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Show me the Money

August 2022

Chapter Balance as of 07/31/2022 ----- \$13,194.71

General Fund Balance as of 07/31/2022 ----- \$1,133.53

Income Coffee/pop ----- \$12.00

Donation ----- \$50.00

Fred Meyer rwd's - \$28.77

Expenses PGE----- \$31.67

Mower Gas ----- \$50.00

BBQ Food ----- \$50.00

General Fund

Balance as of 08/31/2022 ----- \$1,090.63

Young Eagles Balance as of 07/31/2022----- \$12,061.18

Income Bottle Drop ----- \$500.00

Ray Sch Devin ----- \$1,000.00

Expenses Luke's flt exp ----- \$1,309.00

Devin's flt exp --- \$1,563.10

Sten's flt expense -- \$559.50

Young Eagles

Balance as of 08/31/2022 ----- \$10,090.39

Chapter

Balance as of 08/31/2022 ----- \$11,220.21



Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 14th @ 7:00pm

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

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

Chapter meeting



Cover: Devin's A Pilot! Read more on [page 6](#)

Young Eagles

The multi-chapter Albany Young Eagle event on August 27th was a new experience for me to be a part of. It was amazing to receive so much help from pilots from the Twin Oak, Independence, Chehalis, Creswell, and Mulino chapters. The event had 19 pilots participate and fly a total of 59 kids. The ground crew support was incredible too. I had tremendous help from Mulino pilots and ground crew members. Gavin Burn our 2021 Ray Scholar showed up and pitched on ground crew too. The support folks from Albany did a fantastic job with logistics, lunch, and ground support activities as well. There were 88 kids originally registered. I am not sure why there were so many "no show" (29) registrants. The weather started out a little iffy and depending on where pilots were coming from made a big difference. Maybe that played a part and created some confusion for registrants on whether or not the event was cancelled. Bob Lewis, Steve Millar, and I flew down from Mulino around 8:00am. Starting out, we were not sure if we would be able to make it. Ceilings and visibility were a little low, but still flyable. Fortunately we were able to make it, and others trickled in. Weather at Albany was actually much better. We were even able to kick off YE flights a little early around 9:00am. As usual, it appears to have been extremely fun for the pilots and ground crew, and the kids and parents seemed to enjoy and appreciate everyone's efforts as well. All in all, I would call it a success!

Dan



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

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 or call Dick at 503-630-4739.



**RAY AVIATION
SCHOLARSHIP**



Ray Scholarship

Unfortunately, our second Ray Scholar of 2021, Luke Palau experienced a serious mountain climbing accident last month. Fortunately he is on the mend. Luke had been preparing for his check ride and was within days of scheduling it when his accident happened. Due to his injuries, he has not been able to fly since the accident. Therefore his flight training is on hold until he has fully recovered or able to resume training. We are all pulling for you to continue healing and fully recover soon Luke!

Our two 2022 scholars (Devin Rounselle & Sten Brakstad) are progressing well. Both have recently passed their FAA written exam. They have both also completed their requirements now for applying for the Lightspeed headset. We are anxiously waiting to hear back from EAA and Lightspeed on their headset status. Devin and Sten are now preparing for their check rides. That is their last hurdle. I am told by their CFI and Ray Phalen the founder of Focus Air flying club that the scholars are making great progress. All expect to have the check rides completed very soon and well ahead of their scholarship required milestone deadline. Great job guys! The chapter looks forward to two new (younger) pilots in our chapter.

Dan

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

General Meeting August 12th

Vice-President Ray Peabody called the meeting of Chapter 902 to order at 7:15 PM. Approximately three dozen members and guests were present. Ray introduced the Board Members and Officers. Guests were Wes Pelham and Dennis Courser.

Fly-outs: No fly-outs were reported. There is a STOL contest going on at Independence Airport on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Website: It is up and running. The roster is posted.

Milestones: The RV15 flew to Oshkosh this summer and was there for viewing.

Events: A BBQ was held this month. Larry Stevens cooked burgers and hotdogs and club members brought various wonderful salads and desserts. Thank you all for participating.

OPA will be having a fund raiser movie night at the airport on August 27, 2022. Gates will open at 8 PM with the movie to start around 8:30 PM.

Young Eagles: Seventeen kids were flown on July 30, 2022, which was a make-up session after having to cancel the other sessions due to weather. Cody report that the new computer system was used for this event and worked well.

The next Young Eagles event will be on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Mulino Airport. Twenty-four kids are registered for that event. Eight pilots and six ground crew members have signed up.

A Young Eagle Event is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the Albany Airport during the Art and Air Festival. Eighty kids are signed up for that event. Pilots from 105 (Twin Oaks), Independence and Chehalis will be assisting 902 with flying the kids at that event. Currently 21 pilots are signed up.

A Young Eagle Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2022, Mulino Airport. Twenty-five kids are signed up for that date.

Ray Scholarship: The Ray scholars are preparing for their check rides.

Speaker: Christine Stevens gave a presentation on women's air racing. Women pilots have been involved in air racing since the late 1920s when the 99s were formed and they decided it would be fun to race cross country. In those days air races were cross country from California to the East Coast or vice versa. Whoever arrived first won the race. Since the late 1940s, air races have had multiple legs and pilots won by beating their handicaps. All aircraft were handicapped at a speed that was based on factory specifications. Christine and a friend have participated in a number of women's air races including

multiple times for the Palms to Pines and the Air Race Classic.

Brandon Slater provided a presentation on his experience at Air Academy at Oshkosh. He reported that it was the most amazing experience he has ever had and thanked the club for its support in sending him. He brought the spark plug holder and a bracket that he made and gave everyone an opportunity to examine the items. He also got to see a lot of warbirds and the RV15 up close.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Next Meetings: Board meeting will be next Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at the Mulino OPA clubhouse. Pizza and salad will be served.

Next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

Board Meeting August 17th

President Pete Gauthier called the Board Meeting to order around 7:00 PM. About ten members were present. Meeting was held at the OPA Clubhouse with pizza and salad.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting were provided and reviewed. Larry Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes with one edit. Henry Pflegl seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Miller provided the treasurer's report showing a total of \$11,531. Among the four of them, the Ray Scholars have about \$10,156 in funds available. There is about \$500 in bottle funds to be received. The rest is General funds and Young Eagle funds.

Bob Armstrong moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Larry Stevens seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Raffle: Due to having a BBQ, no raffle was held at the August meeting. Next meeting the 50/50 raffle will be reinstated.

Program: Pete continues to work with Rebecca Muessle for a NOAA presentation on weather.

If anyone is interested in making a presentation, please let Pete know.

Fly-Outs: WAAAM has been suggested for the next fly-out. It will be the weekend following Labor Day, which is September 9-11. Other suggestions for fly-outs included Siletz Bay (Lincoln

City) Florence and Tillamook. Tillamook has a good BBQ restaurant on the field.

Activities: August meeting was a potluck. Everyone appreciated the burgers and hotdogs. Thank you, Larry S for setting up and cooking. Thank you to all members that brought salads and desserts.

Young Eagles: August 13, 2022, a Young Eagles event was held at Mulino. Twenty-four kids were flown. Larry S. picked up the materials for the event. Steve Shupe, Cody Watkins, Dave Sweo, and Christine Stevens participated in managing the flow of YE participants. A number of members volunteered as pilots.

Next YE event is at the Albany Art and Air Festival, which is August 27, 2022. Pilots and ground crew are to be there by 8:30 AM. More than 80 kids have signed up for a flight. Currently there are 23 pilots signed up to fly from Mulino, Independence, Twin Oaks, Creswell and Chehalis.

The next YE event will be held at Mulino on September 17, 2022. The session is full already.

Pete G. picked up the YE plaque at Oshkosh.

Ray Scholarship: The Chapter has received the funds for Sten and Devin. Both are flying and have until October to complete the written exam.

Guest Speaker: Christine Stevens provided a presentation on the history and her personal experience in women's air racing. Comments from the Board indicate the program was enjoyed.

Other Issues: Pete asked for a volunteer monitor and maintain supplies at the Clubhouse such as sodas, water, coffee, cookies on meeting nights, etc. Len Fierling volunteered to monitor the sup-

plies. Larry S. will pick up water at Costco when he goes there. He just needs to know when supplies are low.

Henry recommended that we have a maintenance day at the clubhouse. A tentative date of October 1 has been set at 9:00 AM – noon. Members are to bring weed whackers, leaf blowers, and any other relevant tools. Following the clean-up, members will adjourn to the Mexican restaurant for tacos.

Henry will replace the thermostats in the hot water heater as there was a problem with the electric bill that spiked in July.

Old Business: The State will not return phone calls or emails regarding the re-roofing project. Larry S. will continue to follow up with them to have them provide materials and the club will provide the labor.

New Business: Holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Pete will contact Artie Trost to be the guest speaker. Social hour will be at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. It will be the same format as last year with members bringing designated items to share.

Mike Harfst donated a Whelen LED landing light to the Chapter. It was agreed that the club would set up a silent auction as a fund raiser to sell the item. Ray Peabody will prepare some information about the light and the silent auction for the newsletter. Date of the auction to be determined.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 is the next regular club meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Devin Check-in

On Aug. 28th, I passed my check ride for my PPL! My DPE was Katie Leonard. She emphasized that I was a safe pilot and would feel comfortable flying in the same

airspace as me (so don't worry). She also noted my firm wind corrections on final approach to landing, which she said was characteristic of KTTD pilots (she flew out of KTTD for a while). All in all, it was an incredible experience that I won't ever forget.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Ray scholarship, Dan, and all of you who helped and believed in me!



Sten Check-in (From August)

This month has gotten off to an eventful start! Got through my preparations for my first solo XC, and it didn't exactly go to plan. After a nice trip to Albany, I learned from the ATIS that TTD had their runway shut down. Ended up landing at Mulino instead, and it was definitely an exciting first solo XC and a good story to tell! Now that I've gotten that out of the way, the rest of the month is ticking off the last boxes I need for my PPL requirements so next month we can focus on check ride prep. It's looking to be a good month!

Sten

Beavers!

By Steve Miller

Last month I mentioned the water running across runway 34/16 at Valley View airport in Estacada. It seemed like a real issue to me as I don't really need any extra obstacles to deal with on my take offs and landings. After the flight back from Cottage Grove, I put on some sandals, grabbed my push broom and headed off to the source of the problem. Walking along the creek on the east side of the runway, I found a well built beaver dam. There is normally a nice pond over there but this raised the water level about 2 feet, enlarging the pond and causing the runway overflow.

Using the push broom's handle as a prying tool I busted up the dam and flung the branches, weeds and mud in all directions. Also, in the back of my mind, I was keeping an eye out for possible enraged rodents that might not be too happy with what I was doing. The previously dry creek was now filling it's banks and I felt pretty good about my work until I started wondering if it was causing issues down below in the new subdivision being built around the airport. I never heard anything so I guess not.

Several weeks later I was back at the airport and the runway was dry and looking good. I was feeling pretty proud of myself for taking care of this problem until Ralph, one of the residents there, stopped by my hangar to chat. The local airpark residents had knocked down the dam 2 more times since I was there. The beavers had rebuilt the dam I destroyed by the next day. Apparently, the only reason the overflow stopped is that the rains finally quit in July. I'm buying boots and a pick axe before October.

Auction!

We wanted to share with chapter members an opportunity to participate in a silent auction of some donated items. The first being a Whelen PAR 36 - P36G3L LED landing light. Also Below are some pics for other items!

Ray Peabody



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 River-
www.waaamuseum.org

-3rd Saturday of the month EAA Chapter 31 has a breakfast at Creswell Hobby Airport (77S) www.eaa31.org

-Every Saturday, stop in for a barbecue lunch from noon – 1 p.m. at Newport Municipal Airport, (ONP). Airport manager: (541) 867-7422

Event	Location	Date
Annual Our Lady of Lourdes Chicken Dinner	OR51, Scio OR	September 25

Next General Meeting Chapter 902

- **Wednesday September 14th, 2022**



Next Board of Directors Meeting

- The board will meet next on September 21st. 2022 7pm



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