

# EAA 292

INDEPENDENCE

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The Taildragger



February 2019

**Next Chapter Meeting is Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM**

## President's Message – Mike Kelley

Happy New Year EAA 292 Chapter Members! Just as we are getting adjusted to the new year, things are changing again. If you've visited the Chapter hangar since last week, you will have noticed that we are undertaking another phase of our clubhouse "remodel." The South end of the hangar we completely gutted last weekend to make room for the new toolroom. I now think that many of our Chapter members watch too much HGTV, because when the project leader, Vince Homer, announced that the following Sunday would be "Demo Day," there was a tremendous turn-out of member and their demolition tools! The old benches and walls were no match for a great team of frustrated airplane builder, who showed they are much better taking things apart than putting them together. Great job Vince and the team!

As the toolroom comes together, the board has been discussing the status & maintenance of the club's tools. We want to make sure that our tools are in good condition and are well maintained. A good tool is usually a safer tool. We will be taking a hard look at what major pieces will need to be replaced over the next several years. The team will be surveying the equipment and making a report back to board with their recommendations.

It's great for us Chapter members to have access to such a fantastic facility, however some members have commented that there are several tools that they don't know how to properly operate. Please...if you aren't sure how to use a tool...ASK! There were several incidents this past year where there was an injury because someone didn't use a tool properly. With that in mind, I've asked the tool team to consider holding some training session for those individuals who would like a little training. Stay tuned for more information...

The first Executive Board meeting was held on Sat Jan 12. It was my pleasure to welcome three new officers who stepped up to help the Chapter out. Eric Pretorious, who lives in NW Portland, volunteered to assume the Vice President position I previously held. Rich Harrison, and airpark resident, agreed to take on the Secretary position. And John Roberts, who resides in Dallas, is moving into the Treasurer position.

It's amazing how the influx of a few new people into a group can cause the dynamics if the entire group to change. I'm really happy that our new Board has hit the ground running, and I'm expecting great things from them. One of the areas we're going to focus on, is the way that we get information out to both Chapter members, and to the general public. Our membership has continued to grow, and many of our new members are younger and more comfortable with all electronic & social media tools available. Our goals is not to force anyone to do anything different, but to add some addition capability which will target these newer members. Eric Pretorious has agreed to chair a newly formed Communications Committee which will look into the various options and point us in the right direction.

Mentioning committees, we are looking for some volunteers to help with some of the upcoming Spring and Summer activities. Some of the groups are the Young Eagles, Communications, Toolroom, Facilities, and of course the Fly-In. We are especially looking for additional volunteers to help out as Mentors for the youth group. We had a great recruiting year, now we need a few additional adults!

Also, some of you have noticed the shipping container (or conex) sitting next to the clubhouse. This donation was coordinated by member Lee Nielson. Yes...we know it's a bit of an eyesore. We're putting together a committee to "fix up" the unit this summer (when it's dry). Talk to Vince Homer or Al Cleveland if you can help out!

Blue Skies to all and hope to see everyone at the February meeting!

## Vice President – Eric Pretorious

A Communications Committee has been formed to promote awareness of Chapter 292 among the general public and the aviation community. The panel (David Ullman, John Coyier, Richard Harrison and Eric Pretorious) is considering a strategy to use social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, & Instagram) to reach the Community at Large. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome.

## Treasure notes – John Roberts

### Reminder that if you have not yet paid your annual dues to please get them in!!

To date we have 94 members that have paid their annual dues, plus 7 Student members and 23 Lifetime Paid members.

During the transition of the Treasure duties at the January meeting, I had some people pay by pay by Credit card and I am working through some discrepancies. We received card payments from Bill and Linda McCoy, Christopher Nickel, Jim Wixson and Greg Lang and those are all fine.

I have one payment that was received that I can't trace back to a member, and another for Rich Graham who I do not have any information on in the roster (new member that maybe did not turn in the form?). If you paid by card at the last meeting and are not listed above, please contact me. If you know Rich Graham, can you contact me or have him reach out?

## Meeting Minutes – Rich Harrison

### EAA Directors meeting 1/12/19

- In attendance – Mike Kelley, Eric Pretorious, Al Cleveland, Vince Homer, Bill McGlagan, John Roberts, Ernie Moreno, Dave Ullman, Jerry Price, John Coyier, and several guests.
- Pres Mike Kelley opened the meeting @ 8:30.
- Vince Homer will take over for facilities director.
- Work party on Sunday to start the Tool Room project.
- Safety report, thinking about another person to run Safety for the chapter?
  - Robin Reid is tied up on our General meeting days.
- Dave Ullman suggest that we utilize Mail Chimp more broadly.
  - Mike suggest we work with the communication committee to determine the best fit.
- Sec and Treasure to collaborate on future meeting reporting on membership.
- Reminder that dues or due \$\$.
- Mike would like the budgets for 2019 approved today.
- Budget audit?
- External resource? Per the Bylaws "the chapter MAY have an audit done", not mandatory –
- Jerry Price made suggestion that we do it every two years. Al will contact Keith Moes (air park resident).



### Committee reports

- Youth - Deb is out of town (youth), Bill reports the 701 project progressing, Peddle plane nearly done. Young Eagles - no Spring meeting due to NW Aviation conference. Feb 22 – 24.
- Facilities - Vince is now chair. Demo to start tomorrow for Tool Room.
  - Dave Ullman is looking to buy a vinyl cutter (unless he can talk to chapter into buying) and has a plotter printer to donate to the chapter. Needs to be in a clean room and hooked to a computer.
  - Storage container - needs to have it cleaned and work out what is needed to make it usable. Al is working on this.
  - Ernie Moreno submitted for one slot in the hangar for a Pietenpol project, one additional slot open to be held in reserve during the tool room build, unless someone is needing it.
- Builders Group -Budget - Ernie. Passed out budget.
  - Had a discussion with EAA National about a Penguin project for a Teen Aviation project. They will get back to us.
  - Builders Budget approved for 2019 budget. Eric motioned and Jerry seconded.
  - Lance air project - windows are clean, to go to Henry Bartle to finished
  - Kolb project - progressing - working to finish with Erie's help
- Communications committee – VP Eric Pretorius .
  - Plans moving forward to change website and improve updates,
  - Use Facebook page to drive traffic.
  - Long term approach to bring in got in younger members.
- Bylaws - Annual review.
  - Revision of Bylaws to keep the lifetime membership at \$500. Al put forward the motion, Dave seconded. Approved by board.
  - Youth membership – will going forward sign membership on first visit so that Liability is covered.
  - General MEMBERSHIP VOTES DO NOT INCLUDE youth and honorary.
  - Dues are due Jan 1, notice will be given out during general meeting. Bill is helping out doing credit card payments.
  - Currently any membership meeting requires ¼ of the membership be present to hold.
  - Change wording on Article 6 - 5 to read any voting needs to have 1/4 of the members present, but meeting can be held.
- Round table –
  - John – website working on updating content. New pictures posted.
  - Al - calendar will be posted, let Al know to update as needed.
  - Vince - re-up space for Ernie- Motion to allow Ernie to bring in Pietenpol for 16 month, also team build groups. Jerry seconded, approved by board.
  - Vince motioned we renew Youth space - approved by board.
  - Mike Ryer reported that we have submit for youth scholarship, will hear in Feb if we will be one of the chapters to be on the list to get a scholarship
- Budget for 2019 approved for chapter
- Mike ended meeting at 9:52



EAA Chapter 292 General Meeting 1/12/19

Mike Kelley called the meeting to order @10:02.

- Mike announced that name tags for those who have ordered are ready to be picked up.
- Mike introduced new members and visitors.
- Board meeting reports – Due to transition, sec and treasury reports will be given next month.
- Kelly Wilson - upgrade of simulator to support GPS approaches - needs about \$5000. Some money already collected. Chuck Rodrigo, a former youth participant is looking for assistance to get 50 hours of sim time, he is working on instrument and commercial. Members are being asked to contribute to his education. Many folks indicated they will help.
- Vince Homer - Facilities report. Vince is the new manager - announcement for work party on Sunday to start work on Tool Room. Looking for equipment manager. Storage container, Al is working to get it ready for use.
- Mike reminded members of the tools and expertise that is available to use by membership as a benefit of membership. Vince looking to set up trainings on some of the tools
- Eric Pretorious is heading up Communications committee – He asked the membership about Facebook and website usage. The goal is to enhance the outbound communications to the chapter members and community. Mike made the comment that this is a tool to reach out to younger future members and youth groups, not looking for current members that do not currently use these tools to force anyone to use them.
- Jerry Price on Government shut down - Special issuance medicals are not getting issued. AW applications are being held up. DER inspections cannot move forward. Weather forecasts are not going out!
- Bill McGlagan Youth committee - 701 project, progressing, engine hung. Young Eagles in June & Sept. The request is out for more mentors for youth work. The large number of new participants are requiring 1 on 1 help to get them into the programs.
- Website updates – Mike – plans are to get new updates and make the site easier to use. New photos have been loaded.
- Al Cleveland - His brother has gotten out of Aviation, sale of a lot of aviation stuff at Al's house after the meeting.
- Mike talked about the Safety committee. Robin is tied up on meeting days. Looking for new person take the roll as Safety Officer
- Ernie Moreno showed videos of the first running of the engine on the DH2. He gave an entertaining description of the aircraft and design of the replica WW1 fighter.
- Builder reports - Rans S12. Dave Ullman- working on electric conversion of his plane.
- Denny working on RV10.
- Vince - worked 20 years ago on replica P39, now working to finish.
- Jerry Pryce introduced his son who is in the Air Force, planning to move back when out.
- Break
- After break – Kelly announced the kitty for Chuck Rodrigo is now \$340 for his Sim training. Raffle \$106 collected for raffle - winner of \$53 donated it back to chapter. (sorry, did not ketch the name of the winner).
- Jerry Price gave a talk about converting the Corvair engine conversions Jerry covered the history of the use of Corvairs in aircraft and how one can get an engine or build one out.



- Mike closed the meeting at 12:00

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

### Spring cannot be far away...Teen Build is moving toward completion...Ray Aviation Scholarship... and now the rest of the news...

**Silent Auction** – Plans are moving ahead for the 2019 auction and Debbie Origer is asking for volunteers to make this one as great as last year's record event. Since this is the primary source of funding for youth activities, a lot hangs on the success of the auction. The youth program has an aggressive list of scholarships it wants to offer to young members of our chapter. Remember, we know there is money in aviation, a lot of us have put a lot of it there and this is no exception. Keep tuned for more information and dates when things need to happen. Give early and give often 'cause this is what makes our chapter so unique.

**Outreach** – Our speakers have been frequenting the halls of middle and elementary schools in Salem-Keizer with the story of sport aviation. With hot air balloons and spinners, young people are learning about flight and how EAA can help them get into it. A presentation is scheduled at Talmadge Independence for February as well. If you want to be part of this fun experience, contact Mike Ryer at 503.364.3619 for more information for 2019.

**Young Eagles Rally** – June is only four months away and the call will go out for volunteers and flying machines. The assembled multitude, often between seventy-five and a hundred young people, will get a grand introduction to flying as recipients of Young Eagle rides. Get ready to respond to the call from Judy Yerian and come help out. It is a fun and active way to spend a Saturday. Watch this column and your e-mails for the dates so you can be part of this fun and informative experience.

**Teen Aviation Weekend (TAW)** – Our next TAW is scheduled for October 2019. For more information on next year's TAW, contact Michael Ryer at [starkandryer@outlook.com](mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com) or call at 503.364.3619.

**Teen Build** – Our teen builders, numbering fourteen, have been cranking away on a couple of really fun projects. The AT-6 Pedal Plane is nearing completion and the builders have decided to paint it in the colors of the Canadian Airforce. The little ramp runner will be bright yellow with roundels containing the red maple leaf of our neighbors to the north. Vince Homer has been squiring the six builders through working with power tools, bending metal and, most recently, applying finishes. Look for the Pedal Plane at the upcoming YE Rally.



Bill McLagan and Patrick Hatfield (bringer of many donuts) have been keeping a like number of builders busy on the Zenith. Wiring is nearing completion. Our ADSB instrument panel is nearing completion with many thanks to Robert Haines and his CNC router. The engine is in place and accessories are being installed in anticipation of the first run of the machine. Wings are being attached and final hook ups completed for tip lights, fuel system and faired lift struts. Doors, with full Lexan covers, are coming together. The Zenith is really looking like a flying machine.



The parents will be treated to a Parent Meeting where they can look at the work of their kids and help plan for the future events of the group.

The really big thing is the development of a stand-alone flying club. Paperwork is being generated, using guidance from National EAA, to establish our non-profit club where the 701 will go through its Phase I flying. When the time is flown off, the airplane will be available to its builders for rides and flight training. The airplane will also be available to the club members. More on this as the work unfolds.

As always, we need more mentors. If you enjoy working with youth, here is your opportunity. If you are interested, as either a builder or a Mentor, in being part of this exciting program, contact Bill McLagan at [wdmac50@juno.com](mailto:wdmac50@juno.com). By the way, here is a picture of Mary Eckles. She is one of our teen builders and she single handedly built the majority of the Zenith firewall. Mary and over ten other young people will be finishing the Zenith and other projects and thanks the Chapter for its support and the great opportunities provided to them.

**Scholarships** – Nancy Larson and Debbie Origer are managing the scholarship program for the chapter. They are soliciting applications for the 2019 AirVenture and Advanced Air Academy. Interested teens need only go to our website ([eaa292.org/#!](http://eaa292.org/#!)), pull down the menu under Youth Activities Program, Scholarships, Grants and Aid, and open the Application Form link. Print the application, complete its requirements and submit the materials for consideration as the Chapter's winner. This needs to be done before the end of January.

The chapter is applying for approval for the Ray Aviation Scholar Program. This program will award as much as \$10000 to a candidate. Once the chapter is approved through a lengthy and rigorous process, we can submit a candidate to the national review board. If awarded the scholarship, the recipient will be awarded the money and it is administered through the chapter. The recipient will learn to fly through an FBO or independent instructor with reportage along the way to the chapter of their progress. The recipient will be a "youth ambassador" for the chapter and share their experiences while learning to fly. Watch this column for more information as this process unfolds,

Many young people have benefitted from the Chapter's awards and we have helped them work toward their dreams working in aviation and aerospace. Also, AOPA is offering a \$2500 scholarship (The Richard Collins Writing Prize) for the best 1500 word essay about what got you interested in flying. The essay must be presented no later than March 1, 2019. For complete requirements and where to send your entry, go to [editor@airfactsjournal.com](mailto:editor@airfactsjournal.com).

**Teen Track** – This new line item actually lives under the umbrella of the Fly In Committee. We had a great turn out this year and are planning to do it again in 2019. To that end, Debbie Origer is looking for a volunteer to head the effort to put together the 2019 edition of Teen Track.

**Finally**...After reading about all the neat things which will be happening in 2019, 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. The next one will be on January 15, 2019. The meeting will begin at 7 PM and we are notorious for having things to eat and drink at these meetings!