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## Next Meeting

11:00 February 1 at Ryan Marshall's Hangar

**Directions:** Drive north along the taxiway to the last row of hangars. Hang a left. Ryan's hangar is the next to the last one as you head west. It's number 140. Should be a few cars there already by the time you arrive. **NOTE:** Exercise caution as you pass the hangar rows. There may be aircraft heading out to the taxiway from between the hangars. Alternatively, you can drive toward the EAA hangar and then turn north past the west end of the hangar rows. But you'll be on dirt once past the transient tiedown ramp.

**Reminder:** Annual membership dues are due-only \$20. Please bring to the meeting or mail to: EAA Chapter 725, 1331 Brookside Blvd., Grants Pass, OR 97526. Our Treasurer reports that we currently have 12 renewals.

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### President's Message

As we start the new year, I want to mention that we have done a pretty good job of recruiting new members recently. We were in a downward slump a couple years ago with warranted concern for the life of the chapter. We now have several new members that are bringing new experience to our group, either in the type of aviation experience they have, or what they fly. I hope to see more of this in the near future as we welcome each and every form of our hobby, breaking the bonds of gravity. It is rewarding to see the continued support and participation of so many of our "seasoned" members year after year as well.

When you travel around the airport and see an open hangar with someone around, stop by and say hello. It is very interesting what resides in some of these hangars many of us have never seen. While there invite that person to join our chapter! You may be pleasantly surprised.

Joe W.

## January Meeting Minutes

Call to order by President Joe Williams at 11:06 a.m.

Pledge: 11:06 a.m.

Guest and new member introduction: none

50/50 / Second Chance: not today.

Treasurer's report: by Phil Cloutier

Our Chapter is in the black; data is listed separately.

Old business:

The planned pedestal to support the Cozy Aircraft parked outside the EAA hangar has become a complex task. The County needs a new CG for that aircraft in order to design a pedestal. It would be simpler if the County modified the requirement to a non-rotating pedestal. Ryan has offered the use of his digital scales. This will happen as weather improves.

New business:

The desired extension of runway 13/31 northwestward is being discussed among the airport manager, Josephine County, and the FAA. The County desires a 1500 ft. extension to increase the length of the runway to 5500 ft. The FAA is willing to consider a lesser extension of slightly over 400'.

Joe bought a new projector, simple, compact and cost about \$80. It includes an 8 ft. simple fabric screen. It works with photos, pictures, and documents. Joe suggested that it may be used for presentations in the EAA Hangar.

The EAA hangar lights have been left on at least 3 times recently which raises the cost of the electric bill. Please Turn the lights off as you leave, and lock the hangar.

The Chapter requires speakers or presentations in this new year. Some ideas for future presentations include ODF Aviation Department, building aircraft in Ryan's hangar, aircraft building techniques, Dave Palmer and air ambulance service. The Chapter needs more presentations for our meetings. Please submit your ideas to Joe.

Joe discussed the Chapter prospects and needs for new members.

Websites: Ed Lee discussed that new options may become available with the changing over to a new web contractor for our website. Joe noted that good information is available on the EAA Oshkosh website.

Members discussed differing options for the best day and time for monthly meetings in the future. Members made various suggestions for appointing the best time. Many members have requested going back to the previous schedule on Sundays. A survey is underway and if you have not already, please email Joe with your preference.

Stan Loer introduced the aging of our chapter pilot population. We need new young student pilots to become familiar with EAA activities. Kathy Cloutier suggested projecting pictures on the hangar inside wall during summer Airport Days breakfast to encouraged attendees to seek out further EAA activities. Ed Lee suggested more "hands on" projects of interest to young prospective members. He suggested familiarization flights for interested persons.

Stan Loer suggested short flights among the owner pilots to spread broader experience in various types of aircraft. Michelle Rochette and David Applegate expressed interest in riding as observers in any flights with an empty seat to satisfy their intrinsic interest in flying.

Cheryl Long Riffle volunteered to become the new Chapter 725 Secretary for the coming year. Her offer was endorsed by wide acclaim by the members present.

**Board Members for this new year of 2020:**

- Pres.: Joe Williams
- Vice Pres.: Dennis Crawford
- Secretary: Cheryl Long Riffle
- Treasurer: Phil Cloutier
- Newsletter Editor: Stan Loer
- Web Editor: Ed Lee

Attendees in addition to foregoing: Kathy Cloutier, Michelle Rochette, Dick Smith, David Applegate, David McGloon, Nate Riffle, Jeff Karmy, and others

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**February Meeting**

Ryan Marshall will host our next meeting at his hangar at the north end of the field. Ryan set up shop here as VSI Aviation last fall and joined the chapter shortly thereafter. He’s an A&P mechanic with Inspection Authorization (IA) and has been building and repairing airplanes for 7 years. Most of his experience is with Van’s aircraft, having worked several years for Synergy Air in Eugene. The company built S-LSA RV-12’s under contract with Van’s Aircraft until that company took construction back in house. Ryan obtained his A&P license at Lane CC and his IA through Baker School of Aeronautics in Tennessee after meeting the 3 year experience requirement. With family in Grants Pass and relatives from northern California to the Eugene area, Grants Pass seemed to be an ideal location to start his new business. He provides builder assistance and is a full service maintenance shop for GA owners like us. He’s doing a major upgrade on Darin’s 182 and always has 3 or 4 airplanes in various states of repair in his hangar, so he’s off to a good start.

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**Around the Chapter**

Here are a few more photos from our Christmas Party. We’re moving on well into the new year, but maybe this will help keep the memories alive.



“Wine is like duct tape-it fixes everything”. I’m sure that all the world’s problems were solved by the time Dennis and Jenny finished this conversation.



This looks like a chew toy for a dog. Fortunately, Dick and Beth have one. But I’m not sure he was able to hang on to this valuable gift through the evening.



Now Joe has something to fly when his airplane is down.



Marty got a book about Hollywood cats. Were movie tickets included?



Dennis was late to choose and he scored big. Got to keep it too.



<That's good advice from Darin even if you're not a hang glider pilot.

All you ever wanted to > know about the Pan Am Clippers. Maybe an incentive to build a scale replica, Ryan?



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### Around the Airport(s)

The overnight snowstorm last week really complicated operations at both G. P. and I. V. airports. Larry Graves reported that Jason started plowing the G. P. runway and taxiways at about 2:30 AM Thursday to make sure the airport would be useable later that morning and then headed for I. V. It was closed most of the day pending snow removal which he finished late afternoon and the airport reopened early that evening. Jason has had a bunch of tough days recently and this one really sucked. Can we get this guy a raise?

Larry also reported a number of other incidents and effected activities related to the storm:

- Senate staffers postponed a previously scheduled meeting at the airport.
- Station KOBI postponed an interview about the airport.
- Automatic gate failed at the IV airport.
- A cross arm on the power pole behind our hangar broke causing a brief fire and shutting down power to the FBO and at least the county hangars. It was still down Friday and the office was closed although I had power in my hangar. Joe took the photo at right. The break is highlighted.
- A feral cat locked itself inside a Humvee at the National Guard Armory. Probably didn't want to be "rescued" either given the weather conditions.

As Larry noted in his e-mail, "Just another day in Paradise".



The publish date for the new instrument approach procedure is now Jan. 30. The FAA doesn't seem to be running out of excuses to postpone its implementation, so I guess we'll see if it really happens this time.

### **Airport Advisory Board Report**

The Airport Master Plan is in the final review and comment phases with the FAA. It can be accessed at [grantspass.airportstudy.com](http://grantspass.airportstudy.com). You may have already read in the local paper about the disagreement (not his or my first choice of words) Larry is having with the FAA about their unwillingness to approve the 1500 ft. runway extension in the near term. They're willing to fund 400 ft. now and hold the rest for later. Stay tuned. Other near term (next five years) projects for which funding approval is being requested include a large above-ground Jet A fuel tank, extending the water line from the industrial park to the airport, and extending taxiway B (east side) to full length. I'll summarize the longer term projects next month.

A new Caretaker manufactured home has been purchased and will be ready for occupancy sometime this summer.

There may still be life in the old mogas truck. Consideration is being given to rebuilding the delivery pump and repurposing it for on-field delivery of 100LL.

The board is going to an every-other-month meeting schedule, so the next meeting will be Mar. 3 at 5:30.

### **First Airport Day Planning Meeting**

The first planning meeting was held last Thursday afternoon. The plan is to build on last year's very successful event with a few new activities which should have great public appeal. Larry reported that an aerobatic performer named John Paul Takacs (Takacs?) has been booked for an airshow quality aerobatic routine and a car vs aircraft "drag race" will be staged. The Rogue Valley RC'ers will be prepared to present a 30 minute airshow including the very popular "streamer chase". He also expects to bring back the West Coast Ravens RV formation flight team and hopes Erickson will come through again with the highly impressive Air Crane water drop demo. As in the past, a car show will be held in

conjunction. EAA chapters, aircraft type clubs, and other aviation organizations (for sure the Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club) will be encouraged to fly in for the day. Question raised as to the cost of our breakfast. Need to decide early for publicity purposes. Meetings will continue monthly for now, but will be held more frequently as the date gets closer. The countdown clock has started. Details will be reported as they become more clearly defined.

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## **Future Happenings**

Dates for aviation events are starting to trickle in. Note the addition of the Arlington and Chapter 292 Fly-ins. I'll keep my eyes open for additional aviation activities and would appreciate all of you doing the same. I'll include anything I can get from any legitimate source.

**May 2:** OAHS pancake breakfast, 9-noon. All you can eat. Cottage Grove Airport. \$6 adults, children under 12 free.

**June 6:** Same. Is there a pattern here?

### **June 27: Grants Pass Airport Day**

**June 27:** 7<sup>th</sup> annual OAHS Wings and Wheels Event, 10-4.

**July 11:** You guessed it, another OAHS pancake breakfast. It's obviously a once each month event during the summer.

**August 1:** This time the pancake breakfast is coupled with the 42nd annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in.

**August 14-16:** Arlington, WA Fly-in

**August 21-23:** EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in at Independence. Saturday features Van's homecoming, forums, other aviation activities and mid-Willamette Valley wine tours. Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> STOL Expo. Watch this space for further info.

**August 29:** Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival and, yep, another pancake breakfast.

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## **And Finally**

As I wrap this up, the news media have just reported the crash of an American C130 firefighting aircraft in Australia. There were no survivors among the 3 crew members. A real tragedy which only reminds us again of the extreme risks associated with fighting these monstrous blazes. The Aussies help us in our time of need and we reciprocate. Been doing that for many years. It was only two years ago that an Australian crew made use of our campground and shower trailer for a time during that summer. A small offering perhaps, given what we received in return, but it provided some temporary relief and our efforts were appreciated. Hopefully, as was the case last summer, the facilities will see little use this year, but they'll be ready if needed.

Danger recognizes no nationality so, on this side of the globe or the other, we mourn the loss and honor the men and women who accept the risks and perform their duties with exceptional skill and courage.

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**Special Notice: Starting in March, our meeting day and time will shift to the first Sunday of the month and a 1:00 meeting. When we return to the hangar, we will resume our normal noontime barbecue. At the FBO, we've been fortunate to have food provided by members which has been plenty for lunch. Nothing formal and no guarantees, so you may want to eat prior to the meeting.**

This new day and time is really our most recent previous day and time and was preferred by a significant majority of members who responded to an e-mail survey conducted by President Joe Williams.

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

**Meets: 1st Saturday of the month- 11:00 AM**

**Joe Williams.....President**

**Cheryl Riffle.....Secretary**

**Phil Cloutier.....Treasurer**

**Stan Loer.....Newsletter Editor (stazel@cpros.com)**

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