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## Presidents' Newsletter

June, 2017

Hello again, can you believe June is just around the corner!! Boy am I thrilled, the "northwet monsoons" were getting me down.

The new hangar build continues in the paperwork mode, I spoke with both John Wilson and Matt MAASS from the ODA just today and learned our paperwork is setting on a desk in Renton WA. Waiting on their stamp of approval. I am unsure which source to believe at this point, first we were told the environmental study of the Horned Lark did not affect us, now I am told the FAA says it is. I wonder if they know Horned Larks do not nest on concrete. So bottom line....we wait!!!

Young Eagles will be on us shortly (June 10) and Judy is asking for more volunteers, both ground and Pilots. . For the first time in many years, I will be out of town for the event attending my grandson's graduation so Judy will truly need assistance with the RC simulators. This is our time as chapter members to reach out to the community to share and promote our passion of flight with future generations. Come on down, coffee will be hot by 8:00 am.

The Fly-in preparation continues to develop. Dave and Rod have completed a very nice flyer to be distributed to the various airport and flying events in the region. If you expect to be out and about stopping at such places, take a hand full with you and pass them out please. Due the anticipated rush of humanity expected to befall Willamette Valley ground Zero this August, we are limiting our advertisement to just the aviation community leaving the general public to simple word of mouth thus hopefully keeping the foot traffic on the ramp at a manageable level.

The STOL event planning committee is moving forward with much success and growing interest, the tentative date is shaping up to be Sept. 2.... More info to come.

Safe flying

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### EAA Chapter 292 Board Meeting, May 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM in the main meeting room of the EAA Center. 12 individuals were present for the meeting. 7 Officers and Trustees were present along with 5 observers. 2 Officers (Secretary and Vice President) were absent due to illness.

Bill McLagan provided the Treasurer's report. The overall total balance of all chapter funds was \$61,588.28. Individual funds were reviewed and a printed summary of April balances and transactions was provided for the attendees. Following a brief discussion regarding paid versus unpaid chapter members, the total unpaid members (49) will be identified and apportioned among the officers. These unpaid members will be contacted and asked to bring their 2017 dues current or be dropped from the membership role of the chapter. There are 126 paid members, as of the end on April.

Alan Cleveland reported the sound system in the main meeting room was inspected and adjusted by a sound technician. The microphones were moved from a single input to two inputs and the overall system balanced. The bill for this service (\$25.98) was presented to the Treasurer for payment.

Web Site performance and status was reviewed by David Ullman and David Wright. Ullman reported cleaning up some loose ends in the development of the new web site which has been up and running for several months. In support of the fly in, several changes have been made

and are operational. Camping and airpark housing are principle areas of concern. Ullman is working to add a tab for the Tail Dragger and is working to add past issues in an archive. Wright reported overall site performance is stable and will, in the near future, drop the old site (292.NET) from the system. A link on 292.NET will be added to direct any users to EAA292.ORG. When the Secretary returns to full health, a test of the e-mail system will be needed to make sure all links are correct and operational. Following this report, the Board thanked Ullman and Wright for their hard work in making this transaction.

Margaret Cleveland reported on FaceBook activity for the chapter. Site hits are increasing and more references to the FMX project have been added. Changes in the e-mail support for a significant number of airpark residents is being identified as they transition from MINET to other providers. The FaceBook site needs a pointer to direct folks to the web site for more complete information regarding chapter activities and other points of interest. Since more chapter activities are being discussed on FaceBook, Ms. Cleveland needs to have a listing of points of contact for these activities. Finally, the Memorial Day event, May 29, will honor local pilots.

Ernie Moreno reported on the hangar addition. There are two problems holding up the erection of the new building: one, the saturated soil; and two, an impact release for an endangered bird nesting area. The impact release is in the FAA court where two of the three agency areas have approved and the third is lagging behind. Ditch work, in support of mandated improvements to drainage, can result in a new parking area for the EAA. The existing flag pole may need to be moved to accomplish this. The building is due for delivery on May 23. There is some possibility of the EAA building starting ahead of Henry Bartle's building and this remains to be determined. Right now, the hope is to have the EAA building up before the fly in in August and this will be coordinated with Bartle.

Debbie Origer reported on the fly in. All activities are in work on this complex project. There are some concerns and they are being addressed by the sub-committee heads. At this time, there are no show stoppers. The fly in bulletin board needs to be moved to facilitate opening the door upon which it is mounted. Ullman has developed and printed a fly in flier for distribution. 100 copies have been made on heavy bond paper and samples were distributed. More fliers may be needed and they can be produced by a local print shop.

Origer continued her report with the Youth Activities Program. The Young Eagle Rally is in full preparation. The Boy Scouts of America made a presentation to the YAP committee and addressed a possible partnering over an aviation explorer post sponsored by the chapter. The principle benefit will be to involve the scout's parents in chapter activities. McLagan, in his other role as the Teen Build Sub-Committee leader proposed formal transfer of the Zenith 701 into the YAP. This was moved and seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by hand vote.

Mike Ryer and Rod Kerr reported on progress toward a STOL Expo. Principle permissions have been secured from the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA), the FAA and the National EAA for the contest to be held as a fly in on September 2, 2017, from 1 to 3 PM. There are a number of issues and activities to be completed and Ryer and Kerr asked the Board to approve holding this fly in. It was moved and seconded to approve this action and it was passed by a hand vote.

Cleveland identified some schedule conflicts concerning future Board meetings. After consulting calendars, the June meeting will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017, at 7 PM and the September meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 7 PM.

Cleveland also noted he will not be present to support the radio controlled model portion of the YE rally in June. He asked for support to help with this issue and Pete Melin was identified. Cleveland will work this issue before the YE rally.

Ryer has volunteered to support the YE rally by helping gather pilots and aircraft to fly the youth. Cleveland identified Phil Olsen as a local pilot, national EAA but not 292 EAA, who has expressed interest in flying. Ryer took the action to contact Olsen.

Cleveland discussed the EAA Center lease agreement between the ODA and Chapter 292. The agreement has been amended to accommodate the new addition and the existing land lease. A bridge payment of \$207.09 is required to cover the time between the end of the current contract and the commencement of the new 2017 contract. Once the new building is completed, costs will again adjust upward to a new annual figure. A motion to pay the fee and accept the new contract were moved, seconded and approved on a hand vote.

Cleveland also brought up the property insurance for the EAA Center. The policy needs to be adjusted to include the new addition and the expanded property within the structure owned by EAA 292. An overall building cost needs to be determined. After some discussion, Mike Short agreed to take on the task of making this determination and reporting to the Board. Renters insurance was also discussed. When a member rents floor space for their project, the requirement for insurance for their personal property needs to be addressed. This is an open issue and will require additional research and resolution. This also applies to EAA 292 since there are two aircraft owned by the chapter and would not normally be covered should the build suffer a catastrophic loss and be destroyed. This needs to be investigated and resolved. Lastly, the insurance policy needs to be changed to reflect the "official" chapter name as noted on the documents of incorporation.

Cleveland pointed out the new LED's in the main meeting area and their additional lighting is well appreciated. There are an additional 50 bases and 100 bulbs available from Henry Bartle. These can be used in refitting the existing south hangar and the new building. The cost for these units is \$1350. It was moved, seconded and approved by hand vote to procure and install these units.

Cleveland also noted the airpark HOA is bringing in a quantity of crushed stone to upgrade and maintain the taxiway. If the HOA dumps the stone on the EAA parking lot, a small quantity can be retained to fill the existing low spot in the lot in exchange for the short storage time. The stone will be delivered and consumed before the YE rally. This action was approved by a knowing nod among those in attendance.

Cleveland completed the formal agenda and then asked around the table for any additional concerns. None were provided. Adjournment was moved, seconded and passed by a hand vote. The meeting ended at 9:35 AM.

These notes were taken by Michael Ryer, acting as Secretary in the absence of the Chapter Secretary. If there are any questions concerning these notes, contact Ryer at 503.364.3619 or [starkandryer@outlook.com](mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com) for clarification.

## **Youth Activities Program (YAP)-Debbie Origer, Director**

### **Now, the Headlines...**

**Young Eagles Rally – June nearly here! Bring your airplanes and your body to help with this exciting event. The Rally will be June 10, 2017 and we will fly from the EAA Center on Independence International.**

**Teen Aviation Weekend – We will have a quiet summer and then have our next one in October, 2017.**

**Teen Build – 701 rear fuselage riveted. Firewall in work. The forward fuselage parts are getting readied for assembly. Mentors needed. Contact Bill McLagan.**

**Teen Tent – It will be up and running during the Fly-In.**

**Scholarships – Getting ready for the next round.**

### **Now, as Paul Harvey would have said, the rest of the story...**

*Young Eagles Rally* - Judy Yerian is calling all folks who have helped in the past and want to help now for the Rally. If all goes as planned, over fifteen airplanes and pilots will fly over seventy-five young aviators. It is not just about airplanes! Judy needs over forty volunteers to help move the kids through the process of registration, ground school and movement to and from the flying machines. It is quite the effort and the rewards are in the smiles of the kids when they get back from seeing their world from a whole new perspective. Remember, it is June 10 and call Judy to volunteer.

*Teen Build* –The teen build is progressing and that is not the focus of this article. The focus is what is happening with the young people building the airplane. Work is progressing and the front of the fuselage is quickly approaching the time when it will be mated to the rear half. What is of interest is the growth of the builders of this machine over the course of the past nine months. Yes, it has been that long since the start of the Zenith in September of 2016. Eleven teen builders went through orientation and training and began cutting aluminum and pulling rivets. They went through shop safety training and the proper use of hand tools. They learned how to read the drawings, watch the assembly video and study the build manual. They learned how to make decisions about what to do and in what order to do it. The mentors, numbering between three and five on any given build Saturday and led by Bill McLagan, have been able to slowly hand the work, and deciding how it is to be done, over to the teen builders.

The last build session, I had the privilege of “mentoring” the installation of the tunnel over the control system in the forward half of the cockpit of the Zenith, My teen builder reviewed the drawings and build manual for the needed clues to put this thing together. McLagan had gathered the required parts during the week prior to the build and they, along with needed raw materials, rested in the bench. Lines were drawn, parts clamped, holes drilled and rivets installed with little or no supervision on my part. Were mistakes made? Sure, and the teen builder had to figure out how to recover from them. Like most home-built’s, there will be 1.7 Zenith 701’s coming out of this build, one finished and flying and the other in the “Oops Bin.” My job was to throw in a life preserver if a “fatal error” was about to happen and guess what, I didn’t need to toss the

ring. The growth of the teen builder was impressive from the neophyte who could not figure out how to tighten a drill chuck the person confidently making airworthy assemblies in an airplane which will carry the builder into flight. Not bad for nine month's work. So, as this build season draws to a close, consider joining the merry Tong in the fall when we start the build again. It will be on Saturday, so come by a 9 AM and join the party. If you want to be a mentor, or know of a young person 13 to 18 who wants to build an airplane, contact McLagan at [wdmac50@juno.com](mailto:wdmac50@juno.com) and get involved.

*Teen Tent* – There is no real change from the last report. The big deal is handling the PA system and making sure everyone is aware of the things to do at the fly in. Since this is the year of the eclipse, there will be a number of things going on in the Independence and Monmouth area. The PA system will help get this information to the attendees so they can take advantage of a free concert or some of the other fun things happening in the evenings. This year, we suspect there may be additional people on the airport as the solar eclipse draws folks to our part of the planet. The Teen Tent hands out information and has mentors on hand to discuss programs with teens and their parents. We will have the Kolb on display as a work in progress as well as the Zenith. For the really young pilots, two pedal planes will be on hand for charging around on a corner of the ramp. If you want to be part of the Teen Tent, contact Adele Stark at [starkandryer@outlook.com](mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com).

*Youth Scholarships* – Now is the time for interested young people to take advantage of the counseling available to work scholarships. Debbie Kelley is a wizard on what it takes to get the paperwork done and sent in. Get in touch with Debbie and see what can be worked.

*Finally...* If you are interested in participating in the YAP, contact Debbie Origer, Director of Youth Activities Program, at [origer3123@comcast.net](mailto:origer3123@comcast.net) or attend the committee meeting on the evening of the third Tuesday of each month.

## **2017 Fly-In –**

The Fly In committee is charging ahead and this year's fly in will be a real, fun event. Forums are lined up. Food is available. There are tours in the area. The ramp will be well managed and there will be camping for those who want to sleep under the stars. The Silent Auction is gathering some neat things and more donations are always welcome. At any rate, work continues and, if you want to help make 2017 a roaring success, contact Debbie Origer at [origer3123@comcast.net](mailto:origer3123@comcast.net) or Mike Ryer at [starkandryer@outlook.com](mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com). We still have a bunch of volunteer slots open and there is plenty to do.

## **STOL Expo**

The chapter leadership gave the go ahead for the Expo and we are moving forward to a date on September 2 for the gathering. The Oregon Department of Aviation has given its permission for the event and we are working through the gates to make this a reality. The FAA has assigned a monitor to help us steer through the required NOTAM and waiver and the EAA National has approved the take off and landing contest. If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, as either a contestant or a helper, give us

a holler and we'd be glad to have you help make this new flying activity a reality.

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Here again are the planned posters, so, help us make this new event a reality for the Chapter...



Remember, the dates are no longer just wishful thinking!

## Turning Left Base...An Editorial Comment by Michael Ryer

Volunteerism...Giving freely and graciously of your time and talents to make something good happen for someone else. We volunteer for a lot of stuff and now we are being asked to extend our time for yet again another flying event, the STOL Expo. Holy Cow, how much are we being asked to do? For some of us, we get asked a lot. For others, we sit back and let "someone else" do it. I am not suggesting the ones who always seem to hold their hands up when someone asks for help needs to do it again. Sure, if you want to, do so. I am asking those "someone's" who have not volunteered in the past to consider doing so.

Our chapter has a vast and varied set of opportunities to rub shoulders with like-minded crazies as we promote our view of sport aviation. We offer scholarships which need to be funded. We host a fly in where we show off our airplanes and share our hospitality with strangers. We help kids build a flying machine of their own. We teach young people about what is going on in aviation. Most recently we have decided to host a competition where some people demonstrate how to land and take off in under fifty feet in a people carrying machine with wings and an engine. We help each other build our hand-made flying machines and are going to expand our clubhouse so more can be built under our roof.



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So, as summer comes and the sky turns blue all the time and rain only falls occasionally, consider helping others fly, talk about flying, think about flying, build things that fly and rub shoulders with others so afflicted. It is time to volunteer, especially if you have never done it before.

Fly safe, low and slow...Ryer, over and out...

Jim Wixon is looking for hangar space for his Long EZ (rent, lease, or purchase). If your hangar is being used to store non-aviation items he is willing to he will arrange storage for you.

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