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## Show me the Money

### April 2022

Chapter Balance as of 03/31/2022 ----- \$10,209.32

General Fund Balance as of 03/31/2022 ---- \$1,240.83

Income Memberships ---- \$70.00

Coffee/pop ----- \$2.00

Expenses PGE----- \$29.76

Mower Gas ----- \$63.75

### General Fund

Balance as of 04/30/2022 ----- \$1,219.32

Young Eagles Balance as of 03/31/2022----- \$9,765.99

Income Donation ----- \$91.00

Expenses Gavin flt expense - \$535.50

Luke's flt expense - \$220.00

Luke's Renter's Ins -\$432.00

Brandon Air Acad \$1,085.00

### Young Eagles

Balance as of 04/30/2022 ----- \$7,584.49

### Chapter

Balance as of 04/30/2022 ----- \$8,803.81



### Next Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, May 11th @ 7:00pm**

EAA Chapter 902, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**Pete Gauthier** is Chapter President and you can reach him at (503) 982-0421.

### Directions to Mulino airport:

From I-205 take exit onto Hwy 213 southbound. Continue on Hwy 213 to the town of Mulino. The EAA Chapter Clubhouse is about 1/4 miles past the restaurant, on your right. **13801 S. Darnell Rd.**

## Program Next Up

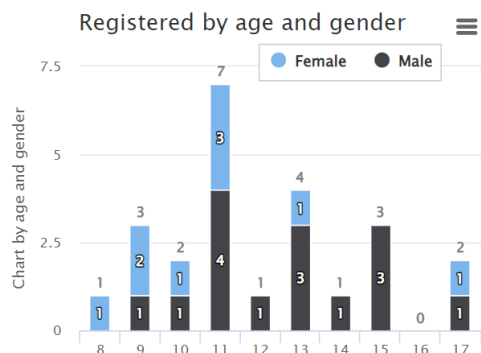
The founder of the Troutdale Flying Club is also going to provide a presentation on the club he started to help young people learn how to fly.

### Cover: Meredith! Submitted by Mike

**Rhodes.** She was one of our chapter's YE's, as I gave her her first airplane ride when she was 13. She went on to earn all her ratings at Gorge Winds and recently was hired as a First Officer with Skywest! She is one of many success stories from YE flights.

## Young Eagles

Our first and long awaited EAA902 chapter Young Eagle event since the start of Covid is coming up the 14th of May at Troutdale, weather permitting. All 24 available registrations have been filled. This will be our first time using the EAA online registration system. I am hoping that the learning curve will not be too difficult. I will take all of the help that I can get. We could use all available pilots and ground crew, so please volunteer to help. The event starts at 9:00am and should end around 1:00pm. These are fun social events for pilots and ground crew and provide a wonderful experience for the Young Eagles and their parents. We have 9 female and 15 male registrants. The ages for both genders range from 8 through 17. Should be a great time as usual!



### Note from the Editor



The Newsletter is **YOUR** voice in the Chapter, not mine. It will be as rich as your contributions, so please take time to contribute frequently!

Ken



## Ray Scholarship

This year we had four very outstanding Ray Scholarship applicants. Two applicants had not started any flight training, but two had already been taking flight lessons and both of those two had already soloed. We had received approval from EAA to split our awarded \$10,000 scholarship into two \$5,000 scholarships. The two \$5,000 scholarships will allow us to help Sten Brakstad and Devin Rounsville both complete their flight training, thus giving the chapter two scholars for the price of one this year. Our two 2022 Ray Scholarship applicants have submitted their official online scholarship applications to EAA national. EAA national is expected to review those applications

and respond this week (first week of May). I do not anticipate any complications and expect to receive approvals for both within the next couple of days. These will make our 5th and 6th scholars in the 4 years that the Ray Scholarship program has existed so far. Once we receive their application approvals from national, the two scholars will be able to immediately continue their flight training under scholarship funding.

We will learn more about the "Focus Air" flying club based at Troutdale, as our guest speaker this month (May) is scheduled to be Ray Phalen. Ray is the founder of the recently established flying club "Focus Air" where Sten and Devin both are doing their flight training. Ray will be providing the chapter a briefing on the flying club that he started to help high school age kids that are interested in aviation. Together with his flying club and our EAA Ray Scholarship funding these two young men are receiving a great opportunity.

## *East Side Builders Group*

with Dick Scott



We are always looking for projects to showcase. Have something worth seeing, or maybe just need a hand for the day? Hosting a session can be helpful and informative for both the host and visitors. Everybody makes mistakes and hosts often learn of a mistake they have made while guests learn from the mistakes as well.

Send your ideas for project meetings to Dick Scott at [nc37301@gmail.com](mailto:nc37301@gmail.com) or call Dick at [503-630-4739](tel:503-630-4739).

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

General Meeting April 13th

President Pete Gauthier called the meeting of Chapter 902 to order at 7:00 PM. Approximately thirty members and guests were present. Pete introduced the Board Members and Officers. Guests included Cliff Hood who is interested in building an airplane. He is thinking about building a Cavalier airplane, which is a wood aircraft.

**Fly-outs:** Washington Pilots Association SW Chapter cancelled their Taco Tuesday fly-out to Mulino due to bad weather. They will reschedule again and let Pete know.

**Tech Tips:** Phil Groelz asked how pilots determined how to identify an unfamiliar airport. Answers were from visual observation (i.e. fly over the airport and look for the identifiers) to going onto Google Earth to see the airport, terrain and potential hazards. Use the published information, segmented circles, etc. to determine runway patterns and taxiways.

**Young Eagles:** The Chapter's first Young Eagle event of the year is scheduled for May 14, 2022, at Troutdale. Currently there are about 20 kids signed up for the event.

Pete spoke with Tony Hann regarding the EAA Chapter in Albany, which has disbanded. However, they are still planning to do a Young Eagles event on August 27, 2022, and have asked for pilots and ground crew to volunteer.

**Raffle:** Len Fierling coordinated the 50/50 raffle. Bob Lewis was the lucky winner and he do-

nated the winnings back to the chapter.

**Speaker:** Ray Peabody provided a video on use of propeller balancing equipment on a Grumman/AG Tiger. The video showed the removal of prior weights and running the aircraft. They demonstrated the calculations of how much weight to add and where to add it based on the readings obtained.

After the video, Larry Stevens demonstrated the Dyna-Vibe equipment and explained how it was used to determine the locations for the weights if needed to balance the prop. He is planning to balance Ray's RV9A prop this Saturday, April 16, around 10 AM, weather permitting. It will be in front of the old row of hangars across from the Sky Dive operation. Members are welcome to attend. If the weather is not cooperative, the prop balancing demonstration will be rescheduled.

The EAA Chapter video magazine was presented. EAA will be honoring volunteers on June 24, 2022. International Young Eagles Day is June 11. EAA "Learn to Fly Day" is May 21, 2022.

Pete had a conversation with Curt Cowley from the FAA Wings program. He is going to do a program at OPA on June 29 regarding Owner/Operator maintenance. Pete will get him on the schedule for a future EAA meeting.

Rebecca from NOAA will be doing a presentation on weather in the near future.

**Member Updates:** Bob Lewis flew to Scappoose and met a person at the fuel pump named Russ McCutcheon, who flies an RV 4.

Christine Stevens flew her first "Eagle" candidate,

a young woman named Quincee Muffett who is interested in an aviation career.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

**Next Meetings:** Board meeting will be at Elmer's in Clackamas on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 6 PM.

Next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.



RAY AVIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP



## By Luke

Hey everyone! April was a good month for me, I passed my knowledge test with about 3 weeks to spare on the deadline with a score of 82 which I was pretty happy with. Next move for me is more practice area solos and maybe some xc's...might have to wait till late May or June to do that, we'll see.

-Luke

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft  
Association

**Board Meeting April 20th**

President Pete Gauthier called the Board Meeting to order around 7 PM. About ten members were present.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the April meeting were provided and reviewed. Len Fierling made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Miller seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Miller reported that the general fund has about \$1219. The Young Eagle fund has \$1376 and there is about \$1272 in the bottle drop fund. A check of \$1000 is due from the bottle drop. The Ray scholarship balance for Luke is \$4842 and for Gavin is about \$1330. A check was sent to Air Academy for Brandon Slater. A donation was received of \$20. Cliff Hood joined to become 902's newest member.

Len Fierling moved that the money from the bottle drop will be split 50/50 between the Young Eagles fund and the General fund. Steve Miller seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Len F. moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Larry Stevens seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The Treasur

er's report was approved.

Steve M. will write some notes for the newsletter about what kind of bottles are acceptable for the bottle drop. All bottles must have a code on them to be accepted.

**Program:** At the May meeting, the founder of the Troutdale Flying Club is also going to provide a presentation on the club he started to help young people learn how to fly.

**Tech Tip:** Phil Groelz is requesting ideas for tech tips. He will provide a tech tip at the next meeting.

**Fly-Outs:** The first fly-out/camp-out is scheduled for Nehalem Bay on the week-end starting on Friday, May 20, 2022. Weather permitting.

A fly-out to Cavanaugh Bay in Idaho is tentatively scheduled for July 11-14, 2022. Bob Lewis has reserved a cabin for those dates.

Pete G. will be attending the Bellanca Champion fly-in in California on June 10-12, 2022 at Columbia, CA (airport O22).

AOPA will be having their west coast fly-in on September 9-10, 2022, at Felts Field in Spokane, WA.

Pete G. announced that Curt Cowley from the FAA will be doing a seminar at OPA on June 29, 2022. The topic is owner/operator maintenance. All guests are welcome. It is a potluck starting at 6:30 PM with meeting to start at 7:00 PM.

The June meeting of 902 will be a potluck.

**Young Eagles:** Dan Forney contacted Penny (from the former Albany Chapter of EAA) regarding the Young Eagles event at the Albany Art and Air Festival. She stated that they had not used the online sign-up system for Young Eagles events. She will talk with Tony Hann at Infinite Air regarding the logistics of conducting a Young Eagles event during the Festival and will respond back to Dan F.

Ray Peabody has ordered 500 of the YE business cards. Cost is \$40. There was discussion about creating a poster to display around the region to encourage parents to register their kids for YE events.

A woman contacted Dan F. about taking an autistic child for a YE flight. It was agreed that flights would be provided at pilot discretion.

Larry Stevens, Dan F. and Brian Wing will go through the YE materials and make sure they are organized and transported to Troutdale for the first YE event of the

year on May 14.

It was discussed that the club should consider purchasing an IPAD for the purposes of being able to do online signatures for Young Eagles events. Cody Watkins offered the use of his IPAD, but it was determined it would be better to have an IPAD exclusively owned by 902 rather than borrowing members' items. Dan F. will follow up with EAA on system requirements before anything is purchased.

**Ray Scholarship:** Dan F. reported that the two candidates who were selected have both soloed. They are members of a Troutdale Flying club. They have completed the online application. We are currently in a waiting mode for the approval of the candidates for the Ray Scholarship. EAA is supposed to notify us the first week of May. The money generally arrives within ten days of the approval of the applicants.

**Membership:** EAA National is currently promoting radio control aircraft programs as a mechanism for increasing membership. Dan will look into this activity. There is an Academy Model Association. Len F. made a motion to have Dan contact someone regarding starting an RC Program. Ray P. seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

**Other Issues:** The clubhouse roof is in desperate need of new shingles. The club members have previously offered to do the labor if ODA will provide the shingles. Larry S. has had conversations with the State on this topic in the past. It has been a funding issue for the State.

**Adjournment:** Larry S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Henry seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

## Bottle Drop

Just a quick reminder that when you are saving cans and bottles for our fundraising, make sure they have OR 10c on the top or on the label.

We have been warned about non deposit bottles in our bags. It's possible we could be dropped from the program if this keeps up.

The picture shows examples of containers that don't belong in our blue bags.

Thanks everyone.



## AWOS @ Albany!

We finally have a working AWOS at Albany! It was commissioned by the FAA on the 5th of May so we are so excited!

For anyone needing weather, frequency is 119.925 or you can call 541-967-3508

Spread the Word!

## Bring in your Pictures

It was brought up that lots of us have planes that are not posted on our walls. Bring your pictures into the clubhouse to display.

*How do you know whose house you are in? Look at the pictures that are on the wall.*



## Send in your Pictures

Cody has been busy creating the new webpage! He would like to get pictures of all our planes on the site. Maybe you just have a good picture of a chapter event? Send it his way!

[codywatkins93@gmail.com](mailto:codywatkins93@gmail.com)

## End of Inspection Pass?

By Ken Williams

One of the pilots whom I have followed since I first started pursuing aviation is Trent Palmer. Well if you haven't seen one of his recent videos I recommend you watch it. No matter if you think he was in the right of not, the major point is that the FAA will likely have precedent in further cases. This could be very negative for GA.

In short the ruling says that because he didn't land after flying an inspection pass and deeming the landing unsafe that he violated 91.119 Minimum Safe Altitudes.



## The FAA Suspended My Pilots License

Honestly makes me a little glad I haven't installed a transponder yet...

<https://youtu.be/RpFDRoStcd4>

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## Chapter / Fly-In 2022 Calendar

*I've tried to find what is out there. Please let me know if you know of anything not listed.*

Event	Location	Date
Ontario Food Truck Fly-in	KONO, Ontario OR	MAY 14, 2022 AT 10 AM – 2 PM
Oregon International Air Show	KHIO, Hillsboro OR	MAY 20 AT 6 PM – MAY 22 AT 5 PM
Armed Forces Airport Appreciation Day Fly-In	CLM, Port Angeles WA	MAY 21, 2022 AT 10 AM – 4 PM
Airshow of the Cascades	S33, Madras OR	AUGUST 26-27, 2022
Gig Harbor Wings and Wheels	KTIW, Tacoma Narrows WA	AUGUST 28, 2022 AT 11 AM – 4:30 PM

### Next General Meeting Chapter 902

- **Wednesday May 11th, 2022**
- Clubhouse at Mulino Airport



### Next Board of Directors Meeting

- The board will meet next on **May 18th, 2022** at Elmer's Restaurant—Clackamas 7pm



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