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GREETING:

THIS WILL BE SHORT AGAIN. I'M STILL WAITING TO MOVE INTO MY NEW HOUSE. IT SEEMS TO BE TAKING A LONG TIME AND I'M GETTING IMPATIENCE TO MOVE IN. IT'S GOING ALONG, BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH.

IS A 20,000 HOUR-PILOT BETTER THAN A 15,00-HOUR AIRLINE NEW HIRE OR 200-HOUR PRIVATE PILOT?

THINKING A HIGH-TIME PILOT IS BETTER THAN A FULLY TRAINED AND MOTIVATED NEWLY MINTED PILOT IS AS SILLY AS THINKING A VERY HIGH-TIME AIRPLANE IS BETTER THAN A NEW ONE FRESH FROM THE FACTORY.

HIGH TIME AND OLD AGE (I HAVE BOTH) ADD A FEW THINGS TO A PILOT'S BAG OF TOOLS.

YET, HIGH-TIME AND INGRAINED HABITS (HOPEFULLY GOOD ONES) THAT ARE BENEFICIAL ARE ALSO DANGEROUS TRAPS. BEING SMUG, INFLEXIBLE AND SELF-RIGHTEOUS IS A SLIPPERY SLOPE TO AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AT BEST, OR A DEADLY CRASH AT WORST. YOU ARE IN GRAVE DANGER IF YOU ARE TOO SURE OF YOURSELF IN AVIATION.

THE PILOT WITH THE MOST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AND THE BEST SAFETY ATTITUDE IS OFTEN THE LOWEST-TIME PERSON

HOUR AFTER HOUR OF UNEVENTFUL FLIGHT CAN SOMETIMES DULL US OLD OWLS INTO THINKING WE KNOW EVERYTHING.

IF ANYTHING, A LONG AND HIGH-TIME CAREER BENEFIT IS THAT I KNOW WHAT TO BE FEARFUL OF. I AM MORE STRIDENT IN MY REFUSAL TO DO SOMETHING STUPID.

OUR LIVES ARE FINITE BY DESIGN. NO LIFE OR FLYING CAREER WOULD HAVE THE VALUE IT DOES TO US IF WE KNEW IT WOULD NEVER END. I PLAN TO IGNORE TIME PASSING SOMEHOW WHILE, AT THE SAME, I HOPE TO SUCK THE FUN OUT OF EVERY TICK OF THE CLOCK.

AGAIN I SAY THIS IS YOUR CLUB. YOU DETERMINE THE PATH WE TAKE. DO YOUR PART AND GET INVOLVED. WE ALWAYS CAN USE MORE VOLUNTEERS. Mowing needs to be done LEN F.

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## Show me the Money

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April 2025

Chapter balance as of 03/31/2025 ----- \$15,415.12

General fund balance as of 03/31/2025-- \$12,450.82

Income -----50/50 raffle ----- \$42.00

Donations ----- \$42.00

Coffee/pop ----- \$4.00

Expenses --- PGE ----- \$53.42

Mower Parts ----- \$345.75

OR DoJ Charities Fee ----- \$20.00

General fund balance as of 04/30/2025 \$12,119.65

Young Eagles fund as of 04/30/2025 ----- \$2,019.85

Ray Scholarship funds:

Gavin ----- \$156.00

Jackson ----- \$788.45

Chapter balance as of 04/30/2025 ----- \$15,083.95

Cover photo submitted by Jim Ott



EAA Chapter 902, meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. (6:30 For BBQ's)

**Chapter Meeting: Next meeting on 5/14/2025 At 7pm,**

**Len fierling Chapter President and you can reach him at (503) 630-7547**

### Directions to Mulino airport:

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



## Meeting Notes

April 9, 2025

President Len Fierling called the meeting of Chapter 902 to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting started with the Salute to the Flag. Approximately 30 members and guests were present. Guests included Ray Scholarship applicants and their fathers: Ruby Madden and her father, Andy Madden; Dexter Howland and his father, Alan Howland; and Porter Everett and his dad, Jeff Everett. Ray Phelan was also a guest.

Len then introduced the Board Members and Officers.

**Fly-outs:** No fly-outs were reported.

**Milestones:** No new milestones reported.

**Raffle:** Larry Stevens won the 50/50 raffle for the second month in a row and donated his half back to the club.

**Tech Tip:** No tech tip this month.

**Builders Group:** No builders group was scheduled.

**Young Eagles:** The first Young Eagles event, May 17, 2025, has been set up in the Young Eagles website, which is now called [EAAChapters.org](http://EAAChapters.org). Invitations were sent to pilots and ground crew members. There are currently 8 children signed up for flights. The Coordinator reminded all pilots to check their Youth Protection class status and background check to make sure they are current. Due to the new electronic system set up by EAA National, she is not able to see the pilot and ground crew status.

**Speaker:** Tom Wrolstad, local CFII was the guest speaker. When he was growing up, Tom wanted to drive race cars or fly airplanes. His mother was not enthusiastic about either hobby. However, Tom's uncle convinced Tom's mother to let him learn how to fly. Tom learned to fly at Mulino from Carl Dietz. Tom went to college at year at OSU, but did not have a specific interest. After obtaining his first class medical, Tom went on to earn his private, instrument, commercial and CFI within six months from his first solo. He worked as a corporate pilot for a time. He also worked the family farm.

Tom got involved in air racing in 1974. From then on he flew in the Reno Air Races until 1980. For the first three years he flew a highly modified Pitts, which was the fastest Pitts in the USA. The Pitts was modified to 10 positive and 8 negative g. Tom hired Stu and Mark Mitzel to help finish the aircraft. It currently is in an aerospace museum in California. The last few years he raced a Cassutt Special in Formula One air races.

**VMC:** – The question of the month: *“You’re preflighting your airplane, and realize that you have not checked your ELT in a long time. The battery was replaced just under two years ago, but hasn’t been tested since. Is there some way you can test the device with-out triggering a search and rescue event to ensure it still works properly?”*

### **Testing.**

[ELTs](#) should be tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, preferably in a shielded or screened room or specially designed test container to prevent the broadcast of signals which could trigger a false alert.

1. When this cannot be done, aircraft operational testing is authorized as follows:

Analog 121.5/243 MHz [ELTs](#) should only be tested during the first 5 minutes after any hour. If operational tests must be made outside of this period, they should be coordinated with the nearest FAA Control Tower. Tests should be no longer than three audible sweeps. If the antenna is removable, a dummy load should be substituted during test procedures.

Digital 406 MHz [ELTs](#) should only be tested in accordance with the unit's manufacturer's instructions.

Airborne tests are not authorized.

**Ray Scholarship:** So far the chapter has received applications from three students. President Len reported that he met with ten seniors at Colton High School to explain the program. He also attended a job fair at Molalla High School, which turned out to be a big event with 50 – 60 vendors. He spoke with about 50 students there.

**Maintenance:** Both mowers are operational and the grass is growing. Although it currently is mowed, please volunteer in the future to help keep it mowed.

**Website:** Cody reported there are still some challenges with the website.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned about 8:10 PM.

**Next Meetings:** Board meeting will be next Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 6:00 PM at Legends Café at the Arrowhead Golf Course. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

Mount Hood Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 902  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 2025

President Len Fierling called the Board Meeting to order around 7:05 PM. Eight members were present. The meeting was held at the Legends Café with members ordering from the menu.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 19, 2025 Board Meeting and the April 8, 2025 general meeting were reviewed. Dave McGraw made a motion to approve both sets of the minutes. Mike Harfst seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report shows \$15,893.95 in the account. Pete Gauthier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dave M seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried.

Steve Miller reported that Larry Stevens won the 50/50 raffle and donated his half back to the club.

Expenditures included \$347 in mower parts and the Oregon Non-Profit fee. He has to report the federal taxes and Oregon taxes to DOJ.

**Ray Scholarship:** Three applications were received from people in the right age bracket. One applicant is almost ready to solo. Brian Wing brought an application from a fourth person, named Lars. He is a CAA applicant and is a junior at Jesuit now. Steve Miller will set up appointments to interview the applicants. He along with Brian Wing and Len Fierling will be the team to select the candidate. They would like to interview them all on the same day.

**Young Eagles:** The first Young Eagles event will take place on May 17, 2025. There are 17 kids signed up and 5 pilots so far.

**New Business:** Ray Peabody will be asked to look at getting new cards as the supply is almost exhausted and the online address has changed from YEDay.org to EAACHapters.org.

Dave M reminded board members to ask people to provide their flying photos for the contest.

Steve M said that there was garbage left in the trash can that sat for a number of days. He reminded that garbage needs to be removed when the meetings are done.

Dave M stated that he will be out of town in May and not in attendance at any of the meetings.

**Fly-Outs:** OshKosh AirVenture is July 21 - 27, 2025.

July 26, 2025, is the Chapter's Fun Fly at Valley View Airport. This is a competition to see who can most accurately calculate time over target, approach speed and spot landing. There will be a BBQ following the flying activities.

**Builders' Group:** No builders group is scheduled for April.

**Speaker:** Steve Cantilaro, a retired airline pilot, will be speaker for May.

**Tech Tip:** Cody Watkins will be the tech tip.

**Old Business:** There was further discussion on having internet at the clubhouse. Cody W and Brian W will work on connecting the computer and the projector.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM, is the next regular meeting at the clubhouse.

**Adjournment:** Brian W moved the meeting be adjourned. Pete G seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Our 2025 Ray Scholar

Congrats to Ruby Madden our new Ray Scholer.





# EAA VMC Club

## Question of the Month

### This Month's Question and Answer:

**Question:** You've just taxied to the hold short line of the active runway after completing your runup and passenger safety briefing. What additional items should you now address as part of your pre-takeoff briefing?



## EAA Chapter 902 Photo Submissions







Photos by Jim Ott

## May 2025 picture of the month

Mike Harfst

In April 2025 my wife and I attended SunNFun 2025 in Lakeland, Florida. A nice break from the grey Portland winter and spring. We stayed in a hotel on the north edge of the airport, which happened to be directly underneath the path the Blue Angels and the F35s flew their maneuvers. The show looks great from the south side of the airport at the airshow area, but after the first day we watched the Blue Angels from the comfort of the front lawn of the hotel. The F18 Super Hornets were directly overhead. Of course, they were at the required 500 and one foot above us. However, on many passes they were setting off car alarms in the parking lot behind us. You not only see them, you hear them and FEEL them inside your body and they go by. Here are some pictures from the show, and trust me, it is hard to snap pictures of planes going by at 400 mph.





## Chapter 902 Future Events:

[https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/  
event-calendar](https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/event-calendar)



YE Events (Mulino):[https://](https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/young-eagles)

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young-eagles](https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/young-eagles)

Fly/Camp Out:

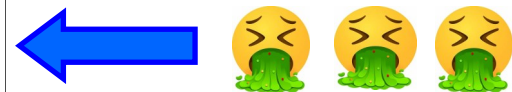
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## Bottle Drop: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

I just wanted to remind everyone about the Bottle Drop and how it helps the Chapter. This program has been a great success for us. The money it brings in is the reason our dues have not had to increase over the last several years. Please keep up the donations.

That being said, in the past, I have gotten a couple of, not so subtle, reminders that not all of our bags have the appropriate containers in them. I collected bags out of the garage and did open one that looked pretty nasty. There were a couple of moldy coffee cream containers and others ( see picture) that did not belong in the blue bag.



So please watch what you put into the blue bags. Only Oregon bottles and cans that you paid a deposit on at the store. We don't want to lose this revenue.

Steve Miller



### Chapter Flyouts.

Link at. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/event-calendar>

### Next Board of Directors Meeting

- May,21,2025 7:00pm (dinner at 630pm)

### Next General Meeting

### Chapter 902

- Wednesday, 14th, 2025 7:00pm

