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President's Message

EAA 902

February 2023

I hope you and your families are having a wonderful new year so far. Christine and I have been having a great and busy new year too.

I want to challenge each club member to bring a fellow pilot or aircraft builder to the club meetings so we can continue to grow this club. It is the club members that help with keeping the club going, not just the leaders of the club. Our club membership numbers are down and we need to make sure EAA Chapter 902 continues. I am always looking for new ideas, so please let me know your thoughts and ideas on making this club stronger.

In January some club members and I completed the annual inspection on the flying club Cessna 172 with the help of Tim Mix. Everything was great, but we found the fuel shutoff valve needed to be overhauled due to it leaking around the shaft. The Cessna engineers did not make it easy to pull that valve out. You have to work between the belly skins and the floor skins though three inspection holes that are 3-inches in size. There are three lines that go into the valve. First all the fuel has to be drained out of the wing tanks (36 gals) before you can disconnect the valve. Then Tim Mix took the valve and replaced all the gaskets and "O" rings. Once that was repaired we had to reinstall it back in that tiny space. Thanks to my good friend, Dan Forney, we managed to reinstall with no leaks. Then Dan and I put the Cessna back together. Everything works and it flies great.

This month Vans Aircraft sent out a couple of new service bulletins (SB) on the RV-12s. One was on the exhaust tube #1, which was the older style. Fortunately this SB did not affect my RV-12. The second one is on the counter weight bracket on the stabilator. That means either you have to pull the stabilator off or go down into the tail cone to remove the counter weight bracket and do the repairs. Either way this will be "fun". I also see the Vans RV-9s came out with a service bulletin. RV-9 has very few SBs. So this may be a big deal. We just have to wait and see.

I hope members and friends were able to get out and do some flying with the clear and cold weather we have had over the last couple of weeks between strong winds. Christine took me for a nice flight down the valley this week. The mountains were outstanding with all of the new snow.

I am helping Gwen Lewis, Bob Lewis's widow, to sell Bob's RV-9A as soon as possible. So if anyone hears of someone that is looking for a great flying RV-9A, please let them know to call me.

Thanks and hope to see you all at the next meeting on February 8, 2023. So bring a pilot friend or friend to the meeting.

I hope to see you all.

Larry Stevens

This is just a friendly reminder that dues are due by March.

The dues are 35\$

Thank Cody Watkins

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Show me the Money

January 2023

Flowers for Bob Lewis mem.-----\$110.00 General Fund Balance as of 01/31/2023----- \$1,046.06 Young Eagle's bal. as of 12/31/2022----- \$3,650.36 Income

Young Eagle Credit Reimbursement-----\$265.00

Expenses---- \$1,690.00

Gavins's flight expenses--- \$224.00

Devin's flight expenses----- \$164.70

Young Eagle's bal. as of 01/31/2023 ----- \$1836.66

Chapter balance as of 01/31/2023 ----- \$2,882.72



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

Larry Stevens is Chapter President and you can reach him at (503) 632-1944.

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.

Chapter Meeting: Next meeting on the 8th At 7pm



Cover: Picture Taken by Henry Pflegl. fly out to Albany in Dec.

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

General Meeting January 11, 2023

Presiding - Larry Stevens, President opened the meeting at 7:00

Larry introduced the Officers and Members of the Board.

Attendance: approximately 35

Guests: Ann Sigler and daughter Christine, Bob Asher, Jim Barnhart and son Chad.

Henry Pflegl suggested that we make 2023 be "The year of the fly outs." Time to continue making great memories at the interesting airstrips in our area.

Christine Stevens and Dan Forney discussed organizing for the Young Eagles events - discussed possible locations and number of events.

Dan Forney said that Chapter 902 may receive a second scholarship because of past successes. Kudos to Dan!

The next board meeting was scheduled for 7 PM on January 18 at the chapter clubhouse. Pizza will be served, and everybody is welcome to attend.

It is time to renew the annual dues of \$35.

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

Board Meeting January 18,2023

President Larry Stevens called the Board Meeting to order around 7:00 PM. Nine members and one guest were present. The meeting was held at the EAA Clubhouse with pizza and salad for a meal.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 16, 2022 Board meeting were discussed. Len Fierling made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Armstrong seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Stevens presented the treasurers report for Steve Miller. The treasurer's report showed a total of \$3,920.37. The Young Eagles fund and Ray Scholarship funds are \$2,900.36 and the General Fund has about \$1020.01.

Peter Gauthier moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Lin F seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Ray Scholarship: Dan Forney reported that he has completed the application for the Ray Scholarship for this year. The Chapter will know in February if the scholarship will be awarded to 902 again. After applications are received and the candidates interviewed, it will be determined if the award will be split between two scholars or if it will be awarded to one.

Ray Phelan from the flying club at Troutdale was present and talked about the future of the club and the future for EAA 902 Ray scholarships kids to be able to continue flying. There was a discussion about the \$10K for completing the PPL. Dan F provided a breakdown of the cost of learning to fly at different flight schools. Ray's flying club was the most economical for the 902 scholars

New Business: Scott Crockard talked about the new roster and application form.

Cody Watkins is going to setup a Facebook account for the chapter. There was some discussion about this, but was approved to move forward. There was no motion. It was just general consent by the Board. **Old Business:** The State wants to have the clubhouse inspected and paid for by the Chapter. At this point there is no long-term lease or commitment by the State to re-roof or perform any maintenance on the building. The chapter is going to wait and see with the uncertain lease and keep an eye on the condition of the roof of the clubhouse.

Pete G will find a speaker for the February meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:00 PM, is the next regular meeting at the clubhouse.

Chapter / Fly-In 2022 Calendar

- -1st Saturday of the month EAA Chapter 105 has a breakfast at Starks Twin Oaks Airport (7S3) www.eaa105.org
- -2nd Saturday of each month the WAAM has a fly-in at Hood Riverwww.waaamuseum.org
- -3rd Saturday of the month EAA Chapter 31 has a breakfast at Creswell Hobby Airport (77S) <u>www.eaa31.org</u>
- -Every Saturday, stop in for a barbecue lunch from noon 1 p.m. at Newport Municipal Airport, (ONP). Airport manager: (541) 867-7422



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Next General Meeting Chapter 902

Wednesday February 8th, 2023 7pm

Next Board of Directors Meeting

• The board will meet next on February 15th, 2023 7pm at the club house