



## **Next Meeting-Sunday, July 7, 2024**

### **1:00 at Hangar with 12:30 BBQ**

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

I saw a t-shirt that said "Dirty Hands, Clean Money". Actually, I think it's a brand. We have a lot of members who get aviation "dirt" on their hands. Maybe I'll get a t-shirt that says "Dirty Hands, Clean Life". I enjoy working on my plane. I like figuring out problems and making solutions. I get a feeling of accomplishment when I make something work! I'll bet most of our chapter members do too.

I also like to fly my plane, I like the company of other aviation enthusiasts and I like to think I'm doing something positive for the greater community.

Our chapter is part of the EAA, so it would seem building and flying EABs, Experimental Amateur Built airplanes, is the core of our chapter, but we are more than that.

From time to time, the question comes up, what is the identity or function of our chapter? What does EAA chapter 725 do? As members, we get to choose! You make it happen. The chapter doesn't define the member activity, it's the other way around. We members define what our chapter is and does.

So... we're building a youth aviation development group, maybe we can get a YE program going, we are a resource for pilot training information, we build and maintain experimental aircraft as individuals or sometimes as groups, we contribute to airport maintenance, we are a flying club and we are a social club.

There's nothing wrong with adding to this list. If you want a group activity for the chapter, just speak up, be involved and you can make it happen.

Dennis Mitchell  
EAA Chapter 725

## Treasurer's Report, 6/29/24

Checking Account Balance 5/21/24	\$1,973.88
Cash box	328.00
Receipts: Donation, Food/Shower	86.00
Proceeds from Airport Day: Breakfast (280) and Lunch (33)	2,994.00
Membership: 2@\$20/ea. John Moir, Michael Nadalin	40.00
Disbursements: Electric	24.11
Cost of Goods Sold	973.39
Ending Balance	
Checking	\$4,425.71
Cash Box	00.00
Funds available	\$4,425.71

Current Credit against Hangar Ground Lease: 20.25 hrs. Six hours added for assembly and priming frames and lumber.

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## June Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order and pledge of allegiance at 1pm.

### Guests introduced:

Kurt from California. Now has a hanger at GP airport to bring his Swift up here. He also discussed his involvement of his local California EAA gold star chapter.

Don used to be a chapter 725 member years ago but only recognized Stan. He might join up again soon.

Nick's wife and children came to support Nick's membership and involvement.

### Agenda items from Dennis:

Mower we use at airport needs new blades installed.

Dennis and Stan cleaned shower recently.

Dennis reviewed our budget / funds.

Sign-up to volunteer for future pancake breakfasts.

Allan mentioned hanger space rental / lease per sqft. He is discussing this with the airport to equalize / normalize this price across all hangers.

Airport Days is not funded by Josephine Co. any longer.

Dennis reviewed Independence, Oregon gold star chapter 292 member application. Theirs has questions about what skills and talents potential members will bring and volunteer to that chapter.

Recent Shady Cove burrito breakfasts was well attended which has been increasing year to year. Upcoming raffle might include member offered airplane ride. If not a commercial pilot, member cannot accept compensation for the ride.

Allan introduced a motion to close our chapters YAD scholarship account. Discussion reveled the account was not started but cash was handed to recipient. Motion was amended to cancel all previous motions concerning YAD scholarship effort connected to chapter 725. Going forward, our efforts for supporting YAD will be informal until we have a need to organize a proper scholarship program.

Stan plugged upcoming Wings and Wheels event in Cottage Grove airport. Oregon historical aviation museum at that airport is a sponsor.

Discussed upcoming Airport Days event and our pancake breakfast. Discussed upgrading our hamburger lunch with to include a smoked meat plate with an increased donation for this meal.

Meeting adjourned around 2pm

25 board, member and guests in attendance.

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### **July Meeting Agenda**

- Call meeting to order
- Dedicate meeting to making things work
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Get a count of attendees.
- Welcome visitors and new members.
  
- ✓ President's thoughts on chapter "identity"
  - Member recognitions
  - Member and guests introductions and aviation interests
  - Guest CFI speaker and presentation
  
- ✓ **Volunteers are key to the success of our chapter**
  
- ✓ Member announcements and comments
  
- ✓ Adjourn meeting

For chapter information visit:

Website <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa725>

Facebook group, "EAA Chapter725"

National EAA <https://www.eaa.org/ea>

## Around the Chapter

### Additional Boatnik Parade Photos

Here are a few more photos from our participation in the Boatnik Parade courtesy of Cheryl Mitchell.



All ready to go. Let the fun begin.



Head 'em up, move 'em out. We're on parade.



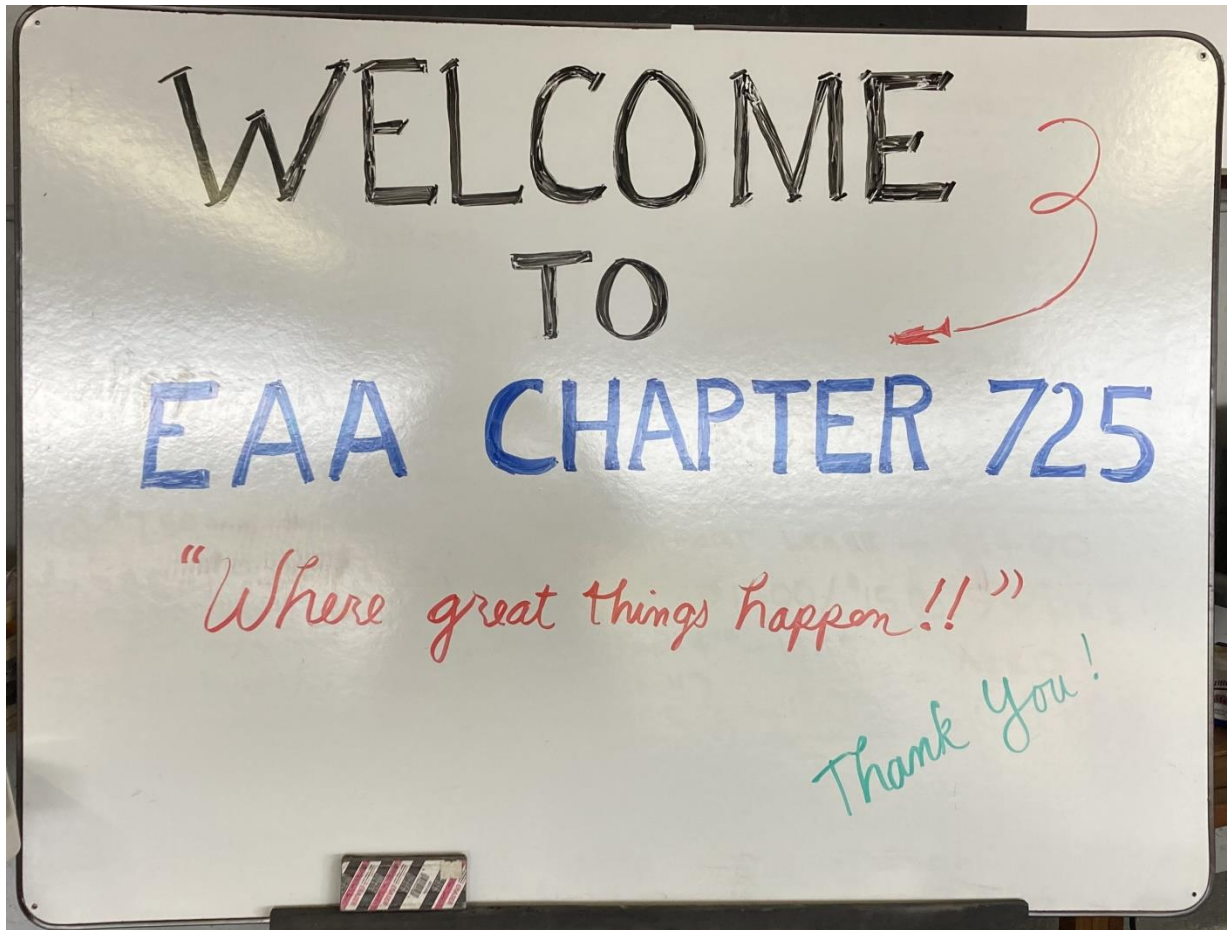
End of the line. Time to pull the wings off and head to Brookings. That's Tracy on the end of the wing. I'm observing, just what I do best. Steve Cross looks like he's offering me a ladder. I'm sure I declined. Jim is supervising-it's his airplane after all. Caleb Cross and Dennis Mitchell are removing wing bolts. It might look a bit shaky, but the mission was accomplished.

### Airport Day Breakfast

We had our most financially successful Airport Day breakfast to date. It helped that the weather was perfect and the displays attracted a large attendance. But what really was responsible for its success was the countless hours spent in advance planning and preparation followed by the great turnout of members and their spouses on the day of to make sure all the tasks were efficiently performed.

As usual, my photo collection doesn't do justice to the efforts expended, but I've included some on the next couple of pages to record the event for posterity.





Our customers were welcomed by this sign created by Linda Colton as well as the friendly serving crew. Pretty much says it all.



The cooking and serving crews hard at work. At cooking stations are Chris Beebe, Cassie Moyer, and Jim Hammell. Linda Colton and Cindy Case are serving the customers. Farther out, under the blue awning, Corrie Beebe is our cashier. Wish I had taken a picture of her at her station.



At the prep station, Cheryl Mitchell is whipping up pancake batter and eggs. Eric is waiting to take the mixes to the cooks. Dennis Mitchell and CAP cadet Nathaniel are breaking the eggs. We had two CAP volunteers, Nathaniel and his brother Michael. Didn't get last names. Dennis said they were a great help. Thanks, April.





Michael is making sure the beverage and syrup station is fully stocked.



This photo was taken at 9:50, probably near the peak of our customer volume.



A gaggle of CH701's in front of the hangar. L to R: Ken Szewc, Dick Smith, Chris Beebe, and Dennis Mitchell.



Eric Haskin's G3 600 and Allan Runia's Lancair 235 were parked alongside the hangar. A really good showing of members' airplanes.

### Chapter and Member Projects/Activities

So much attention was focused on Airport Day that I got very little information on our member's activities. One exception is Allan Runia. He's been busy. I learned he was instrumental in arranging for Kurt von Salzen (June guest and future member) to buy the north end hangar in our row from Trenor Scott. Part of the deal was his acquisition of a Mooney 201 that has not flown in 23 years. He plans to use it as the project for the Youth in Aviation Program. Come to the meeting and hear how he plans to develop a program which will get the kids involved in everything required to return the aircraft to airworthy condition.



We welcomed Norman Rainey and his wife to our campground the week before Airport Day. They have been here before with their beautiful RV10. They now live in Surprise, AZ, but used to live at the Independence Airpark.

The "chapter activity" part of this entry was the campground clean-up. I know Joe Stone and Dick Smith contributed. I may be overlooking others. Dennis Mitchell discovered a water leak under the sink in the shower trailer. Diagnosed as a faucet issue. Required some jury rigging to make it useable until a repair could be made.



Now that we're past Airport Day, we can get back into the segmented circle repair project, but we might want to wait for cooler weather. All the boards have been primed and I think we're ready for assembly. We'll get a status update at the meeting.

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## Around the Airport

### Special Section-Airport Day

No question this year's Airport Day was a rousing success. Joe and Lena's planning produced a memorable event with full support from the airport management and staff. There are probably a few things that could be improved upon. Joe is planning a debrief for sometime later this month.

Unseasonably cool (just right) and clouds to block the hot June sun made a perfect day for the large crowd of visitors. The ramp was full of interesting aircraft. Displays from civic and service organizations were set up on the lawn and south parking lot, and beautiful cars filled the north end of the ramp. Food vendors provided a variety of eats. Pacific Aviation had a booth where kids could try their hand at making paper airplanes. A little bit of something for everyone. I was able to get around and take a lot of photos, some of which are marginally acceptable for inclusion here. I also received some from Joe Williams and Leah Baker which I am including with credits noted.



Lena put her chicken suit away and took on a new character this year. She became Amelia, the Air Pig Mascot. I didn't see her all day. Got this photo from Alan Martin at Pacific Aviation.



An overview of the crowd eyeballing the impressive lineup of aircraft on display. Temperature was in the 70's and beautiful puffy clouds dotted the sky. There were several local events competing for attendance, but we certainly got our share of the area's population. Photo by Joe Williams.



Mercy Flight's King Air was joined this year by the REACH Airbus H135 Medivac helicopter. REACH is part of the Global Medical Response family of companies. Cal-Ore Life Flight is a REACH affiliate. Joe Williams photo.



Beautifully maintained examples of past military training aircraft. In the foreground is a WWII vintage Harvard Mk 4. In the middle is a Beech T34 "Mentor" in Navy colors, with a North American T28 "Trojan", also in Navy colors, alongside. Yep, that's Richard Colton walking the "zipper line".





Kenny Jordan has been successful in getting the Army National Guard to put a Chinook on display. It's always a crowd pleaser and the crews welcome the public.



The Dutch Bros CJ4 and an Army Blackhawk helicopter completed the flight line display at the north end of the ramp. Joe Williams photo.



The Rappel Team put on an impressive demonstration. A real adrenalin rush, I'm sure but, during fire season, this is serious business.



Kari and Joe Cameron arrive to complete the flightline display. Kari is leading in an Embraer Tucano with Joe on her wing in their Pilatus PC7. Their stable of aircraft includes a beautiful T34 and a couple of L39's which Kari has raced at Reno. Joe Williams photo.



Kari Cameron and back-seater Denaly McAlister (Pac. Av. flight instructor) pose for pictures after arriving in the Tucano. Denaly was grinning from ear to ear. Who wouldn't be?



Joe Cameron deplanes from their Pilatus PC-7. These are not your normal everyday airplanes you will commonly see on our ramp.





We had these two visitors from Montague: A 1947 Stinson 108-1 registered to James Kepford and a 1946 J3 belonging to Bette Akana. Y'all come back now, ya hear?



The day wouldn't be complete without Bear in his Extra 300. Joe Williams photo.



On to the cars. I've included just a few. This is a beautiful and extensively modified 1936 Chevy 5-window coupe owned by Ron and Kay Smith of Medford. I'm no expert on antique cars, but I don't think a 350 Chevy engine and mating transmission would have been a factory option in 1936.



This 1938 Buick Special is owned by G. P. resident Darrin Worman. Wish I had taken a picture from the other side. It looks stock to me, but what do I know?



This dog catcher buggy was at the 2022 Airport Day event also. The sign on the side of the cage says Beware-Unhappy Hounds.



Another return, this Peterbilt Model 379 5/8 scale by Lil Big Rig. It has an all fiberglass body installed on a 1996 Ford F250 Extra Cab 7.3L diesel pick-up frame. All the comforts and features you would expect to find in your passenger car are in the cab. If I had spent more time, I might have even found the owner's name.

## County

- Cherie said they recorded an Airport Day attendance of over 1,400, but she's sure that's an undercount. They've gotten lots of positive public feedback. That's impressive to me. It's one thing to go home thinking "That was a lot of fun". It's quite another to sit down and provide unsolicited feedback.
- The airport is planning to improve security camera quality and coverage.
- The Rates and Charges subcommittee has met to review county airports policy. They will submit their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. I guess you could say this is timely as June 30 marks the end of the fiscal year.

## Pacific Aviation

- The larger of the two new flight simulators is being installed in the Maintenance Hangar. I'll try to have more information on it next month.
- Not exactly new news, but Pac. Av. added Denaly McAlister and Ethann Damato to their instructor staff last April, joining Bradley Fountaine. Denaly came full circle as the path to her aviation career started at Pacific.
- Jenny Jackson has joined the staff as Outreach Coordinator. Has an extensive background in education. She'll be working on the variety of youth oriented programs Pacific Aviation is pursuing.

## Baker Avionics

For the most part, it's business as usual. Greg did want everyone to know that Kiera Baker is back at the front desk.

## VSI Aviation



Back to work on the Harmon Rocket, mating the wings and fuselage and fitting the wing root fairings. I'm still intrigued by the engine mount. I think there's a bridge somewhere with a section missing.

## SOJ Flyers

Three aircraft took off Thursday headed for Alaska. In the lead was Andreas in the Brossard, followed by Jeff Karmy in his 172 and Sean McGillivray in his 182. This was a family trip for Jeff and Sean. They were scheduled to add a 4<sup>th</sup> airplane in Portland. Fritz will join Andreas in Anchorage. Specifics provided by Dennis Mitchell.

This one got by me. I heard it was in the planning stages a few months back, and had intended to get the details and report it in the newsletter. Too late. Got caught up in other subjects and the time got away from me. Just have to put a story together after they get back.



## Further Afield

It was onward to Brookings for their Airport Day after the wings were secured on the trailer at the end of the Boatnik parade route. Jim and Celeste, Dick and Beth, and Dennis and Cheryl carried the chapter flag to the coast. Sure put a bunch of miles on that 701. Here are a couple of photos from that trip courtesy of Dennis.



And here's proof.



Reese helps Jamie with the Yak prestart procedures.

## Ashland Airport Day



Chapter CH701's. L to R: Chris Beebe, Dennis Mitchell, and Tracy Malone. Chris Beebe photo.



"Count on Bear, he's always there." OK, so I'll not be asked to create slogans for anyone but, in this case, it seems to be true. Dennis Mitchell photo.



Andreas and Sean's Broussard and Sean's 182 in the foreground with the 701's behind. Not sure exactly who all made the trip, but it appears Grants Pass was well represented. Dennis Mitchell photo.



## Oregon Aviation Historical Society Wings and Wheels

Great weather extended all the way up the I5 corridor, making it possible for many aircraft owners to bring their birds to Cottage Grove last weekend. That included several from our end of the state. I'll put this event together for next month. Just for a tease, here's the People's Choice winner in the airplane category.



Immaculate 1942 Ryan PT22 belonging to Kenny and Ginny Chapman, Canby, OR. It's based at Lenhardt Airpark.

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## Future Happenings

**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

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## And Finally

One last look at Airport Day with a photo from Leah Baker.



Smokey Bear and the U. S. Forest Service crew are always welcome at Grants Pass Airport, but especially at Airport Day. As we have just entered fire season with several fires already burning, they remind us to practice safety, observe all restrictions, and exercise extreme caution when dealing with flammable materials.

We can expect to see firefighting crews here through the summer months. Josephine County airports serve as valuable bases of operation in support of firefighting efforts in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California.



## **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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