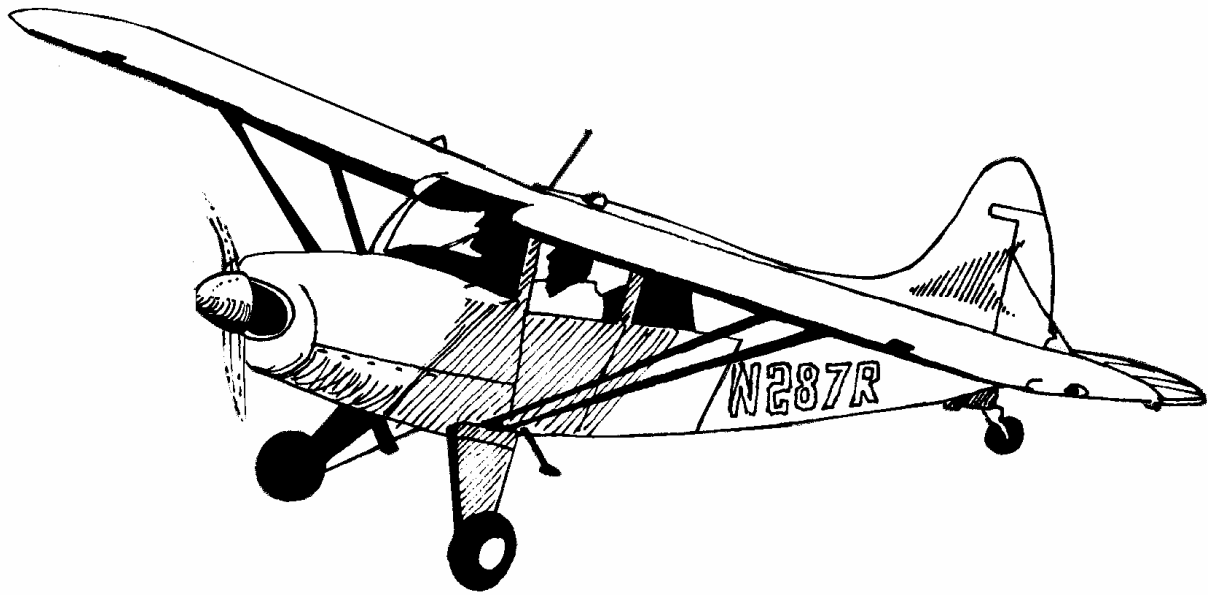


The Taledragger



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The Monthly Newsletter of
Chapter 292 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
Serving the Willamette Valley at Independence State Airport, Oregon

The President's Corner

Greetings from Independence Airpark! I have been sanding and washing and sanding and priming and sanding and, well you should get it by now that I'm in the middle of a painting project. I was told I would have 200 hours in prep time (which I thought was a ludicrous estimate at the time), and I've exceeded that by a bit. Hopefully I'll have a painted airplane by the time you read this.

We had an impressive array of builders' reports at the meeting in January, ranging from Experimental Super Cub to a Velocity...with an RV or 20 thrown in for good measure. I am aware of two more RVs that received airworthiness certificates this month...imagine that. If you keep after it, you'll finish...it's as simple as that.

Dick Wildman stepped up to the plate (or was it tripped and fell in?) and took ownership of the EAA's B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* visit that will take place at Salem's McNary Field in late May. Several people volunteered to fill positions for the visit. I am excited to be able to play a small role in attracting such a famous visitor. Not many of these birds are flying, and it's always inspirational to see one and go through the range of emotions they always seem to bring out, from *Rosie the Riveter* to the *Mighty 8th*. If you're interested in helping at this outstanding event, please contact Dick Wildman.

A few days after our chapter's January meeting, an organizational meeting attended by 22 people was held at my hangar to discuss having an RV fly-in here at Independence. After an interesting and reasoned discussion, it was decided that the dates will be August 17-19, which coincides with the Northwest Antique Fly-In at McMinnville. There will be monthly planning meetings until the fly-in, and we encourage all who can to become involved, whether you have an interest in RVs or not.

Keith Hamilton has agreed to act as the coordinator for the fly-in but will need all of our support to achieve a memorable event. I know we're all up for it. The next meeting for this group will be held at my hangar (638 Luscombe Street, Independence) on February 1 at 7 p.m. Please join us. I promise I won't ask you to sand or paint.

Our chapter's Hornet has been posted for sale on Barnstormers! Al Cleveland has led a group of people in the restoration and refurbishment of the Hornet over the past few years. We hope the sale will allow funds to grow in the building fund and lead the chapter toward another project. Speaking of which...

Our regular February 10 meeting is slated to have Ken Krueger, engineering manager at Van's Aircraft, arrive by air, flying the RV-12 and telling us about development of this exciting new Light Sport-flavored flying machine. Our meeting could well be the first fly-out of this long-awaited airplane. You wouldn't want to miss *that*!

See ya there.

Bob Brown

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS	THE INDEPENDENCE FLYER BUILDERS GROUP	CHAPTER HANGAR, AROUND NOON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	CHAPTER HANGAR, 7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	CHAPTER HANGAR, 10:00 A.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 21	ANNUAL PROFICIENCY TRAINING	GABELS' HANGAR, 2 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY	CHAPTER HANGAR, 8:30 A.M.

EAA Chapter 292 Purposes --Policies--Meetings--Dues

THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION (EAA) CHAPTER 292: To promote and encourage the sport and hobby of recreational aviation. To cooperate with and assist governmental agencies in the development of programs relating to aviation activities. To promote and encourage aviation safety in the design, construction, and operation of all types of aircraft. To encourage and engage in research for the improvement and better understanding of aviation and the science of aeronautics. To foster, promote, and engage in aviation education. To foster closer fellowship among its members through the exchange of ideas of mutual interest. Chapter 292 is a private, non-profit organization, and recognized as a 501 (c) (3) institution by the IRS. Contributions to the organization are fully tax-deductible as authorized by law.

CHAPTER 292 AND EAA NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: EAA National Membership is required for all Chapter 292 members (call 1-800-JOIN EAA). Chapter 292 dues are \$36/year for 2007 for those who receive an e-mail version of this publication and are prorated on a \$3/month basis for those who join mid-year; and dues are \$48/year for 2007 for those who receive a snail mail version of this publication and are prorated on a \$4/month basis for those who join mid-year. A Lifetime Membership in EAA Chapter 292 is \$500 (national membership must be maintained as well). For more information both on National and Chapter 292 memberships, please call the Chapter Secretary, Mike Pongracz at (503) 606-9767.

MEETINGS: The general membership meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 A.M. at the Chapter Hangar, 4803 Airport Road, at Independence State Airport. Oftentimes special events will supersede the normal schedule. Please call the Chapter Secretary to confirm a date if in doubt.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS: The executive board meets at the Chapter Hangar on the second Friday of each month at 7 P.M. Board meetings are open and anyone may attend.

NEWSLETTER: *The Taledragger* is published and mailed one week prior to the general membership meeting. Feature articles, stories relating to flying, technical reports, or classified listings should be made to the newsletter editor one week prior to publication. This is most easily accomplished by e-mail to the editor at windwing1@juno.com. EAA Chapter 292 is not responsible for any modification or maintenance items that appear in the newsletter or in any other correspondence. It is the responsibility of the reader to discuss and get approval for all such items from an appropriate A&P, the FAA or other government official.

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Board of Directors Meeting

EAA Chapter 292: January 13, 2007

- Attendance:** (9) Brown, Pryce, Cleveland, Moreno, Schwarzler, Smith, Giles, Andersen, Pongracz.
- Treasurer's Report:** Current checkbook balance stands at \$6,502.24. Dues have been paid by 42 of 107 members. Major activity from the past month includes repairs to the south hangar doors (\$353.16) and liability insurance to national EAA for \$556. Three members have joined Jerry Pryce as Lifetime. Chapter Members: Bartels, Schulte, and Ashford.
- ISAS Group:** Pongracz reported on the January 8 meeting of all the 7S5 user groups. The option by Jensen on the 190 acres west of the field was abandoned. It is reported that two other offers are pending. Our position remains that we would prefer that the 190 acres remain as EFU, and barring that, the development should be protected by the Residential Single-Family Airpark (RSA) zone that currently applies to the development east of the runway. This position was also adopted by the North Annex, while the IAHA contingent has yet to express a position. It was also expressed that we need to be more proactive on the field and remind one another to **FLY FRIENDLY**. Each end of the runway is placarded with the reminder that 34 is the calm wind runway (below 5 knots). Please try to minimize takeoffs over the city of Independence.
- Change in Meeting Time for Board of Directors:** The board unanimously voted to change its meeting time to the second Friday of each month at 7 P.M. Limiting their available time for discussion of all the issues before them to just an hour and a half before the regular meeting was too confining.
- Hangar Manager Position Description:** Dave Smith requested clarification of his duties and some preliminary steps were taken in this direction.

6. **Explorer Post:** Al Cleveland announced a second open house in February. If you know of a young adult who might be interested in aviation, direct them to this program. (503) 910-7786.
7. **Help Wanted: Young Eagles Coordinator:** Karen Brown is no longer able to fill this position and has tendered her resignation. If you can help here please contact Bob Brown at (503) 838-4146.
8. **Aluminum Overcast coming to McNary Field May 29-30:** Our chapter will host this appearance by the EAA's B-17. We need to have at least six people helping all day at Salem both days, and over 20 people signed up at the meeting. Six of these people will (by lottery) be allowed to ferry the aircraft from Mc Nary Field to Hillsboro in appreciation of your efforts. Dick Wildman reports from his experience with the program in San Jose that you'll never regret volunteering once you spent just a few minutes with former B-17 crew members who show up at these gatherings. Call Dick at (503) 838-4779 if you can help.
9. **The Hornet is Done:** Al Cleveland reports that the work on the Hornet is complete. He and Ernie Moreno confirmed the weight and balance last Sunday and are satisfied that everything is in order. This aircraft is ready to be registered at an ELSA aircraft and has passed muster with two EAA Technical Counselors. Al took a set of pictures today, and it will be listed on Barnstormers early next week with an asking price of \$18,000 (the current kit price for a fully assembled, painted and tested aircraft). Proceeds from this sale will be added to the chapter's Aircraft Building Fund. Al Cleveland can be reached at (503) 910-7786.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Pongracz, Chapter Secretary

General Membership Meeting

EAA Chapter 292: January 13, 2007

1. **Attendance:** 45 members were present for the meeting. New guests included Roger and Evelyn Rhodes from Albany.
2. **Hangar Manager:** Dave Smith was formally elected to serve as hangar manager, replacing Roger Vasend.
3. **B-17 Appearance:** A volunteer sheet was distributed for *Aluminum Overcast* (see #8 above).
4. **RV Fly-in:** Keith Hamilton has agreed to be the initial contact person to start the planning for this event. The first planning meeting will be Friday, January 19 at 6 p.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Keith at (503) 957-0811.
5. **APT Program:** The Annual Proficiency Training Program sponsored by the Flying Farmers has been scheduled for April 21 this year. The ground school portion will begin at 2 p.m. at the Gabels' hangar.
6. **Builder Reports:** This was definitely RV Heaven! (I've never heard so many RV builder reports.)

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Pongracz, Chapter Secretary

PAID YOUR DUES?

(THANKS TO THE 54 MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS!)

Dues were due January 1, 2007 for all members.

- I'm enclosing a check for \$36 for my 2007 chapter dues. I understand that this is the rate for those members receiving ONLY an email version of *The Taledragger*
- I'm enclosing a check for \$48 for my 2007 chapter dues. I want to receive a version of *The Taledragger* delivered through the U.S. Postal Service and I'm willing to pay the increased costs for this.
- I'm enclosing a check for \$500 for my Lifetime Membership.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

**Mike Pongracz, Chapter Secretary
649 Airport Way
Independence, OR 97351**

Jim Ashford: WW-II pilot, airplane homebuilder

Question: *What is the most interesting thing you ever did with an airplane?*

Chapter 292 member **Jim Ashford** thought for a moment. "It was when I knocked down a cement telephone pole in France...with an airplane," he said. Flying a Thunderbolt, he was on a mission to drop bombs on railroad tracks to slow the flow of enemy supplies. "In France, the Germans mounted 40 mm anti-aircraft guns on the tops of all the big water towers so they could shoot down at low-altitude Allied flights. On my bomb run, I noticed a water tower off to my left, and I was in a perfect position to fly straight at the flak tower. So I dropped my bomb and pulled into a run for the tower. I pulled the trigger and then saw the telephone pole."

"I hit the pole about 2 feet from the wingroot, right next to the gun camera...I sure wish I'd kept the film. As the pole broke off, it carried away half of my right stabilizer. But I was able to fly home and land."

Until the war started, Jim said, you had to be 21 and a college graduate to get into cadets. But then they changed that to high school grad and age 18. Having had a single airplane ride at age 14 in a Stinson Reliant, 18-year-old Jim volunteered for flight training and flew fighters, getting out in 1947. Moving back home to Hawaii in 1951, he joined the Air National Guard and retired from the guard in '78. He flew P-47s, the P-39 ("a miserable little airplane"), and instructed in P-51s. He transitioned to jets in the T-33 and flew the F-86 Sabers and all-weather F-86Ds, F-102 Delta Daggers, and finally the F-4 Phantom II. His unit never got called up to fly in either Korea or Vietnam.

After retiring, Jim flew Cessna 402s for a Part 135 charter operation in Hawaii for three years. "After that, I wasn't involved in aviation," he said, "but I read a three-part article in *Popular Mechanics* on building a Zenair 601HD. It was my first exposure to homebuilts. I thought 'Wouldn't that be great?' " He got more excited and in 1998 he ordered a Zenair kit. The airplane flew it in '99.

Visiting his daughter in Washington state, Jim heard about some Zenair 601 builders here in



Independence. He visited Don Woodley and saw the airpark. He thought "Wow! What could be better than this?" He bought a house at the airpark in 2002, and he moved here from Hawaii in '03.

Jim's first EAA experience was with the chapter at Pearson Field in Vancouver, Washington, when he was building the Zenair. Of course he joined Chapter 292 when he moved to Independence. "I'm looking forward to the RV fly-in the chapter is working on," he said.

What's next in the airplane-building department? "If there is another project, it will probably be an LSA, maybe a Sonex," Jim said.

Jim is involved in another activity—especially this time of year: volunteering with AARP's tax aid program, helping people prepare their taxes. He takes a test and is certified each year. "People say, 'You do taxes on purpose?' Yes. I find it interesting," Jim said. He's also a docent at Evergreen Museum in McMinnville and is obviously enjoying his "retirement."

--Dave Martin

Painting Bob Brown's Airplane



Fill Primer for Pinholes in Fiberglass



Cans of color coat



Filler primer needs to be sanded off, and redone, again and again



The painters and the room masked



Gold stripes painted and masked



Masked windscreen, filler primer sprayed



Red painted



Control surfaces removed



Red masked, the yellow is primer

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LYCOMING ENGINES & PARTS: Harry Malette (800) 831-6513

RV-9A EMPENNAGE KIT, Dec. 1999 vintage (S/N 90026), pre-punched. HS spars & ribs fitted, skins & ribs dimpled, spar holes countersunk. No riveting done. Asking \$1000.00. Call Kevin at (503) 364-3236.

RV-6/6A EMPENNAGE KIT, Aug. 1995 vintage (S/N 24439), not pre-punched. HS Spars & ribs fitted, no holes in skins, no riveting done. Need spare/repair parts? Asking \$600.00. Call Kevin at (503) 364-3236.

Lost: Sporty's JD 200 Portable Transceiver. Please call Jim Davis 503-838-2160



PROGRAM NOTES:

FEBRUARY 10, 10 A.M.

The RV-12 LSA

Ken Krueger from Van's Aircraft

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