

Here it is almost May already and I have very little to update you on.

The new hangar build continues in the paperwork mode, I am told everything is now with the city and the FAA waiting on permits, and of course the weather again prevents us from starting any ground work. However the build committee is working on ideas for the interior lay out. One good thing, as we are not building on grass or sod, we do not need to meet the environment study required by the FAA which could have delayed us even further. So keep your fingers crossed and hope it dries out soon.

The Airport Emergency Response Team (AERT) trailer continues to move forward with a new trailer we are now retrofitting to service the airport. An important part of this program will be trained volunteers, capable of responding to incidents/accidents on or near the airport. Again we are part of the Polk County Community Emergency response team or "CERT" but with primary focus on the airpark and airport while working with local fire and police to support the community if or when an emergency situation arises. I will be talking more about this program soliciting more help from the community. If you want to learn more contact myself, Dave Ullman or Robin Reid.

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. Housing appears to be needing additional help as many of our airpark residents who would normally take in a guest or two for the event have other family and guests arriving for the eclipse event, if you should have some extra space please contact Judy Yerian.

Another potential event that is taking shape Involving Jim Oveross, Dave Smith, Rod Kerr and several others who build and fly STOL aircraft. The idea is to have a short field takeoff and landing competition much like you might see in Valdez Alaska. The attach letter from Rod explains it further so I will not go into great detail here.

Our next speaker will be our very own Andy Harris. Andy is restoring a military version of the Aeronca Champ and I must say his workmanship is impressive. I don't have all the details about the build just now but I am sure Andy will fill us in at the May meeting.

Whether you're building or flying

Be safe and enjoy

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EAA 292 Saturday, April 8, 2017
Minutes Board Meeting

In Attendance:

Al Cleveland, President

Mike Kelley, Vice President

Bill McLagan, Treasurer

Curt Anderson, Secretary

Bob Schwarzler, Trustee

Debbie Origer, Youth Aviation

Margaret Cleveland, Facebook

Mike Short, Maintenance

Dave Ullman, Website

David Wright, Webmaster

Ernie Moreno

Jim Hubele

Mike Ryer

Chuck West

Ken Day

Al brought the meeting to order at 8:30.

Treasurer's Report:

\$63,540.10 + \$500 (PayPal)

Beginning Balance	\$65,248.91
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Income	+ 785.50
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Expenses	<u>- 2,494.31</u>
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Ending Balance	<u>\$63,540.10</u>
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Fund Balances:

General Fund	\$23,510.45
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Building Fund	\$6,623.52
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Education Fund	\$7,353.39
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B17 Fund	\$4,592.40
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Simulator Fund	\$4,300.00
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Hangar Expansion ..	\$17,160.34
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Secretary's Report:

122 paid

51 not paid

The secretary will distribute a list of unpaid to the officers for "reminder calls".

David Ullman distributed a "cheat sheet" on the Google calendar for the website.

"Manager" can make changes, add or delete other managers or contributors.

"Contributors" can add events but cannot delete.

"Requesters" can request events to be added to the calendar. Requests will go to Bob Schwarzler.

Get back to David if there are questions or problems with the calendar.

Margaret - Facebook hits and "friends" are increasing.

Al - Nothing new on the hangar expansion progress. We are waiting on the weather.

We have not heard back on the ground lease retro back to July, 2016

Debbie O - Nothing new on Youth Aviation

 Fly-In She made a motion that she purchase a bulletin board from Staples for \$53.

 David seconded the motion. Passed

 She mentioned the expenses regarding the port-a-potty and washing stations.

The next Youth Activities meeting is April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Al - The engine on the Sonex is having problems. Russ agreed to buy the Sonex, fly it then sell it. The profits would be spit with the chapter. The engine is now on Al's

workbench with a broken valve. \$203 has been spent on it so far. It has been reassembled and is ready to go on the test stand. There will be more expenses.

Mike Kelly made a motion for the chapter pay for the \$203 expenses needed for the repair. Seconded by David Ullman. Passed.

Mike Ryer volunteered to write up a contract to be used for acquisition or disposition of assets to/from the chapter. The board accepted Mike's offer.

Al introduced Steve and Jennifer from the Boy Scouts for Marion and Polk Counties. He discussed the option of sponsoring a Boy Scout Aviation Explorer Post at the chapter. Steve has the ability to get into the high schools and dovetail into career training. He talked about a new program called "Exploring Groups" that is based in the middle schools. It is career surveys rather than in-depth (it would fit well into our Young Eagles).

If we want to pursue involving the BSA then the board would need to make a motion. The BSA and the EAA youth protection trainings are similar, but the BSA's is annual. Insurance and curriculum is \$24/student, adult.

They will attend the April 18th meeting.

Al presented a letter from Rod Kerr regarding the chapter sponsoring a STOL activity. He presented two option activities. He is looking at a September activity. Al will contact both EAA national and ODA regarding the chapter's involvement. David suggested that we move forward with the possibility of hosting it next spring.

David made a motion that Rod encourage that they move forward with the activity without commitments from the chapter. Mike Ryer will be the contact.

Seconded by Mike Kelly. Passed

Bill McLagan brought up the chapter's official name regarding the articles of incorporation. This will involve the I.R.S., the bank, Curt and Bill will work on the name(s). Henry said that the State of Oregon will have a form for D.B.A. Under the articles of incorporation.

Al brought up Chapter Archives - Mike Kelly will work on this.

The soda machine is still not cooling. It will cost about \$250 to repair. What do we want to do with the machine? It makes (profit) about \$250 per year. We will bring it up at the meeting.

Mike Kelly thanked everyone that returned the surveys. He will present the data at the May meeting.

Henry - Hangar Expansion - We are set with the City, set with the ODA. We are now waiting on approval from the FAA.

Mike Short has updated to LED's in the kitchen and the hall. The additional fixtures should be in next week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Saturday, April 8, 2017

General Meeting brought to order at 10:00

Approximately 62 in attendance

New member Wayne

treasurer's report:

Secretary's report: 122 paid, 51 unpaid. Curt passed out updated donation letters for the hangar expansion. He will mail the ones that are not picked up.

Debbie brought up Youth Aviation and the June activity

The next meeting will be Tuesday April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Registration for the Fly-In is available on the chapter's website. Registration is needed for attending the forums, register for meals and other fly-in activities. In the past there was no fee for the fly-in. Because of the added expenses there will be a 10\$ fee per adult for the fly-in.

David presented the chapter's new website and how to register for the Fly-In.

The Calendar is up and running. Members may request events for the calendar.

The Projects page is functions. Projects may consist of complete articles or simple photos with captions. If you would like your project send them to David Ullman.

Hangar expansion - Construction is on hold until the ground dries out enough for excavation. We are waiting for final approval from the FAA.

We are still about \$20,000 short of the total cost. Additional fund raising will start when construction is underway.

At least the shell should be complete by the time of the Fly-In.

Builders' Reports - RV-12, Rans S-20, Jabaru, Pazmany, FMX-4, Pietenpol, Cub, DH-2, STOL Cub, 701, Kolb (come and help - call Mike Ryer).

Phill Rabb died last month. He was a long time member of 292.

Break at 10:55

Mike Kelly put out a request for housing for the Fly-In. Contact Judy Yerian if have any space available.

Today's speaker is Colin Gyenes. He discussed VW engines used in aircraft and specifically in Fournier Motor Gliders. He finished off with a historic video of Mira Slovak crossing the Atlantic in a VW powered Fournier in 1968.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Youth Activities Program (YAP)-Debbie Origer, Director

Now, the Headlines...

Young Eagles Rally – June is coming! Get ready to volunteer your time and your flying machine so we can take a bunch of kids flying and introduce them to Sport Aviation. 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 and Teen Aviation Weekend – The work is getting line out for the Rally and Judy Yerian will be putting the munch on folks as the date draws near. The TAW is a while off; so, let's just take a break for a month or two.

Teen Build –The teen build is progressing on three fronts; the aft fuselage, the firewall and the components for the forward fuselage. Our teens have been working diligently and could use a bit of help from some additional mentors. So, if you are free on Saturday, 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.

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.

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 or attend the committee meeting on the evening of the third Tuesday of each month.

2017 Fly-In –

The Fly In committee is chugging ahead to make this year's fly in 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 or Mike Ryer at starkandryer@outlook.com. We still have a bunch of volunteer slots open and there is plenty to do

Hello all. You may have heard rumors circulating that members of our chapter are entertaining the idea of a STOL exposition/competition/fly-in (whatever works) event. Well, they are not entirely 'rumors'... in fact, our Board of Directors recently approved an exploratory committee be formed (Rod Kerr, Mike Ryer and Jim Oveross at the moment) to ferret out approvals like EAA Nat, FAA, ODA, etc... and of course, we're looking for a few good men... and ladies... to make it all happen!

So why a STOL fly-in you ask? As you may know, STOL aircraft, also known as Backcountry or Bush aircraft, and related events now comprise the fastest growing segment of general aviation. At least this is what the most recent issue of STOL Aircraft Magazine tells us. In fact, for the last few years Airventure has capitalized on the Valdez STOL competition success and created a parallel annual event generating much interest (and revenue). And several other states like Idaho, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas have joined in with their own annual STOL events. Besides being a hoot for aviation and the community, these competitions essentially challenge the last fixed-wing frontier... how slow can we safely land and take off.

We are fortunate to have several STOL qualified members in our chapter and other local pilots who are interested in developing and participating in a Chapter 292 STOL competition or exposition. It is for this reason, myself and other members, are proposing two (2) options that meet this idea, Plan A or Plan B.

Plan A: Would be a competition along the lines of a Valdez type take-off and landing contest (STOL competition fly-in). It could be conducted similar to an aerobatic competition and based on some of our member's prior experiences with EAA sanctioned aerobatic contests, the requirements for such a competition should be

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manageable within the proposed time frame. Mike Ryer has volunteered to pursue this part of the adventure.

Plan B: Would be an Exposition type fly-in, (STOL expo fly-in) where pilots and aircraft gather for the day to learn about STOL aircraft, new materials, modifications and techniques for STOL flying. There will be no competition take-offs or landings.

Although Plan B would be a worthy and fun event, the goal I believe is a true competition because, as we know, competitions are not only the gateway to invention, producing safer and more capable aircraft, but generate... public interest... an imperative to GA aviation as we know it. Eventually we might have sponsors like Cub Crafters, Sportair USA, Aviat, Zenair and others taking part with seminars, demos and other cool stuff. Sound like fun? Our first committee meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 7 PM, let us know if you're interested in attending. Thanks.

Contact:



This is a 'draft' poster (local advertisement) and a possible T-shirt logo, Your ideas are welcomed. (STOL fly-in date pending, Sept 2 is a tentative goal)

Rod Kerr
loffier@sbcglobal.net

Michael Ryer
starkandryer@outlook.com

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.

Contact Jim at 971-237-4342

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