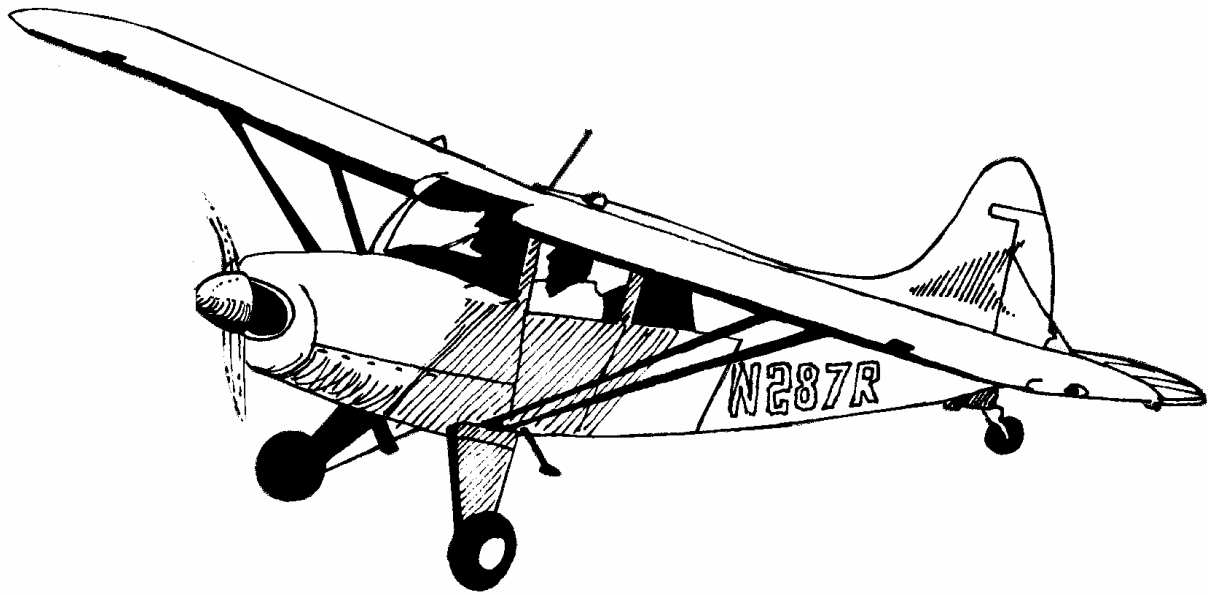


# The Taledragger



May 2006  
The Monthly Newsletter of  
Chapter 292 of the Experimental Aircraft Association  
Serving the Willamette Valley at Independence State Airport, Oregon

## The President's Corner

I just returned from a three-week business trip to some devastating news. I am deeply saddened to report that we lost chapter member Ron Russell in an accident that occurred last weekend at Furnace Creek Airport in Death Valley, California. Ron's wife, Pat, was with him in the RV-6 and was seriously injured but is on the path to recovery following surgery on May 3. Our hearts go out to Pat and the rest of his family. Ron was also very close to his sister Trish, who is also an RV pilot and lives in Southern California. She was there and had lunch with Ron and Pat before taking off in her own RV.

A memorial service is being held here in Independence and will involve a flyover of RV aircraft in honor of Ron's lifelong love for aviation and the friends he made along the way. As soon as the details of that service are known, we will let each of you know. Ron was a personal friend of mine and was always ready to lend a hand. His unmistakable voice and his loud deep laugh and intelligence in conversation will be deeply missed. There is a hole in my life that will not mend for a long time. Ron, we know you are flying without limits now. We miss you already.

Our meeting activity for the May 13 meeting is tentatively set to have chapter member Nick McCleskey give us a presentation on the Sparrowhawk gyroplane he built. Nick has over 40 hours on it so far and reports it is a smooth flying, well performing craft. Please make an extra effort to come get a closeup look at this unique flying machine and let Nick answer all our questions on gyroplanes. If Nick cannot make it, we'll call it a rain check and proceed to Plan B, which will remain a secret known only to me.

After the meeting, plan to stay around for a potluck lunch. If you can bring anything, please call Karen to coordinate. That's 503/838-4659.

See ya there.

*Bob Brown*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY  
MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
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MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup>

THE INDEPENDENCE FLYER BUILDERS GROUP  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MEMORIAL DAY EVENT  
INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY  
NORTHWEST EAA FLY-IN  
EAA AIRVENTURE

CHAPTER HANGAR, AROUND NOON-ISH  
CHAPTER HANGAR, 8:30 AM  
CHAPTER HANGAR, 10:00 AM  
755, 11 AM AT THE FLAGPOLE  
CHAPTER HANGAR, 8:30 AM  
ARLINGTON, WA  
OSHKOSH, WI

## 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 2006 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 2006 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. 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 Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.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 8, 2006

- 1. Attendance:** (10) 2 Browns, Martin, Finberg, Andersen, Giles, Moreno, Vasend, Cleveland, Pongracz.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** The March 11, 2006 minutes as published in *The Taledragger* were approved without revision.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** The current balance in the checking account is \$5,961. The current balance in the aircraft building fund, after the sale of the Legal Eagle, is \$9,461.
- 4. Membership:** Lifetime Membership \$500 will be referred to the general membership at the meeting today (member must maintain national membership). After some discussion regarding sequestering these funds in a special account the motion failed to gain support. The membership files will be purged today and a new roster posted in the hangar. We now have 87 members on the roster. As a result of the new dues structure, only ten members have chosen to pay the extra \$12/year and have a snail mail version of *The Taledragger* mailed to their homes.
- 5. Communications from Jason Brown and Wayne Nutsch:** The group discussed the deteriorating situation with Mr. Nutsch, or neighbor to the south. He complained about our "Fire Lane: NO PARKING" placard on the south end of our building to the Fire Chief. The Chief requested that since the passage isn't an "official fire lane" that designation should be removed. We removed the "fire lane" but left the NO PARKING. We also discussed how Mr. Nutsch has failed to perform on his promise to return our parking lot to the condition he found it before he began construction. The southern third of our lot is badly rutted from where he repeatedly entered his property through our parking lot. Al Cleveland also noted how he cracked a section of the sidewalk.
- 6. Upgrade to the North Hangar:** Bill McMichael has given the required 60-day notice that *The Noon Patrol* will be vacating the north hangar June 1, 2006. We discussed the opportunity to upgrade the north hangar along the lines that we did the south hangar last year. The Board approved this concept unanimously and referred the issue to the general membership. The estimated cost is approximately \$5,000 if we can get Jerry Medlock to volunteer his electrical services and Dave Ruddiman to help out again with the painting. Thanks to Greg Robl who donated a heater to the chapter. Bob Schwarzler has agreed to contract the work once again. We'll probably try to get a work crew together to prep the building for the insulation and sheetrock the end of May or early June.
- 7. Finish the Hornet:** Al Cleveland announced that he would like to have help on Monday evenings at 7 pm to finish the Hornet and get it sold this spring—or at least early summer. The proceeds from this sale will be devoted to aircraft building fund. Our goal is to generate approximately \$15,000+ from the sale and combine it with the \$9,461 currently in the fund. This should make a good start toward an RV-12 Kit for instance! Give Al a call if you can help at (503) 838-9929, or just show up on Monday evening and see how you can help.
- 8. Memorial Day Fly By:** Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day this year. Static displays are encouraged. There will be a flag ceremony at the flag pole at 11 am. OPA is doing the lunch this year.
- 9. Pilot Survey:** It is important to let ODA know what is on your mind. A contractor is conducting a study, and OPA has provided a link to this form. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FILL THIS OUT** at <http://www.oregonpilot.org/>

- 10. Local Aviation on the Radio:** Dave Martin reported that Fred Compton—a former fixed base operator here at 7S5—will be doing a regular show on aviation in Polk County every other week. It's a low power operation—just 100 watts—out of Falls City and the station is KPIE, FM 94.3 on your dial. Dave Martin will be co-hosting with Fred. 9am on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> will be their first show and Dave asked if it could be done from the EAA hangar. Dave has plans to do a Young Eagles show too, and who knows what they might come up with? Approved unanimously! (Good luck to Dave and Fred.)

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Pongracz*, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

EAA Chapter 292: April 8, 2006

- 1. Attendance:** 40 members attended, including two new members: Andy Duncan and Wayne Wineland.
- 2. Lifetime Membership:** As referred from the Board of Directors this was approved.
- 3. North Hangar Upgrade:** \$5,000 was approved to accomplish this upgrade.
- 4. Future Building Projects for the Chapter:** We broke into smaller groups to discuss options. Some of the general observations reported to the larger group: an RV-12 was still expected to cost \$40,000, while a Sonex might only be \$25,000, a plans-built project might be more in line with EAA objectives to teach skills, and one focus should be to develop tool skills—conducting several workshops on proper techniques and procedures. The Board of Directors will take these observations and try to develop a plan in the near future.
- 5. Featured Program—Licensing Homebuilts—by Bill Wallace:** Everyone loved how Bill taped together the required forms end-to-end and then stretched them out from one side of the hangar to the other. He discussed the registration, airworthiness, and day of inspection forms and helped to demystify the process. Thanks Bill!

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Pongracz*, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

## Going to Oshkosh?

### SAVE ON AIR FARES TO EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH

American, Midwest, and Northwest airlines offer air fare discounts for EAA members and other aviation enthusiasts planning to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2006.

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## Facility Project Update

**Extension of Air Lines:** Roger Vasend and Dave Smith have completed the extension of air lines to the north and south hangars. This is much more convenient now!

**Electrical Repairs:** Ace electrician Jerry Medlock has replaced a ballast or two and a bulb or two and we once again have a full complement of lights.

**First Mowing Cycle:** The first cycle of mowing the airport under our contract with the state is now complete. It required 16 hours to complete but did not include the triangle in the southwest corner of the field. This will require another 2 or 3 hours—or more likely 4 or 5 if we are delayed much longer in getting over there. The main drainage ditch for the airport runs along the westerly edge and takes forever to dry out sufficiently to drive over there. We have a request into the Department of Aviation to build a bridge across this ditch, and Bob Schwarzler has donated the timbers to accomplish this and they're sitting on a trailer behind the hangar. We're awaiting approval from the powers that be and we have no idea how long this may take. We'll need to unload Bob's trailer after the next meeting regardless of whether we have approval. That removalization (to paraphrase W.) will happen on May 13—so please bring a pair of work gloves.

Likewise, the fence line along Hoffman Road will have to wait until those ditches dry out a bit more. I've learned a few things about ditches and tractors this past month and I'd like to thank a couple of really good friends (Carol Gabel and Ron Carroll—TWICE!) who have rescued me from myself on three occasions. I don't know what this says about the learning curve of your Secretary/Treasurer, but . . . I can only hope that the results proclaim that the airport has never looked better!

**Weed Control:** Thanks to Dave Smith for taking on this task! On May 1 he sprayed a concoction of Roundup and Crossbow around the parking lot and the weeds should be shriveled up and died by the meeting—at least that's the theory.

**Thanks to everyone who pitches in and gets the job done!**

# CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**LIGHTWEIGHT HARTZELL PROPELLER, WITH GOVERNOR AND SPINNER:** For 150/160 hp Lycoming. Model HC-E2YL113F. \$4,000.00. Call Harry at (503) 606-2923 or (503) 551-9163.

**MOVABLE 8X8X20-FT. PAINT BOOTH,** very reasonable. The booth is lightweight, built with 2x2s and 2x4s, covered in Visquine, and has a door in the end and a 16-ft.-long side door for plenty of access to get a fuselage or wings inside. The ceiling and walls come apart with a few screws and will lie flat for transportation. I can e-mail pics. Asking \$200, negotiable. Art Fish, Corvallis 541/760-3829 lart1fish @ Comcast . net

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## **PROGRAM NOTES: Nick McCleskey and his Sparrowhawk gyroplane**

**May 13, 2006, 10 A.M.  
Chapter Hangar**



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