

President's message

As each day passes the promise of spring seems closer with spotty days of sunshine between the infamous Northwest soakers. One good thing comes from all this wet, projects seem to be moving forward. For myself, final preparation of Alan Tolle's RV3 for delivery to its new home in Pennsylvania, assisting with the annual on the Pawnee, and two gliders, and the conditional inspection of my RV6.

I must admit, the departure of the RV3 will be bitter/sweet as I will miss taking it out for exercise and returning with that silly RV grin on my face.

The new hangar build continues in the paperwork mode, I am told everything is now with the city waiting on permits. Once the ground becomes terra firma again we will start the work of removing the old cement and prepping the ground for the new pour. When exactly that day comes is still up to Mother Nature.

Scooter Reid's Eagle project for the Independence Airport Response Team continues its march forward towards the dedication planned for the fly-in in August. Again, if you would like to help out with contributions you can contact Scooter at rwreid4@gmail.com all contributions are to the Boy Scouts of America and eligible for tax deductions. If you are interested in becoming an ART team member, you can contact Dave Ullman or myself to get started.

Planning for the Fly-in continues to solidify as the various aspects fall into place. The volunteers on the fly-in committee have really dug in and are really making it happen. Food and seminars are really looking good, reservations have hit the ground running, artwork for the flyers and t-shirts are coming on strong, and thanks to all of you, we have a very good list developing on security and safety. This year we expect will be unique with the eclipse on Monday following our event, and we expect we will see more than the usual fly-in participants as a result. We are increasing the number of eyes and ears on scene to ensure safety is kept, so I will continue to ask for volunteers not just for safety but also for the other areas too.

I recently attended a Polk County planning meeting on the August eclipse, it is my understanding there are several of these meetings taking place across the state along the eclipse's path of totality. The attendees ranged from State and local police, ODOT, State and county parks, and several private land owners who have planned events on their property for the eclipse. What I took away from that meeting was a wave of humanity now estimated around 50 to 60 thousand people will descend on the Willamette Valley along the path of the eclipse, And even more along the path in eastern Oregon. Camping is already booked and more grounds are being designated as dry camping for the event, ODOT and Police will focus on keeping the road ways passable though they expect traffic will be seen more akin to a winter weather snow day than a summer drive, mostly along highway 22 and I-5.

Fire and medical services along with all of our other local infrastructure is expected to be pushed perhaps beyond their capability. That said, Independence, Monmouth, and Dallas are planning activities around this event which will occur during our fly-in. For that reason we will advertise our event only to the flying community such as FBOs, flying groups, EAA chapters, etc. Word of mouth will be sufficient for the General Public.

If you want to learn more about the activities surrounding the eclipse event this web site was recommended to me. <http://www.travelsalem.com/>

FYI, Senate Bill (SB 115) in Salem to ban avgas in Oregon by 2022, I am told has died on the hill along with a similar House bill. Largely because there were many who testified against with irrefutable evidence that replacement fuel is not yet readily available.

You may have noticed our guest speakers have been largely from our own house and on a more technical theme. This has happened for two primary reasons:

1. It's early in the year and our Guest Speaker Committee is still in the research ramp up mode. So they are tapping into our own very rich talent pool.
2. We thought you might want to hear more on the technical side for a bit.

We will have more outside speakers as we move along but truthfully we want to hear from you what you want to see in our monthly meetings.

As we move forward I am hopeful we can book our speakers with some lead time to better get the word out in advance on who each speaker is for a given month, this is still a work in progress.

And by the way, if you have not yet done so, please take a moment when you see Jerry Pryce, Denny Furman, and Bruce Patten to thank them for taking on probably the most challenging job in this chapter.

So heads up... you will be hearing more about what the membership wants for meeting content in our monthly meetings.

Whether you're building or flying

Be safe and enjoy

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EAA 292 11 March 2017

Minutes Board Meeting

In attendance...

Al Cleveland, President

Bill McLagan, Treasurer

Bob Schwarzler – Trustee

Margaret Cleveland – Facebook

Dave Ullman – Website

Ron Sterba

Mike Kelley, Vice President

Curt Anderson, Secretary

Debbie Origer, Youth Aviation

Mike Short - Maintenance

David Wright, Webmaster

Jim Hubele

Al brought the meeting to order at 8:30.

Treasurer's Report:

\$65,248.91 + \$500 (PayPal)

Beginning Balance \$65,047.48

Income + 1,298.37

Expenses - 1,096.94

Ending Balance \$65,248.91

Fund Balances:

General Fund..... \$23,706.46

Education Fund \$8,330.19

Simulator Fund..... \$4,150.00

Building Fund \$6,623.52

B17 Fund \$4,592.40

Hangar Expansion \$17,696.34

Secretary's Report:

116 paid

58 not paid

Mike Short - Maintenance

A couple of leaks have been repaired in the bathroom, roof leak. The roof may be in need of some additional work (I.e. Hire a contractor). Siding for the south wall has been ordered along with the hangar expansion. Lights are on the short list for to-do.

Website - David Ullman presented a demo of the work-in-progress EAA 292 website.

Members made suggestions for use and formatting. The site looks very good. It should be live by the end of the month.

Facebook - Margaret reported that traffic on the Facebook page is up. She requested that leaders send her events and speakers so that she can post them on social media. Mike Kelley suggested that Young Eagles be advertised on Facebook.

Ron Sterba reported that Flights Over the Pacific Northwest is a social network of pilots.

EAA national is promoting the use of Facebook.

Hangar Expansion - Al presented a contract for hangar from the O.D.A. \$839,17 bill that is retroactive to July 2016, the date we committed to the hangar expansion. Al will attempt to push this back until the hangar is built.

Hangar drainage was specified by an engineer for the roof runoff. A pipe will need to be run between the chapter hangar and Nutch Aviation to connect to the ditch.

One fourth of \$2,144.00 (\$536.00) should be the chapter's bill on the engineering. David Ullman moved that Westech Engineering be paid \$536.00. Seconded by Mike Kelly. Passed unanimous. The City of Independence will issue the permit when they receive approval from O.D.A.

Youth Activities - Debbie presented her Youth Activities Program Vision Statement.

"The Youth Activities Program (YAP) will always strive for meaningful experiences with young people in personal growth, education, and the fun of building and flying aircraft. We will always do this through dedicated volunteers, who bring their passion for flight in all its forms to our events. We will always work diligently to improve our quality. We will never hold youth back in their passion for knowledge and the experience of flight, in all its forms, in aviation."

The 701 build - They are working on the tail one. The goal is to have it on its wheels by summer.

Teen Aviation Weekend - Mike reported that 16 signed up, Ten went through the weekend. They did get up in the air? The next Teen Aviation Weekend will be the third weekend in October, 2017 (October 21-22). They gained two more teen builders out of the Teen Aviation Weekend. Margaret requested pictures for Facebook.

Mike Kelly suggested that all photos and document be archived (I.e. Cloud).

The Kolb - Mike Ryer reported that he is getting to the spraying point on the plane. He wants it finished by late spring or early summer.

Fly-In - Debbie reported that the website should be ready by the end of the month. Forums, forums, meals, housing, insurance, porta-potties,

One of the big issues is sanitation as regarding the unknown number of people that will attend in light of the eclipse weekend.

Mike reported that camping insurance will be available only if the addresses are provided to the EAA. We do not have directors and officers coverage (a chapter member suing a chapter officer).

The next planning meeting will by Tuesday and 6:30 (every week except the third Tuesday) through April.

Al suggested that we centralize the chapter documents in a file cabinet at the chapter hangar. We will look in to improving the sound system at the hangar. No obligation.

Mike Kelly mad a motion to approve the Youth Aviation budget as submitted. Seconded by Bill McLagan. Passed.

General Meeting - approximately 58 in attendance

Al called the meeting order at 10:05

Guests - Doug Range, President EAA 1344 (Avid Mk IV, Fisher Classic)

Treasurer's Report

Secretary's Report

Youth Aviation - Budget and Vision Statement have been approved

Teen Aviation Weekend - Mike reported the next event will be October 21-22, 2017.

The Kolb is the adult build project within the chapter. It should be finished up in the next three

build sessions. Next will be wiring.
Every Saturday 9:00 - 3:00.

701 Project is the teen build project - tail one is riveted.

The Fly-In committee meets on Tuesday to 6:30 at the hangar. The website for registration should be up by the end of the month. The minutes of their meetings will be posted on the chapter bulletin board in the chapter hangar.

Al passes around a signup clipboard for volunteer signups for the Fly-In.

Kelley Mathews handed out forms for donations for the Silent Auction.

Hangar addition - Henry reported that we are waiting for the FAA environmental report. The City is waiting for the O.D.A. Which is waiting for the FAA. Tentative delivery of the building is May 28th but we want the concrete to set for 30 days before installing the building.

Deb Kelly introduced and presented Blake Brown with the EAA AirVenture scholarship. he will report back to the chapter when he returns from Oshkosh.

Al complimented Mike Short and his crew on the diagnosis and repair of the leak in the hangar bathroom.

Facebook was up to 75 hits last month. Mike Kelly encouraged members to "like" and "share" the chapter's events if they are Facebook users.

Dr. Gizmo (Ron Sterba) showed off a stand for his iPhone. It props up the phone for easy viewing.

Gerry Pryce thanked Vince for presenting today and asked members about their individual talents/skills that could be presented. Talk to Jerry of Bruce Patton if you have ideas for topics.

Henry said that the Girl Scout cookies will be here next week..

Al reported that two gates are installed on the airport. The code for the gates are the same as the Unicom frequency (first four digits).

Builders' Reports - Ran's S-20, DH-2, Pietenpol, Jabaru, RV-12, Cub, RV-9A

Break

Today's programs. - Vince Home talked about Keyless Chucks and Mike Ryer talked about modifying kits.

Youth Activities Program (YAP)-Debbie Origer, Director

Now, the Headlines...

Young Eagles Rally – Yerians back in town. Next YE Rally will be in June, 2017. Another in September, 2017. Call or e-mail to get signed up to help.

Teen Aviation Weekend – A good one happened the 18th and 19th of February. Next one scheduled in October, 2017. Some new changes promised.

Teen Build – 701 rear fuselage riveted. Two new teens building on the project. Firewall underway to start front of fuselage.

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

Scholarships – Winner is Blake Brown.

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

Young Eagles Rally – The Yerians have returned from the warmth of Arizona and are getting the Oregon house up and running for the summer. June 10th, the next rally, is about 100 days away. It is never too early to start the volunteering process. Judy Yerian is running the event and will need about 45 of them. 15 pilots and planes need to be found to handle the 60 to 80 young people who come out. If this sounds like fun, and you want to play, circle June 10, on your 2017 calendar, and send an e-mail to our hard working ring master at judyphx99@outlook.com, [letting her know you want to help.](#)

Teen Aviation Weekend – The next TAW will be held in October of 2017. It will have the same basic format and an increased emphasis on scholarships and how to get them will be part of the theme. For fun, some of the gang is going to develop a cross country for the map reading portion and go fly it with Go-Pro's hanging on their airplanes. This will be turned into a video to help the students find out what a check point really looks like and how a GPS course is depicted on a glass cockpit display. If this sounds like fun, call, or e-mail, Mike Ryer and let's go flying. Contact Ryer at 503.364.3619 or e-mail at starkandryer@outlook.com to sign up.

Teen Build – The teen build has progressed to the point there is a riveted aft fuselage of the 701. The gang is moving into the front part of the fuselage by building the firewall and sorting out the forward fuselage parts and assembly process. We recruited two new teens from the recent TAW and they are mashing rivets with the best of 'em. 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.

Teen Tent – This is an activity where YAP programs are shared with the general public attending the fly-in. 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. 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.

Youth Scholarships – Blake Brown took home the marbles by winning the Advanced Air Academy scholarship. This is a \$2500 award and will expose Brown to all kinds of aviation activity. This is the first time the new application, review and selection process was used since its adoption in late 2016 and it worked well. Thanks go out to all the applicants, reviewers and administrators for a job well done.

*Finally...*If you are interested in participating in the YAP, contact Debbie Origer, Director of Youth Activities Program, at 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 meeting weekly to address the issues of getting the tremendous and complicated fly in brought together. The biggest issue facing the committee is how to estimate the actual attendance at this event. Basically, for planning purposes only, the committee doubled the anticipated number of participants from 500 to 1000 due to the impact of the eclipse. Fun things, like the new t-shirts have been resolved. Challenging things, like how do we park all these airplanes and accommodate all the potential visitors, are still in work, developing sort of like a pot luck dinner, or, as Forrest Gump said, like a box of chocolates, you never quite know what you are gonna get.

At any rate, work continues and, if you are willing to help make 2017 a success, contact Debbie Origer at origer3123@comcast.net or Mike Ryer at starkandryer@outlook.com. [We still have a bunch of volunteer slots open.](#)

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

I am taking a month off from writing an editorial comment. I have a house full of grandchildren and they are consuming my every free moment. I am, however, mulling a thought and it goes like this...If I am in conflict over doing what is right, versus doing what is familiar, how do I decide what to do, the right which may be unfamiliar and difficult or the familiar which is comfortable, like a well-worn pair of shoes which have served me well? As a discriminator, I have always used the view: when I do something affecting me, well, I need only consider myself. If, however, my actions affect others, I need to consider their safety, first and foremost, and consider my own needs as secondary. I am still trying to work this one out when I find myself one of the “others”...

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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