



Next Meeting-Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:00

12:30 BBQ and Meeting at Hangar Weather Permitting

I did a tally of members. We have a total of thirty-seven. I count 23 pilots; that seems like a pretty good number. Fifteen pilots are over 65. Eleven, nearly 30%, of us are over 70 and 80 years old. Some don't fly any more or don't have a plane available. Roughly we have 8 students. It's just numbers and I don't really have a point. I'd like to wave a magic wand and help each person attain their goal of getting that check ride completed. Maybe we can share some words of encouragement or maybe there's a tangible way we can offer some help to get our students closer to flying on their own. In the meantime, if you have an extra seat, take someone along for a flight. Even if it's just out over the river and downtown. It'll mean a lot to them and help keep that dream of one day being PIC.

Dennis Mitchell

President
EAA chapter 725

Treasurer's Report, 4/21/24

Checking Account Balance 3/21/24	\$1,647.93
Cash box	900.00
Receipts: Donation	770.00
Membership: 4@\$20/ea. Cal Schmidt, Cassandra Moyer, Eric Haskins, Phil Cloutier	80.00
Disbursements: Annual Tax File 990-1	(100.00)
Hangar Ground Lease Balance	376.43
	Donation to Aviyah Jones Aviation Career: \$600
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$2021.45
Cash Box	300.00
Funds available	\$2,321.45

Current Credit Against Hangar Ground Lease: 14.25 hrs.

April Meeting Minutes

- ✓ Call meeting to order
 - dedicate meeting to Flying days ahead
- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance

- ✓ Get a count of attendees.
 - 25 adults, 2 children.
 - Member count based on \$3000/year, equals \$96.77 per member.
 - Had hoped to hit a goal of 10 new members or 40 total. 31 members as of today.
 - 1440\$/
 - year hanger rental.
 - My other goal was to reach out to 1000 people is probably getting close.

- ✓ Welcome visitors and ask them to introduce themselves.
Visitors: 1) Mike McCloud. Wants to start flying this summer.

President message

- Campground maintenance volunteers. Post hours by back door. Should we use a sign up sheet to schedule? Promote use of picnic area.
- Next hanger cleanup day? Before May meeting or day of? Clean up 1-1.5 weeks before pancake breakfast event.
- If you own an Airplanes send in picture to post to webpage and hanger wall.
- Plans for Fly outs / Poker run. Chris Beebe to organize.
- May 18, starts at 9am, burrito breakfast 10\$ at Shady Cove with spot landing competition. Sign waiver to land at Shady Cove 2500ft. Runway
 - How do we get the word out quickly or share plans for future trips.

- Possibly use the SOJ (State Of Jefferson) Flyers model. One person makes the overall plan and sets a date and destination. Students or non-pilots can plan trips too, check Wx, destination activities.
- Powers restaurant The Code, they deliver 541-439-2889, Myrtle Creek Pizza Palace delivery 541-863-5284, J Sloppy Burger 541-863-6033

✓ Overview of major up-coming events (minor overview)

- May 24th Boatnik Parade... Volunteers? Possible CAP to walk beside trailer.
- June 15th Airport Day / Pancake Breakfast
 - Three sections:
 - 1. Celeste in charge of cooking and kitchen,
 - 2. X1 in charge of dining room
 - 3. X2 in charge of technical stuff, TV, crowd control
 - Anyone want to coordinate hat sales, Key chains (remove before flight), Suggestions for other items?
 - Food handlers card is desired in volunteers.
- Volunteers are key to success of the chapter and Airport Day - Planning committee meeting May 5th at GP FBO 11:30 am.
- Report of ongoing projects
 - Segmented circle, compass rose, campground maintenance. SC scheduled for pressure wash and paint in April.
 - YAD, Youth Aviation Development weekend report by Allan

Most CAP interest was for flying vs. building. Next YAD committee event will be scheduled by Allan. Will discuss next steps for CAP to build projects.

✓ Jamie Jones Presentation

Voted to start a student pilot scholarship fund for young EAA members to help pay for pilot training. Especially for this year's Flight Academy at Oshkosh this year. Cash donation was given to Aviyah, this meetings winner.

Meeting adjourned around 14:20

Items on agenda not discussed completely:

- ✓ What are chapter member expectations?
- ✓ Member announcements
- ✓ If time allows: Review tactics and strategies to meet new membership goal:
- ✓ National resources on eaa.org/eaa-chapters

Other announcements

May Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order

- ✓ Dedicate meeting to student pilots

- ✓ Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Get a count of attendees.
- ✓ Welcome visitors and ask them to introduce themselves.

President's discussion

- Campground maintenance signup sheet
- Hanger cleanup
- Pictures for the webpage
- Segmented circle
- Chapter projects

✓ Up-coming events

- May 18th Shady Cove,
- May 18 & 19 Myrtle Creek
- May 25th Boatnik Parade
- June 8th Ashland
- June 15th Airport Day / Pancake Breakfast
- ✓ Pancake Breakfast Volunteers
- Volunteers are key to the success of our chapter

✓ Allan R. YAD, Youth Aviation Development update and clarification of Ray Scholarship program.

✓ Stan L. Discovery Trail project updates

✓ Member announcements

Around the Chapter

Our two Dennis's, Mitchell and Crawford, both completed their BFR's recently, so they're ready for the summer season. Dick Smith as well just last week with Wolf. By the time you read this, Dennis Crawford will have his Ercoupe through annual at Beagle, so both airplane and owner will be current.

Saw Phil at his hangar recently. He was wiring in an external power receptacle on the Super Sport. Just in case, don't you know. He also said he's about half way through the Phase 1 test program on his CH650. He recently went through an exercise finding insurance coverage. "Reasonably priced" hardly applies to aircraft insurance, but he was able to find coverage he could live with for both airplanes after the first quote was anything but.

Follow up: Well, he's got a bit more now. Was out early last week and Phil was flying. Caught in the act! First time I've seen the 650 airborne. Looks good. Perfect day to continue Phase 1 testing. Gotta finish it and get that test area perimeter fence down.



Around the Chapter (cont.)

Not sure how it all came about but, when the dust settled, Tracy Malone ended up owning the CH601 which Michael Seal chose not to take with them when he and Eva relocated to Texas. I know he's looking for O200 parts for the engine rebuild.

Jim gave me a heads up on the planning for the Boatnik Parade float. He is borrowing his neighbor's 18' flatbed trailer. Dennis Mitchell will tow. 2 ½' 2x4 frames will be installed on each side to display banners. (3) banners for each side. Logan Design is printing. 1) 2 1/2 x 10' EAA725 Freedom to Fly logo with website, invite to all, youth aviation development, Young Eagles Flights. 2) 2 1/2 x 4' Pancake fundraiser at Airport Day with pork sliders for lunch, date at the bottom so we can cover and reuse in future. 3) 2 1/2 x 4' for sponsors to be listed.

The Grants Pass Active Club is very excited to have an aircraft in the parade. Jim spent time with the parade marshal going over the route. He was understandably concerned about clearance for the 27+ ft. wingspan. Not half as much as Jim. Current plan is to take the trailer to the airport the night before. Wings will be installed after moving the float to the parade staging area. I'm sure this will be a major topic of discussion at the meeting.

June 15. Airport Day. Fly-in breakfast. Another major discussion item for the meeting. Dennis has sent out a couple of emails on groceries, hangar prep, and, oh yeah, volunteers. Nothing happens without volunteers.

The funding management issues which put the Discovery Trail Project on hold for all of last year have been resolved. The most viable option will be to accept it as a chapter project and route all financial support through the chapter account. Jim has agreed to set up a bookkeeping process which will maintain a separate identity for contributions. This is similar to the way the original project funding was managed, except the Airport Director offered to manage the collection and disbursement of the funds through the airport office. That resource is not available to us this time.

So we seem to have a path forward, but it would be best to get an expression of support from the membership before we reboot. Even though the original project was not under the auspices of the chapter, several members participated in bringing it to successful completion. I would hope for at least the same level of support for Version 2.0. However, I'm open to anyone who wants to contribute. I would like to see broad-based support regardless of how it's managed. I suspect we'll need at least another 6 months to work out remaining details before we're ready to print, which makes this a good fall and winter project.

Before the project was interrupted, and even in the intervening period, considerable work was done to define what Version 2.0 might look like and some verbal commitment of funding support was obtained. We're not totally locked in, but here's where we stand going forward: The original subjects will be repeated with updates as required. A few panels can be reprinted with minimal changes; some will require recreating from scratch. In addition, new subjects have been suggested. The total count is 20, up from 14. I can provide the proposed list to anyone who is interested. The immediate need is for content generation. Give it a try. You just might find out you have creative juices you never realized. Jim Hammell generously offered to make the mounting frames. We will need to define the support structure and, this time around, each frame will support two panels. We will attach to the fence posts same as last time, but the supports might look a bit different from the conduit struts we used originally.

Leah Baker offered to help with revisions to the files from which the Version 1.0 panels were created. She has now suggested that their recently acquired ultraviolet printer might be able to handle the printing. We'll need to figure out if this is really feasible, but it does offer an interesting option. Based on cost numbers from Logan, I came up with an estimate of \$8,500 (based on 20 panels), but we now have a "Plan B" to evaluate. I want that estimate before we reopen the funding discussion.

There are still a number of details to be worked out and tasks to be completed. It starts with chapter approval to relaunch the project. I'm not prepared to establish a firm timeline until we have some open issues resolved. But whatever develops, you'll see it here first.

Around the Airport

County

Several “spring cleaning” activities in the works or recently completed: The deer fence project at the northeast corner across Harris creek has now been completed. Two trees near Dutch Bros. will be cut down. One is dead; the other could potentially take out a power line if it fell. A new campground sign has been installed. Public Works will spray the edges of the taxiways and runway.

The 90% drawings for the potable water project have been completed. The management for this project has been shifted to Josephine County Public Works as this is a non-aviation project and will run concurrently with the sewer project. Both lines will be installed under Brookside resulting in the replacement of the roadway due to too many utilities on both sides. Work could begin as early as next spring.

Jamie Jones has been appointed to the Advisory Board.

Pacific Aviation

Alan Martin has joined the FBO staff. And he owns a beautiful bright red Aeroprakt A22LS light sport aircraft. This is the 2nd of these I know of in the area. The other one belongs to Wolf out at IV. Welcome to Hampshire field, Alan.

Baker Avionics

Baker Avionics has become a popular destination for Mooney owners seeking to upgrade their avionics. This is the before and after of the recently completed full avionics upgrade to a 1981 Mooney M20J featuring a custom CAD panel. A super clean installation. Not exactly a homebuilt, but many of us fly older factory-built airplanes and may be in the market for upgrades at some point.



VSI Aviation

When I looked at my new photos, I realized they were more “business as usual” than “new projects”. Great as a business model, but “news” is in my job title. (Memo: Print and post on bathroom mirror. Also, take tongue out of cheek). So I’ll give Ryan a pass this time. I know he has some really neat projects lined up.

Shop Dawg

Well, I've heard Ryan refer to him in those terms. Speaking of newsworthy, I promised another "Pilots and Pets" entry and this month's feature is *Kona*, Ryan Marshall's 2 year old Springer Spaniel. And I guess the label is accurate as you will almost always find him at VSI Aviation or riding around the airport in Ryan's truck. I'm told he also flies with him; has about 25 hours airborne.

I mentioned in last month's teaser that he has a favorite tennis ball he loves to chase. Rain or shine it turns out, as he was a bit wet when I took this picture. But he's not at all discouraged by a little shower.

So, here's my latest entry highlighting another member's 4-legged companion. And this one makes friends easily. Especially if you throw the tennis ball for him to chase.



Future Happenings

I was able to add a few new events close to home: Shady Cove, Myrtle Creek, and Ashland. Close enough to drive if you can't fly in. Time to get out and about.

May 18-19: Oregon International Airshow, Hillsboro

May 18: Breakfast Burritos, Shady Cove Airpark, 9:00, Mike and Lori Butler, 505 Rogue Air Drive 541-840-9853
Rogue.air.org/landing-waiver (for those planning to fly in). All: RSVP requested by May 4.

May 18: BBQ @Myrtle Creek Airport, 10-10 (Yep, long day). Pacific NW BBQ Ass'n Competition, flyinpig.org

May 19: Breakfast @Myrtle Creek Airport, 10-5 (That's what the Flyer Says), catered by Mid Town Grill

May 25: Boatnik Parade. Our chapter will enter a float.

June 15: Grants Pass Airport Day. Chapter 725 Breakfast

June 22: OAHS Wings and Wheels, Cottage Grove, 10-4

June 22: Truckee Tahoe Air Show and Family Festival, Truckee, CA.

July 13-14: California Capitol Airshow, Mather Airport, Sacramento

July 20-28: Oshkosh

Aug 24-25: Wings over Willamette, EAA Chapter 292 Fly-in and STOL Exposition, Independence

Aug. 22-24: Airshow of the Cascades, Madras

Aug. 31-Sept. 2: Oregon International Airshow, McMinnville. Thunderbirds scheduled to perform.

Sept. 7-8: Annual WAAAM Fly-in, Hood River, OR. (WAAAM= Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum)

Sept. 28-29: California International Airshow, Salinas, CA. USAF Thunderbirds

Oct. 4-6: Reno Airshow, Reno Stead Airport, Reno, NV

And Finally

Leah Baker has done it again. Here is the 2024 Airport Day Flyer. First class as always. It's going to attract lots of attention when it gets posted on bulletin boards around the valley and at airports across the region. She has 50 on order and I know Joe wants to get some card stock versions printed. We need to help get these spread around and can certainly get some printed up ourselves. She also sent me the PDF version.



The flyer features a background image of several small aircraft flying in a blue sky. In the top right corner is the Josephine County logo, which includes a green shield with a tree and the text 'JOSEPHINE COUNTY'. The main title 'AIRPORT DAY' is in large, bold, red letters. Below it, a green banner contains the text 'FATHERS DAY WEEKEND SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH 2024, 9AM-3PM'. The central text area lists activities and features, including aircraft displays, a pancake breakfast, food trucks, and a car show. A blue oval on the left contains information about a 'KIDS FUN!' event featuring Amelia the Air-Pig Mascott and Smokey Bear. The bottom of the flyer has four hexagonal images: a helicopter, a cockpit, a red car, and a small airplane. The bottom left provides the address for Grants Pass Airport, and the bottom right mentions parking and shuttle services provided by the National Guard Armory and Civil Air Patrol.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

AIRPORT DAY

FATHERS DAY WEEKEND
SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH 2024, 9AM-3PM

AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS
DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATION AVAILABILITY ARE SUBJECT TO CALLS FOR SERVICE

FEATURING A BLACKHAWK & CHINOOK HELICOPTER, DUTCH BROS JET, NATIONAL GUARD HUMVEES, WARBIRDS, AND EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES. **DEMONSTRATIONS** TO INCLUDE AEROBATICS, A DEMO FROM THE SISKIYOU RAPPEL CREW, AND VARIOUS FLIGHT DEMOS, INCLUDING A CHICKEN DROP

FREE ADMISSION!

EAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST | FOOD TRUCK VENDORS
KAJO RADIO BROADCASTING
WINGS & WHEELS CAR SHOW | LIVE MUSIC
EMERGENCY SERVICE VEHICLES ON DISPLAY

KIDS FUN!
Meet Amelia the Air-Pig Mascott when she lands at 9AM
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Visit with Smokey Bear

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EAA Chapter 725, Grants Pass Airport-3S8

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

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

Winter months: FBO Classroom

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