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## Show me the Money

### February 2022

Chapter Balance as of 01/31/2022	8,441.45
General Fund Balance as of 01/31/2022	352.46
Income	Memberships 845.00
	Fred Meyer Rewards 28.50
	Coffee/pop 4.50
	50/50 Raffle 28.00
Expenses	PGE 42.80
	Mower parts 103.93
	Corporation Fee 50.00

### General Fund

Balance as of 02/28/2022	1,061.73
Young Eagles Balance as of 01/31/2022	8,088.99
Income	4,000.00
Expenses	Gavin's flights 515.00
	Luke's Flights 721.50

### Young Eagles

Balance as of 02/28/2022	10,852.49
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### Chapter

Balance as of 01/28/2022	11,914.22
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**Cover: Camp-out Nehalem Bay**  
**Submitted by Henry Pflegl**



### Next Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, March 9th @ 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.**

# Young Eagles

## Young Eagles:

The EAA Young Eagle online registration system has been initiated for our 2022 Young Eagle events. I have entered our five selected dates and location into the system. We have May 14th at Troutdale, June 11th at Mulino, July 16th at Lenhardt's, August 13th at Troutdale, and September 17th at Mulino. All events have been entered into the system, however it only posts the next 3 months from the current date. So the only event that shows as of right now is May 14th at Troutdale. As the months progress, the 3-month window will slide and the next event will show up, and May's will be listed as well until May arrives and passes. I hope to present an overview of the system at the next chapter meeting March 9th.

## Ray Scholarship:

As previously announced, our chapter has once again has been selected to offer an applicant the \$10,000 Ray Scholarship in 2022. We have 4 young men that are interested in applying for the scholarship. All of them are currently at various stages in flight training. An EAA902 scholar selection committee has been formed (Brian Wing, Daily Holman, Gary Dunfee, Len Fierling, and Steve Shupe). A questionnaire was developed via the committee and has been distributed to all of the interested individuals. I am expecting to receive



## 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



their responses back by Wednesday evening March 9th. Once the responses have been received, the committee will start the review and selection process. All of the candidates are very strong candidates, so the challenge to narrow it down to a single scholar will be difficult. As we move forward, I will keep the members apprised of our progress and our final selection.



## 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 February 8th

President Pete Gauthier called the meeting of Chapter 902 to order at 7:02 PM. Approximately three dozen members and guests were present. Pete introduced the Board Members and Officers. Guests included Brian Wing, Alec Schmidt, Brian Russell and Mark Burnham.

**Fly-outs:** Henry suggested flying to Nehalem this Friday to camp out or to WAAAM (Hood River Airport) for their second Saturday event.

Washington Pilots Association SW Chapter is doing a Taco Tuesday Fly-out to Mulino Airport on March 15, 2022, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Mulino FBO building. All visitors are invited to join them.

**Speaker:** Dave McGraw is a retired Air Force pilot. He now is at Valley View, where he has purchased an RV8 kit including wings, tail and empennage from a couple in Estacada. She works at Vans Aircraft and he is retired.

Dave said that he was raised in Estacada on a farm. When he was a kid he used to watch the military aircraft fly overhead. He saved his money and went to Skyways to learn how to fly when he was a teenager. Later he went to OSU on an ROTC college scholarship. When he graduated, the military was in a cutback mode and told them that only a small percentage of them would be able to fly. He felt fortunate that he was among those selected to fly fighters. He flew T-37s and T-38s in training. Later he was assigned to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa. He flew with the 67<sup>th</sup> Squadron known as the Wild Weasels. As the lowest ranking officer, it was his job to care for the Philippine fighting cocks.

In the air, they were "First in and last out." They flew F4Gs. Later he was with the 26<sup>th</sup> Aggressor Squadron, where they flew F5s. Pilots were hand-picked to join the Squadron. They studied Soviet philosophy and language. They were experts in air-to-air combat. The purpose of the group was to fly and understand Soviet fighter tactics and requirements.

He completed a staff rotation analyzing aircraft acci-

dents and writing reports. He also flew F15s. They debriefed after every flight and were required to recognize to every mistake they made and commit to not making the same mistake again. The F15 was a good air to ground fighter, but also a good air fighter. It has a side stick controller that is governed by computers. It carries heat seeking missiles.

They trained all the time. They were prepared to carry "nukes". Their planes had lantern pods on them that allowed them to see things on the ground such as power lines, owls flying or sitting on posts. One time he had to bail out of a jet in a flat spin and was injured by the ejecting canopy.

**Website:** Cody provided an update on the website. Keith sent a group email regarding the website. The Club Roster, Bylaws and Young Eagle events will be posted. Next month Cody will provide a demo of how the website operates. Cody has asked for pictures of events, airplanes and members to post on the website.

**Demonstration:** Ken Williams demonstrated how to weld a cable using a propane torch and an electric drill. Welding the cable prevents it from fraying.

**President's Comments:** Pete has requested that members bring photos of their current aircraft to display in the Clubhouse. Ken Williams offered some 8" X 10" frames for people to use.

902 is still looking for a Young Eagles Coordinator. Dan Forney reported that the club is going to use the EAA online system for registering Young Eagles. He reported that ten pilots signed up to fly kids, but ground crewmembers are still needed. Pilots can designate how many kids they will fly on any given date and how many events they can participate.

Albany's Northwest Art and Air Festival planners would like to keep the Young Eagles event going. The former Young Eagle's Coordinator is not available to coordinate the event at the Festival. Pete will follow up with them further.

NW Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup, WA occurs February 26 and 27, 2022.

Len Fierling coordinated the 50/50 raffle. Steve Miller was the lucky winner.

**Ray Scholars:** Luke is working on preparing himself for the Private Pilot written examination. Gavin has passed the written examination and is preparing himself for his check ride.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

**Next Meetings:** Board meeting will be at Elmer's in Clackamas on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6 PM.

Next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.



RAY AVIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP



## By Luke

Hello again everybody, February was another slow month for me but I'm hoping things are going to pick up here soon. I'm at 26.2ish hours now with my knowledge test on the horizon, hoping to complete that by late March or early April (deadline is April 26). Also hoping that I can soon join you guys on a fly/camp out trip since I've missed out on a lot of those. I've blocked out a significant portion of time in June and July to try and fly 4-5 times a week and nail out the rest of my hours so I don't push my October check-ride deadline.

Until next time,  
Luke



## Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

### Board Meeting February 16th

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

**Minutes:** The minutes were printed in the Newsletter. Bob Armstrong moved to accept the minutes as published. Larry Stevens seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved as printed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Miller reported that the general fund has about \$924. The Young Eagle fund has \$2754 and there is about \$974 in the bottle drop fund. The Ray scholarship balances are about \$8000 for the two current scholars. Steve reported that 32 members have paid annual dues.

**Program:** Next month Dan will go through the process for signing up Young Eagles online. Phil Groelz will provide a Tech Tip. Cody will provide a concise presentation on the website. He will work with Dan to get the Ray Scholarship information posted on the website.

Larry has been asked to do a program on Prop balancing as the flying club has the Dyna-Vibe equipment to do it – possibly as a Saturday activity. Larry responded that there are some really good videos on how the equipment and process works.

Keeyan Robles may be a potential speaker for our group. He was an OPA scholarship winner who earned his private pilot's certificate and later went on to graduate from Embry Riddle where he became a helicopter pilot and instructor. He is now employed in the Pacific NW. Board members were also interested in getting someone from Van's Aircraft to speak, hopefully about the newest plane in their line-up, the RV15.

It was suggested that we raffle off the airplane model in the clubhouse that is just gathering dust at this time.

**Website:** The Bylaws were posted on the old website. The Club's roster is password protected and will continue to be protected on the new website.

**Air Academy:** Dan talked with the staff at EAA Headquarters and was told that we were guaranteed a slot for Brandon Slater who has been waiting for two years to attend. This is the last year that he is eligible to go.

**Young Eagles:** It was recommended that we update the Chapter's business card and include information in how

to sign up kids for the Young Eagles events.

**Ray Scholarship:** Dan advised that he would hear sometime this month if our Chapter has been approved for another Ray Scholarship.

**Adjournment:** Pete adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.



### By Gavin Burn

For the month of February, I only flew one time. My scholarship money was getting a little low and my DPE was not contacting me. I wanted to schedule my check ride for mid February, but the DPE was busy with other things. Now the checkride is scheduled for March 9th. I plan to fly at least one more time before the checkride as well as work on preparing for the oral exam. Learning to fly has been great, and I am really excited to finally get my license.



## Bottle Drop

This is a reminder that the blue bags in the kitchen are for donating your beverage cans and bottles to the chapter. No more hassles at the bottle return. The QR code will open the exclusive side door and you can just slide the bag(s) down the chute.

At least that's the way it works in Gresham.

The Oregon Bottle Drop is having an Earth Day Give from April 11-23. Bags donated then will give us a 20% bonus.



## Dues are Due

Remember that 2022 dues are due before March 31st so that we can have an up to date roster on our website. Please fill out your roster information and make sure it's legible.

Dues are \$35.00 for the year.

Make out checks to: **Mt Hood Chapter 902**

## 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)



## 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. We will have some 8 x 10 frames to use if you need one.

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



## Two Buckets Author Unknown

When you are learning to fly you have two buckets. One is experience and it is empty. The other is luck but there is no way to tell how much is in there. The trick is to fill up the first bucket before the second one runs out.



**Photo left:**

**Camp-out Nehalem Bay Submitted by  
Henry Pflegl**



## February's Demo Cable End Welding

By Ken Williams

I gave a demo at our February meeting showing how easy it is to weld the end of a cable to keep it from fraying. It is quite simple and all that is needed is a drill, propane torch, and a vice or pliers.

If you missed it you can watch the video I got the idea from here:

<https://youtu.be/cUQQ9aggStw>



## For Sale

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-Cody

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## Chapter / Fly-In 2021 Calendar

*Most events are cancelled due to Corona Virus. As soon as we thought things were starting to open up we were proven wrong. I've tried to find what is out there. Please let me know if you know of anything.*

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### Next General Meeting Chapter 902

- **Wednesday March 9th, 2021**
- Clubhouse at Mulino Airport



### Next Board of Directors Meeting

- The board will meet next on March 16th. 2021 at Elmer's Restaurant—Clackamas 7pm



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