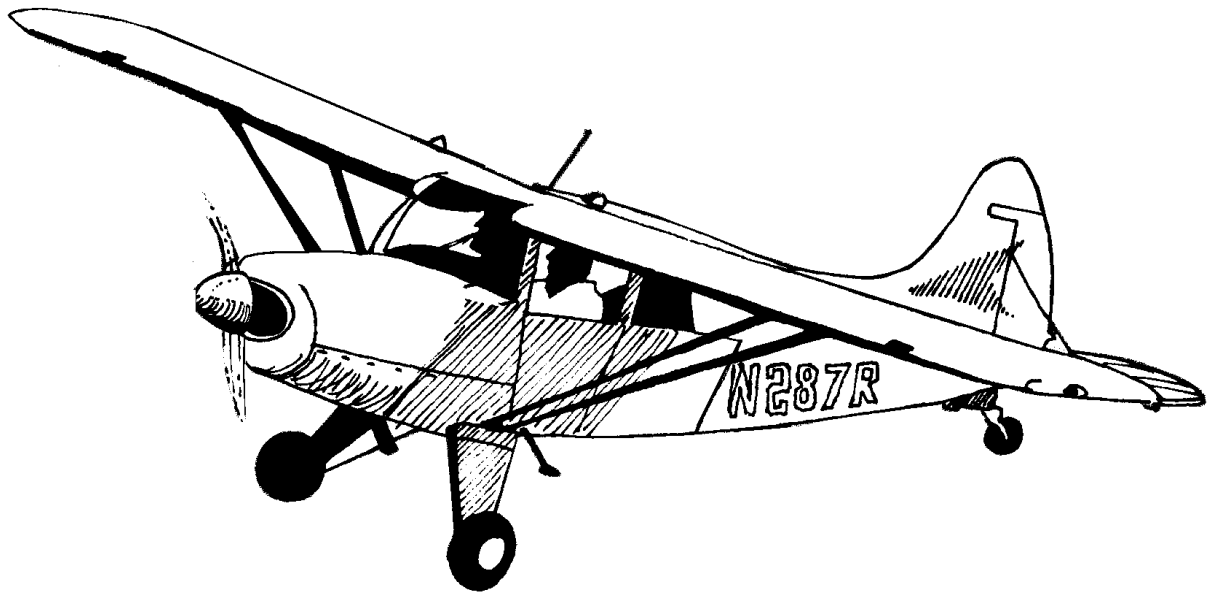


The Taledragger



May 2007
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, fellow aircraft enthusiasts. I'm waiting to see if April showers will bring May flowers...though I'm not really looking for flowers, but for those beautiful flying days. We had one of those beautiful Oregon days on April 14 when we had EAA 292's meeting. April's Chapter 292 meeting was another example of our members being willing to stand up in front of a group and tell others what works for them. Craig Cowles talked about his experiences building and installing wingtip antennas in both wood and metal airframes. Pete Weber also gave us a few things to think about by discussing easy ways to locate an unintended ELT signal, which would save CAP valuable time and effort in searching for a signal right in our midst here on the airport. Thanks to both of you for sharing your experiences.

Speaking of sharing experiences, if you get on our website and read the March 2007 *Taledragger*, you will get to know one of our members, Jake Thiessen. We never know just how far out we reach with our newsletters, but a hint came last week in the form of an email from EAA founder Paul Poberezny. His email (mentioning his desire to meet Jake) humorously points out what all of us gain from being EAA members, which is the opportunity to meet like-minded people who just love aviation. I've included a copy of Paul's mail in this

newsletter. We're honored to hear from you, Paul, and our door is always open to you and any other visitor who happens to see our website or one of our chapter meetings.

While on the subject of meetings, I'd like to outline the next few meeting days for you. Our May meeting will feature a presentation by Western Propeller from Troutdale, Oregon. Bill Boyle arranged this presentation and I'd like to thank him for doing that. Each of us should be on the lookout for people willing to share their aviation passions and their specific knowledge with our group. Unfortunately, I will be traveling on business through the end of May and will be unable to attend the presentation.

The June 9 meeting will be our annual Young Eagles day. I'd like to remind all of you that if you are a licensed, current, and insured pilot, you can fly a Young Eagle at any time. You can read more about the Young Eagles program on the EAA website or visit with our Young Eagles coordinator, Bob Schwarzler for more information on the Young Eagle Program. In lieu of a July meeting, Chapter 292 will host an aviation swap meet on July 10 at the chapter hangar beginning at 10 a.m. There is more information on the swap meet posted on the EAA292 website.

Fly often, fly safe and have fun. I'll see you in June.
Bob Brown

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAYS	THE INDEPENDENCE FLYER BUILDERS GROUP	CHAPTER HANGAR, AROUND NOON
FRIDAY, MAY 11	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	CHAPTER HANGAR, 7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, MAY 12	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	CHAPTER HANGAR, 10:00 A.M.
MONDAY, MAY 28	MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES	INDEPENDENCE AIRPORT, 11:00 A.M.
TUES/WEDNESDAY, MAY 29/30	ALUMINUM OVERCAST AT MCNARY FIELD	SALEM AIRPORT, ALL DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 9	INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY	CHAPTER HANGER, 8:30 A.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 7	SWAP MEET MEETING	CHAPTER HANGAR, 10 AM TO 1 P.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: April 13, 2007

- Attendance:** (7) Browns, Pryce, Martin, Schwarzler, Andersen, Pongracz.
- Treasurer's Report:** We currently have \$8,121.45 in the general fund of which \$5,000 is in a CD. The Aircraft Building Fund is currently at \$9,140.02 of which \$5,000 is also in a CD. All bills are current. Tomorrow is the last day to pay dues for 2007 and the roster will be purged at that time.
- Theft in North Hangar:** Approximately \$750 in tools was stolen from the north hangar sometime between September 15, 2006, and March 15, 2007. We had stored the Hornet in this hangar, done door maintenance and installed a furnace during this period—all with permission of the tenant to be sure. The hangar was determined to not be totally secure and we felt partially responsible for the loss. It was decided unanimously by the board to forgive three months of rent to close this matter. The door has been made secure, the locks changed, and our access is limited to this hangar.
- Hornet Conclusion:** It was determined that this aircraft has been languishing on Barnstormers for too long at too steep a price. Jerry Pryce agreed to take over this project, complete a condition inspection and possibly start the process to license

the aircraft as an E-LSA. Jerry thought this could be accomplished within two weeks. The price will be lowered to \$11,000 and offered to members for a reduced price of \$10,000 in *The Taledragger*.

5. **Swap Meet Meeting:** July 7 was set for this purpose. Many members will attend the Arlington Fly-in the following Saturday (the normal second-Saturday day for our general meeting), and we thought this would be a fine alternative get together for the month of July. This will be posted in the newsletter and on the website.
6. **Survey:** Bob Brown is preparing a survey of the general membership to go out in the not too distant future. No details were given at this time.
7. **Fly-in Update:** Housing requests and parking announcements will soon be appearing in the homeowners' publication *Loud and Clear*. It was also announced that the banquet will be handled by the local Elk's Club, and they will also provide transportation to the lodge in downtown Independence.
8. **HB 3153:** Andy Andersen reported on the machinations surrounding this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Pongracz, Chapter Secretary

General Membership Meeting

EAA Chapter 292: April 14, 2007

1. **Attendance:** 55 members were present for the meeting. We had three new members join at this meeting: Jim Green and Johnny Jordan and Glenn Howland—WELCOME!
2. **B-17: Appearance:** Dick Wildman, the event chairman for the appearance of *Aluminum Overcast* May 29 and 30 at Salem Airport, requested assistance with this program. If you'd like to help, call Dick at (503) 838-4779.
3. **Theft in North Hangar:** The membership was informed of this development and corrective action.
4. **Member Focus Interview:** Pete Weber won the drawing this month.
5. **Featured Program:** Thanks to Craig Cowles for a great program on wingtip antennas!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Pongracz, Chapter Secretary

Member Profile—

What's Pete Weber Been Up To?

What's the most fun that Pete ever had in an airplane? "My very first ride in an airplane was among the most fun," he said. "I was 12 years old and flew in an Aeronca Champ. We took off over my little town (Salem, South Dakota) and circled the farm that I lived on. That's what got me hooked on aviation." Pete built model airplanes, and during WW-II he studied silhouettes of Japanese airplanes that people thought might invade the U.S.

For Pete, aviation slipped into the background for a number of years. He decided against farm work. To avoid being drafted into the Korean War, he enlisted in the Navy, where he eventually became a radioman. While stationed on the south coast of Puerto Rico, he joined a group that bought a Piper Colt and started taking lessons. Just after he soloed in the Colt, he was sent on temporary duty to Ft. Gordon, Georgia (an Army base) for school, leaving his wife and children in Puerto Rico. He joined the Army flying club, where he got checked out in 95-hp Cubs and a Cessna 140.

Returning to Puerto Rico, he earned his private license flying out of Ramey Air Force Base, a 3-hour drive from home. In Puerto Rico, the long cross-country flight is to circumnavigate the island, about 200 miles including a stop at the military base on the other end of the island. Right after getting the private ticket, he checked out in a C-172, loaded aboard his wife and children plus life preservers, and headed for St Croix. The flight includes 70 miles of open ocean. The



family spent a few days there and flew to St. Thomas and back to P.R. That too was one of Pete's flying thrills.

Back in the states, the Webers lived near Washington, D.C., and Pete flew out of Manassas, Virginia. He helped lobby Congress for an extension of the G.I. Bill and told then-Senator McGovern from South Dakota that he needed to support the bill. The bill passed, and Pete used his G.I. Bill education credit to work on commercial and instrument ratings plus multi-engine and flight instructor license.

After retiring from the Navy in 1970, Pete went to work for Motorola in Washington, D.C. but continued to work for Colgan Airways as an instructor until Motorola transferred him to Raleigh, North Carolina, where he had a share in a C-182. He instructed and flew as a charter pilot until the FAA changed the rules for Part 135 pilots.

The next move was to Cleveland, where Pete instructed part time and had interests in a Cherokee 235 and an Aeronca Champ. Motorola had him moving again, this time to the San Diego area from '81-'89. Pete remembers taking an interesting instrument proficiency flight; he and the instructor took off in clouds and rain from Montgomery Field (MYF), shot an ILS into McClellan-Palomar (CRQ) in deteriorating conditions with fog moving in from the nearby coastline. The instructor was nervous about getting trapped by the fog at Palomar, but Pete had no qualms about taking off into it, knowing that the fog wouldn't soon move inland to close Montgomery. And it didn't. (If it had, airports a few miles to the east would still have been open.)

One of Pete's favorite airplanes was the Cherokee 235 he owned with partners in Cleveland. "It was great for

cross-country. It could go half way across the country and still get to an alternate," Pete said. "We used to fly to visit Marcie's parents and mine every summer in the Midwest."

Yet another Motorola move brought the Webers to Oregon in 1989. Pete was project manager for the City of Portland's new 800-MHz fire and police radio system. Retiring in '93, he built a log home near Bend. But Pete and Marcie sold it and bought their house on Aeronca Street in 1999.

He joined EAA nationally some years ago when he and his son, a pilot for Northwest Airlines, attended the Oshkosh convention. Last year he joined Chapter 292. Recently he let his FAA medical expire, sold his Piper Cherokee, and bought an LSA-qualified Ercoupe that he owned once before. Now he flies it as a sport pilot. Most recent flights have been here in the valley. Pete is looking forward to short cross-country hops and activities with the antique airplane group.

His interest in amateur radio began in high school. He is a leader in ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) locally. This volunteer group of hams supplements government radio services during emergencies and incidents. For example, Pete was recently called by a state official to help locate an ELT broadcasting in the area. Using direction-finding techniques, he located the transmitting ELT and got it turned off.

Whether it's flying or radio, Pete's enthusiastic about participating.

--Dave Martin

The Pryce List

I am just back from an enjoyable 5 days at Sun 'n Fun where I was able to view a veritable plethora of LSAs and ELSAs. Paradise City—the ultralight /light-sport area— was crawling with activity. I managed to score a demo flight in the Apollo Fox, a Kitfox look-alike that is built in Hungary.

Between my visit to Sun 'n Fun and tweaking my RANS S-5 (which I am converting back to tricycle gear), I have enjoyed my time off. It will shortly be time to pay the piper as I return to work for an 18-day stint that will likely find me traveling between the East Coast, Ireland and the Middle East.

I will most likely not be in attendance at the May meeting due to my work schedule. I will, however, be around for the Memorial Day event at the Independence Airport as well as the EAA B-17 visit on May 29 and 30. We are still looking for volunteers for to help with the concession trailer and to help conduct tours. If you are interested in helping, and possibly earning a ride on the repositioning flight to Hillsboro, please contact Dick Wildman (503)838-4962, Dave Smith (503)831-1257 or Zell Giles (503)763-7120.

Chapter Aircraft for Sale

Following last month's meeting, Nieuport #14 of *Noon Patrol* fame was sold on eBay for \$12,000. The deposit has been received and the new owner is expected to pick the aircraft up on May 7. Al Cleveland tells me that the Hornet has also been sold to one of our new members for \$10,000. Proceeds from these sales will be deposited into the chapter aircraft building fund. In related news, Ernie Moreno bid farewell to the Gypsy ultralight, which was this chapter's first building project. The new owner hauled it back to LaGrande, Oregon.

Newsletter Articles & Ads

We are always looking for input—articles and ads—for our newsletter. Whether your article is general information or a *how-to*, we'd love to hear from you. The editor can't guarantee insertion immediately but articles will be published, space permitting. Ads in the newsletter are free for members and a great way to rid your hangar and workshop of unneeded treasures.

I hope to see you all soon. *Jerry Pryce, v.p.*

TO: Bob Brown, President, EAA Chapter 292

Dear Bob,

I just finished reading your chapter's newsletter and was impressed when I read you had some 85 people show up for the February meeting. In reading hundreds of newsletters, perhaps thousands over the years, chapter attendance can vary from time to time. Weather sometimes plays a part of it and/or family activities. I note one of your comments was the need for articles for the newsletter, something that is quite familiar to many of the chapter newsletter editors. I will try to pick out various articles that might be of interest to our chapters from other newsletters and pass this information onto the newsletter editors. Some have been sent out already.

Someday maybe I'll get the chance to meet one of your members - Jake and the reason to fly. I still have my wife (thank gosh for her or there would be no EAA) and an airplane; I guess I'm fortunate as I don't even know how to ride a horse!

Please give my best to all the members of EAA Chapter 292.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Poberezny

Founder and Chairman of the Board

Experimental Aircraft Association

Aviation Swap Meet July 7, 2007

With the Northwest Fly-in occurring (July 13-15) the same weekend as our normally scheduled meeting, and Oshkosh being scheduled for the end of the month, we have elected to have an "EAA 292 Aviation Swap Meet" in lieu of a July meeting at the Chapter Hangar on Saturday, July 7th. The "doors will open" at 10AM.

Bring all those aviation related gizmoids, doodads and rarities you are willing to part with, along with some spending money, an appetite for donuts and coffee, and a pickup truck and you'll be all set to enjoy a day of lighthearted camaraderie with other aviation addicts. We'll have some tables set up to hawk your wares as well as some areas for larger items. There should be everything from aluminum angle and AN fittings, to gently used instruments and aircraft pieces...with who knows what thrown in for good measure. RC airplanes, aviation artwork, TOOLS, supplies...all are fair game as long as they're aviation related.

The ground rules? You must be a member of EAA national to sell something, and we'd like to know in advance that you're bringing something to sell. Other than that, be prepared to inspect, negotiate, barter, trade, laugh and make new friends. Oh, and expect to go home with different stuff than you brought!

Plan now to attend at 10AM, July 7th at the EAA Hangar at Independence State Airport (7S5). Phone or email Bob Brown or Jerry Pryce for more information.

See ya there!

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

SUBARU ENGINE: EA-81, \$300 OBO. Call Zell Giles at (503) 763-7120.

Coleman Generator 2250W, 5hp engine great for powering tools and lights at remote work sites or aircraft ramps. \$125 obo/trade? Jerry Pryce (503)409-4065

Goodyear 6.00x6 nosewheel with serviceable bearings \$25 obo/trade? Jerry Pryce (503)409-4065.



PROGRAM NOTES:

May 12, 10 A.M.

**Propeller Design and Fabrication
Presented by Western Propeller**

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