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President's Message

Chapter 902

10 March 2025

GREETING:

THE MONTH OF MARCH BEGINS LIKE A LION - BUT GOES OUT LIKE A LAMB. I FOR ONE WELCOME THE CHANGE. NOW WE CAN PLAN AHEAD FOR 2025.

MARCH FIRST, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I FLEW MY PRISTINE CESSNA 172C TO INDEPENDENCE FOR LUNCH AT THE STAR DUST CAFE. AN E-MAIL WAS SENT OUT TO THE MEMBERS- BUT NO ONE EXCEPT US TWO SHOWED UP. THERE WAS A RV6 FROM LENHARDT'S (not a member yet) PLUS A SR-22 PILOT WHO JOINED US. THE WEATHER WAS COLD AND CLEAR WITH SOME LOW CLOUDS, BUT WAS NOT A PROBLEM. THE SMOOTH AIR WAS WELCOMED. MY MESSAGE IS THIS; WHEN WE OFFER A FLY OUT SOMEWHERE — WE NEED TO BE ACTIVE AND GET OUT THE MESSAGE ABOUT OUR CLUB TO OTHERS. I'M STILL LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, ALSO A BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE, AN ACTIVITIES AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE. IT TAKES ALL OF US MEMBERS TO BE SUCCESSFUL NOT JUST A FEW. I HAD ARRANGED TO BE AT MOLALLA HIGH SCHOOL FOR A CAREER FAIR ON APRIL 9 AT 9:20 TO 11:20 AM. FEEL FREE TO JOIN ME (I can use all the help I can get!) I'M STILL WORKING ON COLTON HIGH FOR A VOCATIONAL PROGRAM TO PRESENT AN AVIATION CAREER TO INTERESTED STUDENTS. OUR SPEAKER FOR THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE JOE MOLAHAND FROM THE FAA.(so behave yourself). BUILDER'S GROUP WAS GREAT. HAD 11 PEOPLE TOTAL THERE.

PRESIDENT LEN F

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

“I BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOUNG MEN WITH APPARENTLY EVERYTHING TO MAKE THEM HAPPY ON EARTH PERSIST IN LEAVING IT BY MEANS OF AEROPLANES. WHAT LURES THEM IS THE CALL OF A NEW WORLD WAITING TO BE CONQUERED, THE SENSE OF POWER, OF DETACHMENT FROM EVERYTHING HUMDRUM, OR EVEN HUMAN. THE THRILL THAT MAKES ALL THE OTHER SENSATIONS STALE AND VAPID, THE EXHILARATION THAT FOR THE MOMENT MAKES EACH OF THEM A KING.”

Richard Harding Davis, COLLIER'S MAGAZINE September 1911

“IT IS HARD ENOUGH FOR ANYONE TO MAP OUT A COURSE OF ACTION AND STICK TO IT, PARTICULARLY IN THE FACE OF THE DESIRES OF ONE'S FRIENDS, BUT IT IS DOUBLY HARD FOR AN AVIATOR TO STAY ON THE GROUND WAITING FOR JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT TO GO INTO THE AIR.”

Glenn Curtis

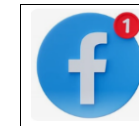
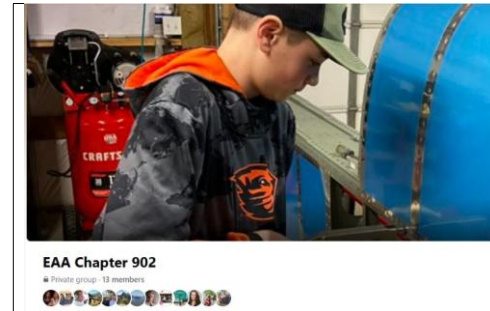
Chapter 902 Facebook Group

In an effort to inform and encourage membership to get more involved with the chapter, the Board agreed that a Facebook (FB) group may lead to more activity with flyouts and events. Dan created a chapter page years ago on his personal FB page and the fun meter went to zero on his effort. Dan's page was tied to his personal account. That effort has been closed. Last month I created a new EAA 902 group on FB that requires Admin approval to join. At this point, I am the administrator for this group and currently 13 people are monitoring that site.

I encourage all members and guests you think would be interested in our events, to join the chapter group. The Group logo on FB looks just like the photo to the right. Search for "EAA Chapter 902" and you'll find the right page. You have to request to join from admin.

I realize there are some who absolutely refuse to join FB out of identity theft concerns. I've been on FB for over 10 years and here are my suggestions:

- Do not fill out any profile information
- Only give your email address which is required to open an account
- Do not include a profile photo of your face (I've heard of scammers copying photos and using AI to do all sorts of nefarious things).
- Ignore all Friend Requests unless you want that person as a friend!
- Don't open any ads because FB notes your "interests" and you'll get more of them!
- If you're going to monitor our EAA Group, make sure you only post, respond or like things on our Group page.
- Don't post when you're out of town or on vacation...simply put, that's not smart.
- Select "Notifications – Yes" for the group and you will get this →→→→ on the main screen of your cell phone notifying you of a new post on the group website.
- Proper etiquette says that any picture we post of individuals should have their permission to do so (think YE hero shots).
- You can always delete your personal account if you don't like the way it plays out.



Please consider joining and let us know how your build, fly out or aircraft repair is going. Let's all give this a chance to benefit our chapter!

Dave



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Show me the Money

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February 2025

Chapter balance as of 01/31/2024 ----- \$15,257.97

General fund balance as of 01/31/2024- \$12,293.67

Income -----Membership dues ----- \$315.00

50/50 raffle ----- \$35.00

Donations ----- \$35.00

Pop/coffee ----- \$7.00

Fred Meyer Rewards ----- \$9.63

Expenses --- Secretary of State Corp fee- \$50.00

PGE ----- \$122.79

General fund balance as of 02/28/2025 \$12,522.51

Young Eagles fund as of 02/28/2025 ----- \$2,019.85

Ray Scholarship funds:

Gavin ----- \$156.00

Jackson ----- \$788.45

Kristen ----- \$0.00

Chapter balance as of 02/28/2025 ----- \$15,486.81

Cover photo submitted by Cody w.



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 03/12/2025 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.

Meeting Notes

February 12, 2025

President Len Fierling called the meeting of Chapter 902 to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Approximately 30 members and several guests were present.

Len then introduced the Board Members and Officers.

Fly-outs: A fly-out spaghetti feed is planned for June 21, 2025 at Pine Hollow airport. This is a camp-out event. Members are welcome to participate.

Doug Snader and Henry Pflegl advised that if you purchase fuel at Lebanon Airport, to be sure and check your credit card as they both had their charges run twice for a single fueling.

Milestones: The Chapter received the Bogardus Award from EAA. This award is given in memory of George Bogardus who was an early advocate for homebuilt aircraft.

Raffle: Steve Miller won the 50/50 raffle and donated his half back to the club.

Tech Tip: No tech tip this month.

Builders Group: Lenhardts Airport, Hangar 34 on March 8, 2025 at 10:-00 AM to view an RV12IS that is under construction.

Young Eagles: EAA has set up a new Young Eagles website. The prior website, YEDay.org is no longer active. There is a Webinar available explaining how to use the new website.

Speaker: Kevin Krieter was the guest speaker of the evening. He provided a presentation on the restoration and flying of Wally Olson's 1940 Waco NC 29949. He purchased the aircraft in an auction in 2003. The aircraft was subsequently stripped to the tube frame and completely rebuilt by Kevin, Art Armstrong and some friends of theirs. Kevin was able to get some blueprints from the Smithsonian, which helped somewhat. They invested about 6500 hours total in rebuilding the airplane over the course of nine years and three months. Currently the aircraft is hangered at Camas Grove field. Kevin flies the aircraft regularly to aviation events.

Part of the presentation was a 1970s vintage video of Evergreen Airport weekend flyers in old tail dragger aircraft including Wally's Waco. A number of famous aviators participated in those fly-ins including Evelyn Waldron who was the second woman in the US to receive a CFI rating. Several club members indicated they had the opportunity to fly that aircraft at one time or another.

VMC: – The question of the month was “Can you legally use a cell phone while in flight?”

- Answer: FCC regulations state it is not permissible to use a cell phone while an airplane is in flight.

Other Issues: Board Member Michael Harfst reported that he has put the club roster into a spreadsheet and asked members to review the sheet, make any corrections and give it back to him.

EAA National has announced that the Sweepstakes Aircraft this year is a pristine 1947 Cessna 120. The contest opens January 2025 and closes at midnight CDT October 1, 2025. To learn more about the rules and how to enter the sweepstakes, go to eaa.org/sweepstakes.

Mike Patey donated his aircraft, “Turbulence” to the EAA Museum.

AirVenture group campsite sign-up is now open. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis. This is for groups wanting to fly in together and camp together.

EAA Learn to Fly Week will have Webinars: May 13-15, 2025. The International Learn to Fly Day is May 17, 2025. This program is also supported by Sporty’s. Eagle Flights will be offered as part of the program by participating chapters. EAA would like to have as many airports and chapters involved as possible.

Website: No updates on the website.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned about 8:30 PM.

Next Meetings: Board meeting will be next Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6:30 PM at Legends Café at the Arrowhead Golf Course. Meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

Next regular club meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 PM at the clubhouse.

Mount Hood Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 902

Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025

President Len Fierling called the Board Meeting to order around 6:50 PM. Eight members were present. The meeting was held at the Legends Café with members ordering from the menu.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 15, 2025 Board meeting and the February 12, 2025 general meeting were reviewed. Bob Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mike Harfst seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was posted in the Newsletter.

Ray Scholarship: No notice has been received yet whether the Chapter will receive a Rays Scholarship again this year. Action is pending on this item.

Dave McGraw volunteered to go to Estacada to see the school counselor about potential applicants for the Ray Scholarship. Len Fierling stated that he would contact Colton and Molalla school districts to promote the Ray Scholarship.

New Business: It was agreed that we would table the burger/hot dog fly-in for the time being. National has a flyer that can be customized to meet Chapter needs.

Dave M reported that last month he received a memo from EAA National asking for last year's Chapter accomplishments. He completed that and returned it.

The Young Eagles Build and Fly kit is in the Chapter's possession. The course needs to be scheduled, volunteers selected and kids invited to participate. This could be set up on the new website similar to YEDay.org so that people can apply directly for the event.

Builders' Group: New member, Bryan Stearns, who is building an RV12IS has scheduled a builders' group meeting at his hangar #34 at Lenhardt Airport on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 10 AM to share his project with the group.

Speaker: Joe Mulholland from the FAA will be the speaker for the March meeting.

Tech Tip: Pete Gauthier will provide a tech tip for the month.

Old Business: The Chapter By-laws list several types of memberships including Honorary and Associate. Board members would like to put guests and the other types of members on the mailing lists so that they receive the newsletters and communications about other events for their participation. It was agreed that guests would be asked to share their contact information whether or not they join so that they are on the mailing list for meetings and events. Pete moved that we create a guest mailing list. Dave McGraw recommended that we have a specific person to greet guests and follow up with them. Brian Wing volunteered to handle these efforts. Mike H will work with Steve Miller to figure out how to implement the sign-up process and will coordinate with Brian W.

EAA National has Chapter media tips for using social media to promote the Chapter and its activities. The Chapter does have a Facebook page, which was maintained by Dan Forney and Ken Williams (Chapter's former newsletter editor). Dave M volunteered to become the administrator for the Facebook page.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 PM, is the next regular meeting at the clubhouse.

Adjournment: Christine Stevens moved the meeting be adjourned. Mike H seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Our 2024 Ray Scholar

Kristen's Progress

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

"Things are going great here...weather permitting, Thursday (the 6th ed.) is my final lesson before my PPL check ride! With the school check airmen it usually takes 3 to 4 days to get put on the schedule, so hopefully will be able to send a text this weekend or next week that I officially have my license."

This is great news from her! I'm looking forward to getting that text and I will let the group know when I do. Blue Skies!

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 Picture of The Month Submission



Continuing with the theme of aviation related places I've taken pictures of, is this month's pull from my archives.

Almost three years ago, we spent a month out in the bush in South Africa. Mostly the transportation was in small boxy, skyvan type, 10-person, regional haulers, light twins or even 172s. At one bush strip I found an unattended terminal (a thatch roof hut) labeled Madikwe Eastern with a small sign indicating it was also an international terminal.

A solar powered electric fence surrounded the hut to keep the elephants, giraffes, zebras and smaller game out of the building.

Standard practice was for a waiting taxi to cruise the runway to chase off big game or for the plane to make a low pass for the same purpose.

Regardless, the runway was covered in elephant dung. That is a good perspective to keep when we think deer are a big problem.

Note, in the left background, behind the hut about 50 yards is a gazelle.



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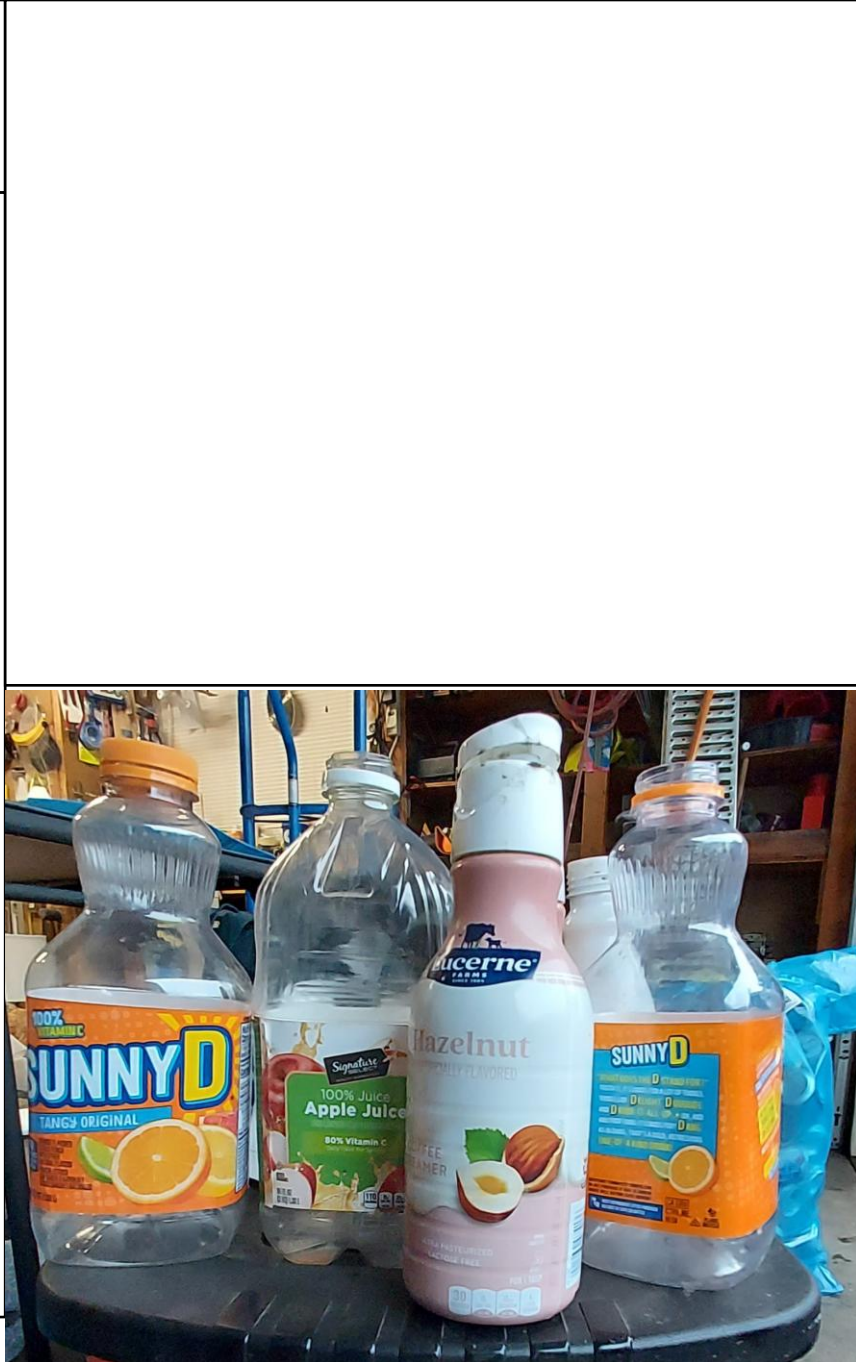


Mt. Hood Chapter 902 Experimental Aircraft Association

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

<p>Chapter Flyouts. Link at. https://chapters.eaa.org/ea902/yearly-fly-outs</p> <p>Next Board of Directors Meeting • March,19,2025 7:00pm</p>	<p>Next General Meeting Chapter 902 • Wednesday, 12th, 2025 7:00pm</p> 
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