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President's Message

Chapter 902

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My name is Len Fierling, and the incoming President of EAA Chap 902. I was voted in by acclamation (that means nobody ran against me).

I was concerned that no one stepped forward for any of the officer positions. NO OFFICERS MEANT NO CLUB. I felt this was a serious issue for our club.

I have been a member since 2014. I joined to be around like minded people. Ask yourself why you joined.

Our club has done many things to be proud of. Young eagles for one and our successful Ray Scholarship applicants. Five to date have earned their PPL.

My goal this year is to increase membership, member participation in club activities.

I would like to have a membership committee, a maintenance committee, a wellness committee, and an activities committee

If you wish to continue the goals of this club founded in 1988 to:

- A. Promote and encourage the sport and hobby of recreational aviation.
- B. Cooperate with and assist governmental agencies in the development of programs relating to aviation activities.
- C. Promote and encourage aviation safety in the design, construction, and operation of all types of aircraft.
- D. Encourage and engage in research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics.
- E. Foster, promote, engage in aviation education.
- F. Promote and encourage grass roots efforts relating to aviation research and development.

You members have to step up and participate in moving forward, otherwise I feel we won't be a club anymore.

This is your club to either succeed or fail You can't relay on just a few people. It takes all of us. I'm bringing CHILI to the meeting. we have bowls and spoons, so just show up!!!

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Show me the Money

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Nov/Dec 2024

Chapter balance as of 10/31/2024 ----- \$15,003.55

General fund balance as of 10/31/2024- \$12,039.25

Income -----Bottle Drop ----- \$750.00

Fred Meyer Rewards ----- \$34.80

50/50 Raffle ----- \$20.00

Donation (part of 50/50) ---- \$15.00

Pop/coffee ----- \$3.00

Expenses --- PGE----- \$141.61

Mulino Water ----- \$57.71

Chapter renewal/Insurance \$656.00

General fund balance as of 12/31/2024 \$12,006.73

Young Eagle fund as of 10/31/2024 ----- \$2,019.85

YE Build and Fly ----- -\$550.00

YE credits ----- +\$550.00

Young Eagles fund as of 12/31/2024 ----- \$2,019.85

Ray Scholarship funds:

Gavin ----- \$156.00

Jackson ----- \$788.45

Kristen ----- \$0.00

Chapter balance as of 12/31/2024 ----- \$14,971.03



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 01/08/2025 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 southbound. 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.

Cover photo submitted by Kristen

President Dave McGraw brought the meeting to order at 7 PM. About 22 members, guests and visitors were present.

Gary Dunfee and the chapter celebrated his 701st Young Eagles flight, which was given to Ashland Thomas. Her mother, Tiffany McCracken filmed the flight and her excitement was evident in the recording. It turns out that her mother has made frequent airline flights but is usually apprehensive. But she still wants her daughter to learn to fly - as well as herself. President Dave McGraw awarded Gary with a case of aircraft engine oil - something more useful than another plaque collecting dust on a shelf somewhere.

2025 Officers and Board Members

- President: Len Frewing
- Vice President: Cody Watkins
- Secretary: Christine Stevens
- Treasurer: Steve Miller
- Newsletter/website: Cody Watkins
- Board of Directors: Dave McGraw, Len Frewing, Pete Gauthier, Mike Harfst, Bob Armstrong, Brian Wing.

The 13 November meeting included a review on VFR flight planning using sectionals and the EA-6B plotter, sectionals, and a Cessna 172 POH.

“Bucks in the Bucket” the total was \$40, so the lucky draw netted \$20.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

President Dave McGraw called the meeting at 7 PM.
Present were Dave McGraw - President, Larry Stevens - Vice President, Philip Groelz - Secretary, Barbara Groelz, Cody Watkins - Webmaster, Len Frewing, Mike Harfst, Pete Gauthier and Henry Pflegl.

The Treasurer's Report would be published in the January newsletter.

The second YE Build and Fly kit was purchased so it would be available for a future chapter activity.

Larry Stevens has the Chapter awards out for engraving.

Mike Harfst passed around photos for the "Best of the Year" judging. Dave McGraw won with his photo showing a youth watching an airliner in flight.

Dave confirmed Lacey Pittman's presentation about missionary flying in Africa at the Christmas dinner meeting on December 6.

President Dave McGraw reviewed the 2024 chapter activities - good list of accomplishments.

Dave plans to set-up a Fun Fly event next year.

The next Board meeting will be 7 PM on January 15 at the Arrowhead Legends restaurant.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47.

President Dave McGraw brought the meeting to order at 7 PM. About 35 members, guests and visitors were present.

The 2025 officers and board of Directors will be as listed in the November Meeting notes.

Lacey Pittman made a presentation highlighting experiences during her year of Missionary Flying in Africa and work in aviation safety afterwards.

Our 2024 Ray Scholar

Kristen's Progress

Here are some excerpts from Kristen's latest communication with me:

"My training in Florida is going well! I am flying Piper Warriors here which has been a lot different from the 172's I am used to from my training at Aurora, but I have warmed up to them and am really enjoying training in them. I have started a little bit of instrument training and have about 2 hours of time under the hood which I have really enjoyed so far."

Steve Miller



Dues are Due

Remember that 2025 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. Roster forms are available on our new website, chapters.eaa.org/ea902, or we will have blank forms at the chapter meetings.

Dues are \$35.00 for the year.

Please make out checks to: Mt Hood Chapter 902



EAA Chapter 902 Photo Winner



2024 Picture of the month winner

Mike Harfst

At the December Holiday 902 Banquet we presented the winning picture of the year award. For the members that didn't get to attend the banquet the picture is included below. It is a picture of "Caleb waving at Grandpa (Dave McGraw) landing." We framed a copy and presented it to Patty, given that she took the picture, and will hang it in the clubhouse.

During 2025, we will run the monthly contest again, so pull out your pictures or camera, and send in some new ones each month. Let's see what interesting and unique aviation related pictures we can get into the monthly newsletter.



November Picture of the month

Mike Harfst

And finally, the last, but not least, picture this year from me.

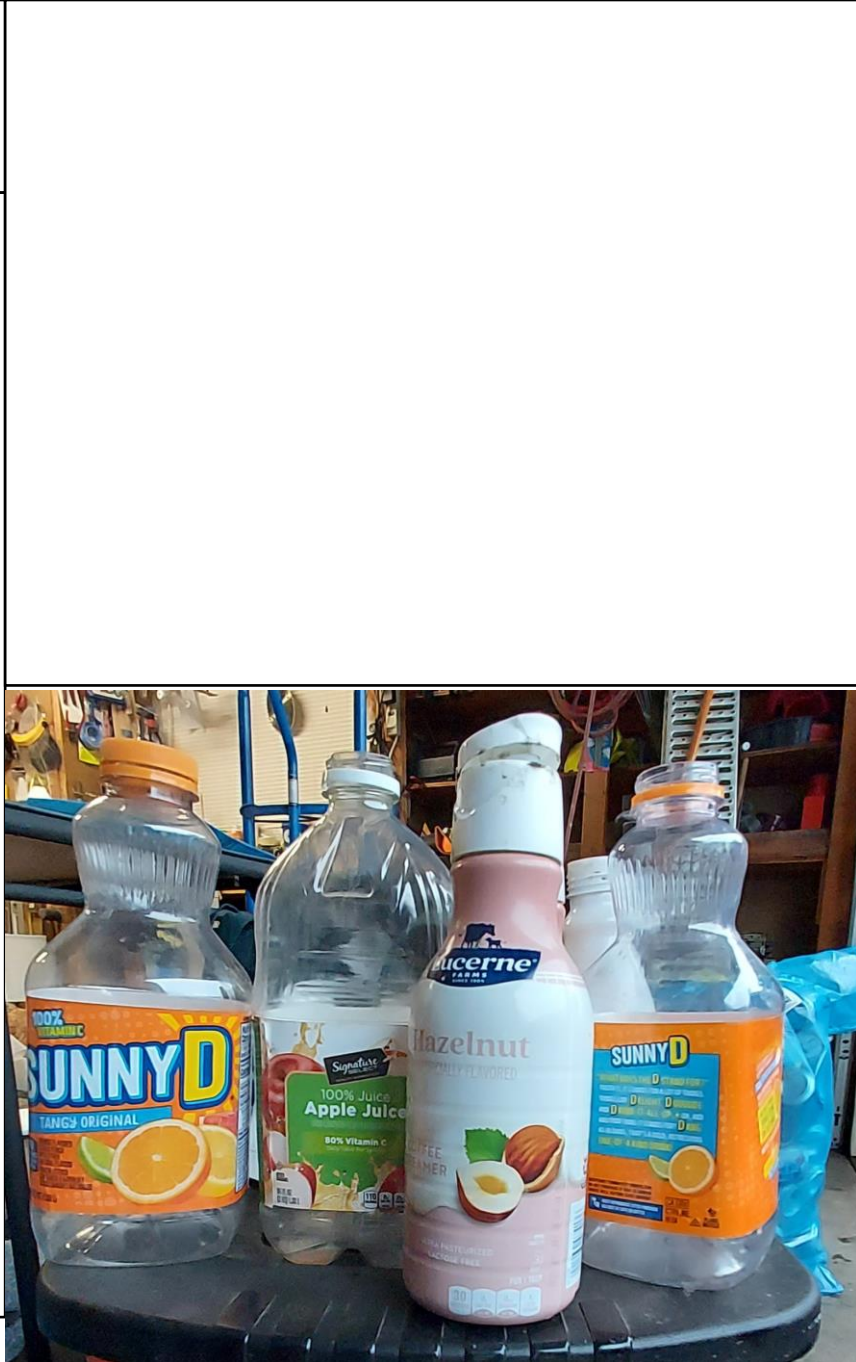
We recently spent some time in Australia. One day we rented a 172 with a pilot for the day and got some sightseeing done. This is a sunrise picture of Uluru (formerly known as Ayers Rock). The sun at different angles changes the red color dramatically. Although it is over 1100 ft tall, more than 90% of the rock is underground and it is about 500 million years old.

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

Chapter 902 Future Events:

YE Events (Mulino):

Fly/Camp Out:



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

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| <p>Chapter Flyouts. Link at. https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/yearly-fly-outs</p> <p>Next Board of Directors Meeting • Jan,15,2025 7:00pm (dinner at 630pm)</p> | <p>Next General Meeting Chapter 902 • Wednesday, 8th, 2025 7:00pm</p>  |
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