

Happy August Aviators!

Al Cleveland took a hiatus the month of July, so I'm filling in for him this month.

WOW is all I can say! The smoke cleared and the fly-in began! I'm writing this note Monday morning after the fly-in. Having been with this Chapter just over 2 years, and participating in 3 fly-ins, I'm not sure how we produce such a great event and continue to raise the bar every year. Many Chapter members thought that this (2018) would be a letdown year. How could we ever compete with the 2017 Eclipse year? The entire Chapter and Airpark had already given its "all" and was totally exhausted and spent from that 4-day spectacle. Last fall, we had no one even willing to take the "Fly-In Chair" position, manage the Silent Auction, run the forums, staff the ramp, etc. Just about the time the Board was questioning even having the fly-in, Dave Ullman stepped up and said that he'd take it on...if he could get additional help. The first to re-enlist was Dottie Moriarity, for the challenging task of registration. At the first organization meeting, nearly all the positions were still empty. However, with a little bit of "prodding" from Dave and the board, the positions finally begin filling in. The last critical piece came together when Marcia Noell agreed to take on the Silent Auction. This is probably the most difficult, and important chair role of the event.

Throughout the Spring, there were very few additions to the core team. Volunteers were few-and-far-between. We'd learned a valuable lesson in 2017. Like the movie Field of Dreams, "Build it and they will come!" Be patient...the Chapter will be there to make this happen. As June rolled around the committee really began to gel. Al Cleveland & Mike Kelley had made a trip to Van's to meet with their president Mitch Lock, and to shore up Van's relationship and support for our event. Lock committed to supporting the 2018 event and being there in force! Meanwhile, Chapter member help began coming out of the woodwork. Jerry Pryce agreed to help manage the STOL event with Rod Kerr, who was facing a shortage of time. Vince Homer gathered up a ramp crew, Mike Kelley agreed to manage the forums, and Deb Kelley agreed to take on dinners, splitting out the breakfasts that were managed by Mike Short.

In the end, there was a lot of help and support from both the Chapter and the airpark. The pride and care given to the event was obvious and came out in some of the comments; "Best fly-in on the West Coast," "Prefer this Fly-In over Oshkosh" (we actually heard this comment, but it's a little hard to believe! -mk). At the October Chapter meeting, we'll have a complete report of the final fly-in numbers.

The talent and ability of this Chapter and airpark community is second to none. I'm starting to believe there is nothing we can't do if we put our minds to it. Sunday's successful STOL competition was a great example. I heard a comment that "in the future the Independence STOL event could be bigger than Valdez (Alaska)," and that is saying something! Thanks to everyone who made this possible, and a special thanks to Rod Kerr who had the long-term "vision."

That brings me to my closing thoughts. In December, several members of the Chapter 292 Board have decided to step down from their positions. We will need a Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President at the minimum. In addition, we will be looking to staff up next year's fly-in (the bar is set!). We know the talent is out there. We are only asking that you be willing to share your ability, and a little of your time for your fellow Chapter and members. Please contact Al Cleveland or Mike Kelley if you'd be willing to help. We will train! BTW – If you've served in the past, there is nothing in the rules against another term! One thing we are

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learning is that there is no such thing as a bad idea. We need new ideas and external stimulation to elevate us to the next level!

There is no need to “Make the Chapter Great Again...” EAA Chapter 292 is great, and it’s our goal to stay that way for a long time!

Blue Skies and Strong Tailwinds!

Mike Kelley (VP)

P.S. And don’t forget that September 8th is Young Eagles!

We need pilots and ground support. Contact Judy Yerian if you can help.

EAA 292 Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, August 11, 2018

In Attendance: Mike Kelley, Bill McLagan, Curt Anderson, Bob Schwarzler, Ernie Moreno, Mike Ryer, Davis Ullman, Vince Homer, Chuck West.

Meeting called to order at 8:33.

Secretary’s Report: 23 Lifetime members, 169 yearly members, 29 of the yearly members have not paid for 2018. This equates to a shortage of \$870 to the chapter.

Treasurer’s Report: Beginning balance (Aug 1, 2018): \$42,790.80
 Plus Income: 3,718.15
 Less Expenses: 3,792.70
 Ending Balance (Aug 1, 2018) \$42,716.26

Fund Balances:

General Fund:	\$13,359.16	Aircraft Builder’s Fund:	\$5,992.16
Education Fund:	\$14,491.53	B-17 Fund:	\$3,773.40
Simulator Fun:	\$5,100.00	Hangar Expansion Fund:	\$-17,254.18*

*We will zero out the negative balance in the Hangar Expansion fund at the first of the year as it shows only our progress in fund raising towards the \$80K goal.

Motion detector lights have been installed on the east exterior wall of the hangar.

Exterior paint should occur after the fly-in.

Ernie suggested that we install ceiling fans in the hangar expansion to help the winter heating bill.

Youth Aviation: Mike reported that the Teen Build will begin in September. Teen weekend on the 22-23 of October. Young Eagles September 8. Teen tent will be at the Fly-In..

The board members will work at emails going out as “blind copies” without the members email addresses being displayed to all members. Apologies for the emails that have gone out with the entire list.

Kolb is on hold waiting for the powder coater. It was hoped to have it for sale at the fly-In. We are in to the Kolb for \$9000. We will put a sign on it and see what inquiries we get next week.

Fly-In: David said no crisis exist at this point. He needs groups for Cleanup Patrol, Car Parking Management and Chair and Table management. Contact David at David ullman@ullman.com

There is an Ice Cream truck coming. The Boy Scouts will be selling water. A hand washing station will be put north of Robin’s hangar. Three signup sheets will go out at the meeting.

Shane Hedrick set up for 35 tables and 150 chairs to be delivered Thursday.

Friday’s dinner is a 50-60. Saturday’s dinner is over 100.

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Salem's and the Dallas newspapers will be running articles.

Tent, port-a-potties and garbage containers are being delivered on Thursday.

Jerry Pryce said that there are now up to 14 competitors for the STOL competition.

Mike mentioned that Jeanne's Open Hangar will be Friday, August 17, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Teen track at the Fly-In (Facebook, Young Eagles, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, home-schooler.)

Sixteen have signed up.

Minet is coming upping our internet speed so 100 mb for the Fly-In. We are providing a charging station in the hangar.

Van's is sending Mitch Locke and the head of engineering and are bringing five planes.

Cub Crafter's is bringing a plane.

Mike Ryer asked that if you want anything to go out on the P.A. Send them to him.

The Simulator will be open.

Defibrillator has been installed in the hangar. Fire Extinguishers have been properly mounted in the hangar. Debbie O will be refilling the first aid boxes.

B-17 – Ernie discussed the status of the B-17. At this point the B-17 is at The B-17 Alliance in Salem. We need a team leader for the project. Progress needs to be made.

Mike Ryer said that there are two types of renters... chapter oriented projects and outside (private) projects.

Vince – Do we want to designate permanent spots for chapter projects? Should chapter projects have priority?

Should priority be given to non-7S5 members have priority?

The Contract needs to be reviewed.

Ernie Moreno, Vince Homer, Al Cleveland, Mike Short

Ernie made a motion... Within 30 days we need a project leader and an action plan for the B-17. Seconded by David Ullman. Passed

Adjourned at 9:48.

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:03

Happy Birthday Henry! (63)

Approximately 60 in attendance.

Visitors: Steve Sands

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$42,716.26. See above for details.

Secretary's Report: 192 members on the books with 29 in arrears. This equals a shortage of \$870 to the chapter.

Fly-In: David passed around a sign-up board for jobs at the Fly-In...Cleanup Patrol, Car Parking Management, Chair and Table Management, Breakfast Volunteers.

The ramp will be using 122.8 for a ground frequency.

By the time you are reading this the fly-In is over.

Forums are scheduled for Saturday. The STOL Expo in Sunday. There are currently 14 signed up to compete. Perry Pryce passed out a volunteer request for the Expo.

Marcia talked about the Silent Auction. Contact her if you have any last minute donations.

Vince talked about his survey that he started last month on the demographics of our chapter.

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David said that about 130 people have signed up. We might have some cancellations from pilots in California due to the fires.

Mike said that Dottie needs help on the registration desk. Contact Dottie Moriarity via david@davidullman.com

The T-28 is going back into the hangar.

Thursday is the major setup day. Help is always appreciated.

The cutoff for signup for meals is tomorrow, August 12.

Jeanne's Open Hangar is Friday from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Shirts are for sale. \$20 each (XXL are \$25). Only 100 shirts were ordered.

Van's will be in force at the Fly-In bring five planes. Cub Crafters will also be on display.

Youth Aviation: Mike

Teen Track (Up, Up and Away).

This should be a great "feeder" into the chapter.

The chapter has a new defibrillator on the east wall in the hangar. It is mounted above the first aide box.

Mike Short leads the VMC Club on the first Monday of each month. 7:00 p.m. In the hangar.

Builder's Reports: Beech Sierra, Ran's S6, Ran's, RV-6A, hangar (pouring concrete Friday), RV-10 w/Advance Flight System, Jaberwatt, RV-9A, Citabria, Kolb.

Judy Yerian talked about the September 8 Young Eagle's day. Pilots and ground support needed.

Break at 10:45

11:00

Fire extinguishers have been updated and mounted on the hangar walls (in compliance).

The 99's are offering a flying Companion seminar in Jeanne's hangar during the Fly-In.

Fly-In topics include plane art, Dynon, electric airplanes, aging pilots, Van's factory update, spin testing the RV, Cub Crafters at lunch, STOL awards at Sunday lunch.

Three of the incomplete DH-2s are in New Zealand

The Tech Counselors will meet in October to talk about composites, welding, electronics, wood structures,

Vince Homer talked about tools, airplane painting with house paint, and DIY smoke system.

Mike Kelley talked about inexpensive (free) electronic flight and weather planning...

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/or/salem/97301>

<http://www.usairnet.com>

<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KSLE&state=OR>

<https://www.checkwx.com/weather/Ksle/area>

<https://www.windy.com/?namConus,900h,44.870,-123.176,13>

<https://www.aopa.org/flightplanner/>

<https://www.aopa.org/wx/#>

<https://skyvector.com/>

Avare - <https://apps4av.com/avare-overview/>

<https://apkpure.com/metam-aviation-weather-metar/com.aeroperf.metam>

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Samsung Tab 7-8" 8GB WiFi

IFly is available to the chapter for \$69.99 (VFR); \$109.99 (VFR & IFR) 6 Months Free Fly-In special.

Info@adventurepilot.com

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction was another resounding success, thanks in great part to the generosity of you, our chapter members, and the wonderful folks who flew into the Fly In. Bidding was fast and furious and it appears the final tally will come in around \$13,000 (not yet finalized by our accounting firm of Dewey Cheatum and Howe), less expenses. Part of the reason the amount is so high is because of the incredible gift of a paint job for an airplane the size of an RV-10. This one gift accounts for about half of the auction's earnings. Thank you, thank you! This money will be used to further the



great work being done by your Youth Activities Program. We will be able to fund scholarships, Young Eagle Rallies, Teen Build, Teen Aviation Weekends and tours for another year. An equally great recognition goes out to Marcia Noell and Kelly Matthews and their team of volunteers for their tireless work to make this auction such a tremendous success. Thanks again to one and all for their efforts in making this event happen and create such a wonderful outcome.

Youth Activities Program (YAP)-Debbie Origer, Director

Young Eagles Rally coming in September...Teen Aviation Weekend in October...Teen Build restarting for the fall half of the year...And now, the rest of the story...

Outreach – The chapter was represented at the Marion County New Solutions Picnic and met with representatives of several agencies and NGO's providing support and educational opportunities to the youth of the county. Fliers were distributed showing what the Chapter does for young people in the Salem/Independence/Monmouth area. Kids were told about the upcoming Young Eagle Rally and lots of information was shared. In September, Chapter 292 Outreach representatives will again sponsor a workshop at Talmadge Middle School as an "Introduction to Sport Aviation" to the "Cougar Zone" after school program kids. We will also begin making presentations to the Salem-Keiser school district AVID and Career Management programs in their middle and high schools. Contact Mike Ryer at [593.364.3619](tel:593.364.3619) for more information about community activities for young people.

Young Eagles Rally – Judy Yerian is shaking the trees for folks to help with the September Rally so now is the time to mark your calendars. The rally will be Saturday, September 8, beginning at 9 AM for the Young Eagles and 8 AM for the volunteers. So, make sure the airplane is ready and you are ready to help youth from the area learn about sport aviation at our chapter event. If you want to help, contact Judy ([503.837.6593](tel:503.837.6593), jbyerian@outlook.com) to let her know you are willing to be part of this great, kid-centric soiree.

Teen Aviation Weekend (TAW) – The real work begins in September when we begin recruiting presenters and getting the word out to the various organizations supporting teen learning activities. The TAW will be held in October of 2018. Circle the dates of October 20 and 21 if you'd like to help or participate. If you have a teen between the ages of 13 and high school senior, ask them to consider being part of this exciting weekend experience. Watch your e-mails for preparation activities for this event. For

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more information, contact Michael Ryer at starkandryer@outlook.com or call at 503.364.3619.

Teen Build – Bill McLagan is getting the restart of the build underway. The engine, motor mount and propeller will be here and will be ready to hang on the Zenith. This will complete all the major construction on the airplane and it is off to work on the detail of systems. Debbie Origer is organizing and recruiting new kids for this program and our kick off will be in the first part of September. 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.

Scholarships – Anders Walter has returned from OSH with nothing but great tales to tell. He will make a September presentation to the Chapter about the experience. Also of note, Nancy Larsen has come forward to help manage the scholarship program. Larsen and Origer will develop the far reaching program and help young people apply for and win scholarships.

Teen Track – Mike Kelley, in coordination with Debbie Origer, put on a great Teen Track during the fly in. Over 20 kids and their folks came to the event and learned all about sport aviation. Look for a more in depth report by Kelley at the Chapter meeting.

Finally... After reading about all the neat things going on this year, 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.







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