviation related. That includes mechanics tools. Nobody has enough of them. Please leave the musical instruments, clothing, appliances, fishing gear, and other such items home. The chapter assumes no responsibility for anything regarding the items sold and sellers will be responsible for removing unsold items at the end of the day.

### **Projects**

With the Hornet gone, Dick is hard at it on his CH701 project. He has installed upgraded nosegear hardware and intends to add stiffeners to the fuselage side panels next. With any luck, he may be able to announce the return of his engine at the meeting. Maybe an engine mount too? Dennis Mitchell also is working on his 701. Who will fly first? Stay tuned for progress updates. Meanwhile Phil is working on the instrument panel installation on his CH650. We might just see 3 airplanes make their first flight next spring. Well, at least sometime next year. I'm not aware of any other active projects among chapter members, but I certainly want to know if I'm leaving anyone out.

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### **Around the Airport**

#### **Andreas Blech throws a Graduation Party**

The cancellation of traditional high school graduation ceremonies gave Andreas an opportunity to make the occasion memorable in a more unconventional way. How about a hangar party for graduating daughter Noella and her friends from Cascade Christian? Throw in pizza and a chance to score an airplane flight. How could you beat that? I would have gladly traded my routine graduation ceremony for that any day. Cathy Frankel, Richard Colton, Joe Williams, and myself contributed the wings, although I think Andreas also got in one or two flights. Dave McGloob brought his Sonex over as a static display. The kids (they are, but they aren't) really enjoyed the evening and we were all happy we could contribute to the occasion. I can't think of a better way to spend time in an airplane. I even had a "first time" flyer. She didn't kiss the ground after she deplaned, so I guess the flight went well. I totally misjudged the time I would have between flights, so I came away with no photos. Joe sent me a few of his happy passengers. The smiles say it all.



We flew at least 20 kids that Sunday evening, so this is just a small sample. I'm sure there are several phones with lots of photos so, if I get a few more, I'll include them next time.

### **Airport Day**

This annual event has not been cancelled, but the current restrictions on large gatherings made it impossible to hold it on the originally scheduled June 27<sup>th</sup> date. Larry is looking down-calendar at a possible rescheduling in late September or early October. Nothing has been decided to date, but I'll put out a notice just as soon as a new date is set.

### **New Caretaker**

Our new caretaker is Trenton Wood, who also is a mechanic with Pacific Aviation. He has assumed residency and will be providing security and safety services for the airport. Joe knows him well as he was heavily involved in the last Ercoupe annual. Mac did a great job, but he is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement and it's good to have someone keeping an eye on things again, especially at night and on weekends. Maybe he'll attend one of our meetings and we can get better acquainted.

### **Pacific Aviation**

A sit-down with Bear gave me an opportunity to get caught up with what's going on with Pacific Aviation. Turns out, there's quite a bit.

- Four students soloed within the last month. Some of the students who put their training on hold during the early phase of the corona virus restrictions are now returning. Bear and Cathy are busy with flight instruction. New students are being accepted now that we are in Phase 2. All applicable restrictions are being observed.
- Testing stations have now re-opened and 5 students have taken their written exam.
- 52H is back on line with a full glass panel. Avidyne and Aspen installed by Baker Avionics.
- They're planning to acquire a new state-of-the-art flight simulator.
- PacJet is starting to see an up-tick in charter business.
- Looking to put together a "Fun-Fly" event sometime in July. Want to partner with the chapter. Not sure exactly what that means, but I'm sure Joe or Bear will fill us in.



## First Campers!!



We had our first campers of the season and they weren't firefighters. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rainey from Surprise, AZ arrived last Monday in their RV-10 and overnighted in the campground. I'm thinking maybe they brought some Arizona heat with them too. Joe said they were headed up the coast from here. They came through here last year, so they knew we had a campground available. Made a \$20 contribution to the maintenance fund. Thanks and have a good flight.

Joe Williams photo

## A Look Back

It's just shy of a year since the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Association Air Tour arrived with their large gaggle of antique, classic, and modern homebuilt airplanes. Thought I'd include a few pictures just to relive this significant airport event. Gotta admit, for this total airplane junkie, it was a trip to hog heaven. Sure glad their normal every-other-year tour schedule didn't fall on this year. Most of these photos are Joe's although I also included a few of mine.

Airboss (otherwise known as Airport Manager) Larry Graves was the ringmaster. Chapter 725 members marshalled the aircraft into their parking places and Pacific Aviation provided the needed services. DD-214, a band made up of veterans, provided entertainment and Tacomania filled empty stomachs. The arrival attracted a large crowd of area residents and the Daily Courier gave it front page coverage. The group spent 2 nights here and closed this stop with a jetboat dinner trip. A memorable experience. Sport Aviation writer Luran Paine Jr. was here taking notes and his superbly written article in February's issue of SA, accompanied by Tim Heneghan's great photos, perfectly captured the flavor of this weeklong expedition. He gave us a pretty good plug in the process.

Y'all come back now, y'hear?



"Follow-me" Larry led the arriving aircraft to their assigned areas where chapter members waited to direct them to their parking spots.



Phil is on station and ready for action.



Lyle Sindlinger's 5/8 (almost) scale Hawker Hurricane. Looks pretty fresh, but it was built by Fred Sindlinger in 1971.



Stearmans execute a 360 overhead break. Poetry in slow motion.



G. P. stop coordinator Tom Jensen and wife Marian arrive in their Naval Aircraft N3N-3, one of two on the tour. In their Navy training days, they were painted yellow and known as the "Yellow Peril".



David Bole's beautiful DGA-15P settles onto 31. And, yes, DGA really does stand for "Damn Good Airplane".



A 1947 PA11 Piper Cub Special owned and flown by Marlo Jones. Sort of a "transition" airplane between the J3 and Super Cub series.



Cruisin' up the river in formation on the way back to the dock after dinner. Oh yeah, everyone got wet at least once. A fun way to close out their visit to Grants Pass.





Part of the large crowd that gathered to welcome the visitors to our town.

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## Farther Afield

Those of us “of a certain age” will remember a radio show called “Fibber McGee and Molly” and Fibber’s filled-to-overflowing closet. Well, I found an aviation equivalent in the Oregon Aviation Historical Society’s storage hangar at Cottage Grove. We had a hangar clean-up party on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The piles were loosely sorted into 4 categories: Has an Oregon connection-keep, not of interest-put up for sale, not salvageable-dump, and What the hell is that? The pictures sort of show what we were up against as we got started. Great progress had been made by the time we quit 5 hours later, but we were all so tired and anxious to go home I didn’t get any good “after” photos.



Anybody got a grenade? This is what we started with. The S/N 2 Story Special is front and center. The red-trimmed white airplane is a Ken-Royce powered Rearwin Sportster and it’s for sale. Hiding in the shadows beyond are several more airframes including a Pietenpol fuselage standing on its nose in the far corner.



OMG! You mean we’re really going to haul all this stuff out and sort through it? Will I have to practice social distancing with my chiropractor next week?





Want a T-Craft project? Here are three.



John Barrong hoists what remains of the fuselage from the Boeing 40C Mailplane that crashed on the side of a mountain near Canyonville in 1928. Bits and pieces that were salvageable went into a flying restoration completed by Spokane's Pemberton and Sons Aviation early in 2008. Addison brought it to G. P. later that year. It was sold to WAAAM in 2017.

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## Future Happenings

The calendar is in a constant state of flux. The July 11 OAHS fly-in breakfast and August 21-23 Chapter 292 Fly-in at Independence have been cancelled and there could be additional cancellations or postponements as we progress through the summer. The OAHS Wings and Wheels event got rolled in with the Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival on Aug. 29. That's a good one made even better. Highly recommended. Hope it can be held as currently scheduled.

**Aug. 1:** 42 Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in with breakfast. 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 to Cottage Grove from Oshkosh in 2003).

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

**Aug. 29:** OAHS Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival/Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove

**Sept. 25-27:** Oregon International Airshow, McMinnville

**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**



This gives a whole new meaning to "Taildragger Pilot".

Thanks for the photo, Joe.

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**EAA Chapter 725  
Grants Pass Airport-3S8**

**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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