
Presidents' Message

December 9, 2017

Greetings,

I hope this month finds everyone well and preparing for the holiday season, temps are dropping, the rains have returned and indoor build projects are underway.

The outside work on the EAA building is now completed with the last of the drainage system installed, and some minor clean up around the building. There will be more rock work to do on the north side but that will most likely wait until dryer weather returns. The south hangar interior is our next focus. The old section is being cleaned out to make room for paint and new lights, which we hope to have complete by early December. Laying out the compressed air system is also in the works and should be installed by mid-January. Work party calls will go out for these two projects when we can fit them between the holidays.

Our hangar fund drive continues with a successful tool and equipment sale along with more donations. We have a ways further to go but I am happy to say we are closing in on our goal. Our success as a chapter truly belongs to all members. Countless hours of dedicated volunteer work in the various programs and projects, the many volunteers who came out in the searing heat for the hangar build, the donations of funds and materials to make it all happen. Truly a magnificent group of people.

The rental agreement for the south hangar is nearing completion, with tenants already moving in with a waiting list for the next available slot.

Our Christmas potluck is just 3 weeks away and as before the chapter will provide the Ham with side dishes supplied by the members. This meeting is dedicated to social time and a brief presentation. Our business reports will be posted in the newsletter for all to read.

The executive board will be meeting again on December 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00.p.m discussing chapter long range plans and goals. Anyone wishing to listen in is welcome.

I am sure many have taken notice of the gliders on the field most of the summer. There is a move afoot to establish a glider club here at Independence. While open to all ages interested in soaring, this club is wants to offer to local youth the opportunity to learn stick and rudder at an early age. And to do so economically.

To that end organizers are working towards obtaining the use of the SG232, SG222 and Pawnee for next season. In addition, pledges are already coming in to sponsor a youth to obtain their Private Glider License. Stay tuned for more information as it develops. Or if you want to participate, let me know.

Have an awesome Holiday Season

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 11, 2017

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Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Mike Kelly

In attendance - Mike Kelly, Vice President; Curt Anderson; Secretary; Bob Schwarzler, Trustee, Ernie Moreno, Dave Ullman, Debbie Origer, Gary McCormick, Mike Ryer, Denny Fuhrman, Ken Day.

Secretary's Report

165 paid (33 unpaid)

Treasurer's Report Ending October 31, 2017

Beginning Balance \$33,998.88

Income + 3,048.92

Expenses - 5,634.40

Ending Balance \$31,413.40

Fund Balances:

General Fund \$1,394.36 Building Fund \$6,420.24

Education Fund \$14,556.40 B17 Fund \$4,592.40

Simulator Fund \$4,450.00 Hangar Expansion \$-22,146.92

Dave made a motion that we do not borrow (go into the red) on the hangar expansion projects. Seconded by Bill McLagan. Discussion. We do need to do long-term planning; look at the hangar budget from last October; Motion withdrawn.

New Hangar Report - Back-hoe is down. Air line should go in in the next 45 days. Gravel needs to be packed. Budget (debt). Fund raising needs to continue (push!).

Outstanding Bills - EAA (national) dues; engine for the 701.

Rental Agreement - 8 spots spoken for, 2 on the waiting list. Total income per year is about \$5300. Annual Expenses are estimated at \$850 lease (O.D.A.); Utilities \$800; up to about \$1800. Insurance costs have not been determined.

The old part of the build hangar will be renovated by December 1st (lights and painting).

All new renters should be ready to occupy by January 1.

Youth Aviation - Debbie said that their meeting will be the second Tuesday rather than the third because of Thanksgiving. They are going to the NW Expo in Puyallup in February.

Mike Ryer said they had a good turnout (sixteen!) for the Teen Aviation Weekend.

Zenith 701 build - Bill has between one and four students each build day. They are getting ready for their move to the new build hangar.

Fly-In - Debbie reported that Dottie has been sick and has not completed the T-shirt order. Mark Matthews has volunteered for smaller projects within the Fly-In. Debbie will not chair the Fly-In for 2018. A date has not been set. She will set a date for the next planning committee. The meeting will be held before the December chapter meeting.

Holiday Party Pot Luck - This will be on our regular meeting date (December 9th) and at noon rather than 10:00. Blake will talk about is AirVenture Academy.

Storage - We are looking at purchasing a shipping container that would be stored between the chapter hangar and Robin Reid's hangar (with O.D.A.'s approval). Kimberly Townsend (Polk County CERT coordinator) is willing to provide the container if we can provide the spot. Talks are in progress but nothing has been committed.

Derek Ham wants to talk to us about using the hangar for Aviation Survival class.

Rental Agreement for the Hangar - The first year will be a learning experience. There may be changes needed at the end of the year. There are eight building areas set aside in the hangar. Not all building areas are the same footprint. The will be a cost-of-living adjustments at the end of each year. 12 cents/square foot/ month, payable a year in advance for the full year.

Comments were made for revisions.

The Agreement should be ready for vote at the Executive meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday 9th.

Planning Session for the Board. December 12th has been put up as a potential date. An email will be sent out for the 4 hour meeting.

Adjourned at 9:45.

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General Membership Meeting

73 in attendance.

Mike Kelly opened the meeting at 10:05

Guests: Bob Bailey, Mike Harper

Secretary's Report - 156 Members

Treasurer's Report - Ending October Balance = \$4,009.75 See above for details.

Youth Aviation - Salem Airport Tower tour December 16th. Contact Debbie O if you would like to go along.

The Teen Builders are going to the NW Aviation Expo in Puyallup in February and the Boeing Museum.

Mike reported on the Teen Aviation Weekend.

Bill McLaglan reported on the 701 build.

Doug (from Kansas) donated an 8' cabinet to the Youth Aviation group.

The Holiday Party will be Saturday December 9th at noon, not at 10:00. This is a pot-luck with main dish provided by the chapter.

Chapter has a large quantity of machine tools for sale to the members. They are open for inspection/sale after the meeting.

Barbara Anderson talked about the B-17 project. She asked for sign-ups for those interested in participating in the build. They will be starting on the ailerons with the bomb-bay doors to be done later when the parts become available.

Paul Orsini talked about the marine terminal at Laguardia Airport.

Mike Kelly talked updated us on the the hangar expansion as well as the user agreement.

Builders reports - Kolb - needs to be finished by Spring; Fisher; Lancair; RV-9; Ran's S-20; Citabria; Pietenpol; Jaberwatt; Sonex..

Scout Aviation Explorer Post - We are thinking about re-activating a Post here at 292.

Steve works for the Boy Scouts of America and talked about what is involved in hosting the Post.

A Post is high school age through age 21. An Exploring Club is open to Junior High (Middle School) age children.

Break. 11:00

Scott won the 50-50 raffle.

Larry Claussen talked about powered parachutes.

PowerChute PC2000

Youth Activities Program (YAP)-Debbie Origer, Director

The New Year is a month away and rather than report on the things coming up, let's take a moment and look at the things behind. When I learned to sail, I was taught to look behind me to see what the wake looked like. If it was all wobbly and crooked, it meant I did not hold a constant heading and was wandering around a bit more than I should. I look behind to this year's completed youth activities and I see an arrow straight line of travel. This nice straight wake means we are keeping on course as we pursue our vision of "striving to provide meaningful experiences to young people in personal growth, education, the fun of building and flying aircraft."

So, here's what 2017 looks like in the rear view mirror...

Young Eagles Rally – Judy Yerian pulled off two great rallies this season. In all, 156 young aviators between the ages of 8 and 18 experienced the magic of flying a sport aviation aircraft. Pilots from all over the valley rendezvoused at Independence and took on their passengers. Each event required over 45 volunteers to meet, register, educate and marshal these young, aspiring aviators out to their waiting aircraft. After the flight, each young person received a log book entitling them to take the Sporty's On-Line

Ground School, and, if they completed the classes, to take the written private pilot exam. These kids created a resource for your chapter to call upon for other events geared toward young people. Our thanks go out to Judy for leading this great part of our program and many thanks also go to the people in the background who made the coffee, walked the kids, did the pre-flight training and printed the pictures. Thanks to one and all!

Teen Aviation Weekend (TAW) – Mike Ryer facilitated two well attended TAW's, one in February and the second in October. Thirty young people, 13 to 18 were recruited from the participants in the YE Rallies, from schools and other groups. The two day events took the participants through a workshop of class room and hands on experiences. The young folks learned about the legacy of the Wright brothers, aerodynamics, weather, navigation and then built a flying model airplane on Day One. On Day Two, the kids broke into three tracks and built a key fob using raw aluminum, hand tools and rivets. Another track took the participants into the simulator to learn about instrument flying. The third track flew the Delta Dart and vied for the lightest, longest endurance and greatest distance flown. The weather allowed one set of students to go fling and apply what they learned and, sadly, this is Oregon after all, got rainchecks to fly another day. Each workshop requires a minimum of thirteen volunteer presenters and support personnel. Ryer extends his thanks to all who helped continue the introduction to sport aviation to these 30 very lucky and talented young people.

Teen Build – Bill McLagan is honchoing the Zenith 701 build for the 2016-2017 season. The fall 2017 build began with a large component (the tail cone) and a pile of very large parts and four returning builders from June of 2017. Four additional builders joined when the build resumed in September after the summer break. The build period officially parallels the school year, starting in September and ending in June. But, this summer past, after the official build stopped for the summer, two of the builders, Anders Walters and Trevor LeMora, continued on. They worked on Fridays when McLagan was in the hangar doing his treasurer thing for the chapter. Now the airplane is sitting on its gear and is getting ready for an engine. Until the power plant is secured, the fuselage will be set aside and work will continue on the partially built wings. By the way, one of our Teen Builders, Blake Brown, just soloed a glider. Way to go Blake! The picture below shows the current build mob with Blake Brown, Trevor LeMora and David Hammond not in the picture. A year end, but not a build season end, "Thank You" goes out to the Teen Builders and their fearless mentors.

Teen Tent - The Teen Tent provided a place for young people to meet with peers and talk about sport aviation, in all its wonderful incarnations. The TT is part of the annual Fly-In and is the base for the announcer's stand and mood music for the event. This year, the eclipse added an additional level of fun to the event. Music was played and announcements were made. Balsa gliders, courtesy of Nutsch Aviation, were handed out, and the pedal planes maneuvered around the ramp. In general, a good time was had by all.

Youth Scholarships – A scholarship was competitively awarded to Blake Brown for the Air Academy at Oshkosh and Grants were awarded to Rodrigo Morales as he continues his work toward becoming a professional pilot. Blake will present his experiences at

Oshkosh at the next chapter meeting. Our program is in its infancy as it begins to expand its impact within our community. 2017 was a year of introspection and design for this critical community service. Look for exciting changes in the future to the scholarship and grants program. Thank you to all who gave so freely that we could have the resources needed to do these great things.

Finally...After reading about all the neat things that happened in 2017, 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. Have a very happy holiday season be, and fly, well.