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## Presidents' Newsletter

Novmeber 2017

Hello again, Well here it is the middle of October already, man what a busy summer. Taking stock of our activities this year, I am (to use an old term) "totally stoked" with our accomplishments to date.

- 1). We planned and successfully pulled off (not just one) but two one of a kind fly-in events.
- 2). We built a new hangar in under 45 days.
- 3). We hosted almost 75 kids in our September Young Eagles event.

All this was accomplished because many of you volunteered your time and expertise to make it all happen.

I am both humbled and proud to be a part of such a wonderful group of people.

So what is happening next? Well the electrical in the new hangar is complete, the protective walls are up, and the hangar committee will very soon be working on the draft rental agreement for our new floor space. Bob Ingles (at my request) moved his project to where we think may be his last workspace until completion, and we put the Kolb out on the new floor as well so all could have a visual reverence to how the floor plan may turn out. Nothing is permanent yet and we may shift things around more before resting on a final lay out.

I also want to take a moment to recognize the volunteers who stepped up and joined me installing the protective walls and electrical to our new hangar.

- Denny Fuhrman
- Robert Engle
- Gary McCormick
- Lee Nielson
- Dave Ullman
- Bob Schwarzler
- Vince Homer

And a special thanks to Robert Haines and Chuck West for their expertise in electrical code.

There are compressed air lines yet to install as well but until we do, air hoses will suffice. Our biggest challenge to complete was held up waiting on a piece of equipment to safely expose the underground utilities on our south east flank, thankfully that was just accomplished, So now we must install an 8" drain line spanning from the ramp adjacent to our new hangar bi-fold door, down the gravel drive eastward to the main

culvert under our east parking lot, and install grated drains at each end. All this with the winter monsoons heading our way.

Fortunately we do have access to a backhoe (thank you Henry) to make the job easier and safer to complete. Rock will be arriving over the next few days and the last parts for the storm drains should be here as well. I will put out a call for help (hopefully) next week when we are expecting a day or two of dryer weather to get this done. Please don't be shy, come on down, many hands will make this critical task go much faster.

Our next event will be the youth aviation weekend. I am told we have 14 kids scheduled to attend this weekend's two day event where they can learn more about what it takes to become an aviator. And if the weather cooperates they will have an opportunity to take a flight as well.

Most of you know the fog last Saturday morning prevented our guest speaker Patrick Horgan from CubCrafters from presenting information on their latest flagship the X-Cub. Though he circled above for a time and even tried Salem, he was unable to land. So we will reschedule with Patrick another day, hopefully one better suited for VFR flight.

We are looking for multiple sets of black wire display racks, they are 2ft.wide by 6ft.tall flat panels used at the Fly-in silent auction to hang display items for viewing. These racks belong to Debbie Origer and she needs them back. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these wire racks please contact Debbie ASAP.

Our Guest speaker for November will be Larry Claussen who will talk about the joys of flying powered parachutes. Also, we will be formalizing the December meeting which historically is our Christmas Potluck. If you have suggestions for the potluck this will be the time to share. So join us in November for good coffee, a donut or two and good fellowship.

Eagerly looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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## EAA 292 Board Meeting October 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Al Cleveland  
In attendance - Al Cleveland, President; Mike Kelly, Vice President; Curt Anderson; Secretary; Bob Schwarzler, Trustee, Ernie Moreno, Dave Ullman, Debbie Origer, Rod Kerr, Mike Short, Mike Ryer,, Denny Fuhrman.

Secretary's Report  
155 paid (33 unpaid)

### Treasurer's Report Ending September 30, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$37,651.00
Income	+ 12,728.63
Expenses	- 16,380.75
Ending Balance	\$33,998.88

### Fund Balances:

General Fund	\$3,779.66	Building Fund	\$6,420.24
Education Fund	\$14,756.58	B17 Fund	\$4,592.40
Simulator Fund	\$4,450.00	Hangar Expansion	\$-19,585.96

Hangar Expansion - It's getting ready for occupancy. Electricity is in. We have spent \$71,714.79 so far. We still need to do the air lines. The 8" drain on the north side needs to be connected. We will need to accurately locate the utilities before we dig.

Al made a motion that we contact a contractor for location, digging and installing the drain tile.

Seconded by Dave. Passed.

STOL Expo - Rod presented his budget from the 2017 Expo. They lost \$152.24 due to hats not coming in time for the Expo. This was without charging a gate fee.

Debbie made a motion that the chapter reimburse the \$152.24 and initiating and STOL Expo account within the budget. Any additional funds coming in will go to the Expo account. Passed

Fly-In - Debbie passed around a budget. Youth Aviation netted \$9425.99. The Chapter netted about \$4200. She also passed around the committee list openings for 2018. The Chairperson position is open as Debbie will only serve as a co-chair.

The surveys on the 2017 Fly-In still need to go out to the members.

Youth Aviation - Debbie wants to take the group to the NW Aviation Expo. She has reserved for the Aviation college at AirVenture. The Youth Aviation Weekend is set. David talked about a Salem-Keizer contact that is excited about youth aviation and Young Eagles.

Red Cross - Al passed around a tentative contract from the Red Cross and their use of our facilities in case of a natural disaster.

Curt made a motion that we accept the Red Cross contract. Seconded by David. Discussion. Motion failed.

Al brought up that the airpark's So & So's requested the use of the hangar on a Wednesday in December for a social event.

Robin Reid made a suggestion that we run a fence between the EAA's and Reid Aviation's buildings. ODA has started a committed looking at a ten-year plan for the airport. The fence may part of that plan. Al is part of the committee that will have its first meeting in December.

Al brought up the idea of having a storage container (shipping container) on the north side of the hangar to store our "stuff" that is only used once of twice a year. Al related that Dave Martin said that OPA-Independence may cease to exist after December and does the EAA want to purchase their tables.

Al brought up the draft of the agreement of workspace in the new hangar. We toured the new hangar looking at a footprint of possibilities for work areas.

The hangar maintenance committee is made up of Ernie Moreno, Al Cleveland, Vince Homer, Mike Short, Bob Schwarzler, Brian McGlynn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

General Membership Meeting  
Called to order at 10:05

Guests Larry Pilkington(Silverton Long EZ), Marv Albert (RV-3), Mark Tolwinski (Vagabond), Larry Fossen, Jason Adams (Kansas).

Secretary's Report: 155 paid members.

Treasurer's Report: September 30 balance \$33,998.88. See above for details.

Youth Aviation - Second Tuesday each Month at 7:00 p.m.

The kids are working on the 701 on both Friday and Saturdays (they're homeschooled). We are looking at establishing and Explorer's Post here at 292.

Kelly Wilson has brought in over \$20,000 over the last three years by heading up the silent auctions at the Fly-In

Mike Ryer talked about the Teen Aviation Weekend on October 21-22 (next weekend). Volunteers are needed for laying out courses on sectionals.

The Salem-Keizer School District is working on a program called AVID.

He is also working on a program at Talmadge Middle School here in Independence. Debbie talked about how we glean students from Young Eagles to participate in the Teen build and the Teen Aviation Weekend.

They are looking at incorporating the STOL Expo into the Fly-In

Committee heads are needed for the Fly-In. See Debbie for details.

STOL Expo - Rod Kerr said that we had over 200 spectators for the event in September.

Web Site - David Ullman is asking for assistance for working the website. Contact David

The Facebook Page. Margaret Cleveland is looking for someone to take over handling Facebook for the chapter.

Hangar Expansion - The lights are up. Electricity is running (110 & 220). Welding outlets near the west door. The hangar committee is working on the user agreement. Contact

Ernie Moreno if you want to be on the list.

Mike Kelly talked about the Kolb Mk. III. He wants to finish it up to sell next spring.

Contact Mike if you want to help with painting, electrical, and instrumentation.

Fund raising - We have raised \$51,900 but we have spent over \$70,000. The \$19,000 has come out of the general fund.

Henry thanked the members that have helped on the construction.

Ernie talked about our Tech Counselors

Ed Storo - post WW I

Henry Bartle - composites and painting

Al Cleveland - sheet metal

Ernie Moreno - Rita's and RV-12

Nationwide there are 1100 EAA Tech Counselors. They did only 1,000 inspections last year. Ernie did over 100 on his own.

Builders' Reports - Zenith 701, RV-12, Rams S-6, Zenith 750 Cruzer, Stearman, DH-2, Jabiru, Bulldog, FMX-, Pietenpol, Long EZ.

Rusty Pilots Seminar at the EAA hangar December 2nd. Contact Jeanne Wildman for more information. It counts for the ground portion of your biannual.

Break at 10:00

Dr. Gizmo - He showed how to prevent the screws on the back of D-9 connector from vibrating loose. He showed off an LED light that incorporates a switch, stick-on or screw-on

Program - David Ullman gave his talk on Electric Flight Initiatives.

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

**Now, the Headlines...**

**Young Eagles Rally –Planning for 2018 gets started**

**Teen Aviation Weekend – Fourteen young people learn about sport aviation**

**Teen Build – It's nearly on the gear and we need an engine**

**Teen Tent - Wait 'Till 2018!**

**Scholarships – New opportunities to help local kids to get scholarships**

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

*Young Eagles Rally – We are in the planning stage of the year as folks get ready for turkey and old Saint Nick. Our two events will be even more special with some new approaches to getting young people into flying and building airplanes. Keep reading these notes for our planned events. Our next rally will be in June of 2018. If this*

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sounds like the kind of thing you want to be involved in, contact Judy Yerian and get on the volunteer mailing list.

*Teen Build* – Bill McLagan has led the mentors and the teen builders to a great point in the evolution of the airplane. The 701 is almost on its gear! The front and rear fuselage halves have been permanently joined and all the cleco's are back in their buckets. Once some powder coated brackets are installed, the main and nose gear can go on and the airplane will have feet! The big deal is selecting and securing an engine. Two engines are in the running right now, a Rotax 912 or the Air Momentum engine out of Florida. You can help by thinking about donating to the engine cause with a note saying which engine you think would work best on the airplane. We will be starting a fund raiser in November so come to the chapter meeting and hear what is being planned. Also, the teens will be touring the tower at Salem International and watching a weather balloon launch just before the holidays. The big thing, in the near term, is planning a field trip to the North West Aerospace Conference and Trade Show held, just outside Seattle, in February of 2018. We are just starting to put this adventure together and will keep you posted. As always, we can use some volunteer mentors and more teen builders. 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](mailto:wdmac50@juno.com) and get involved.

*Teen Tent* – The Teen Tent is waiting quietly for 2018 and the next fly in. With all the neat things from 2017, the teens are looking forward to the next one. If you want to be part of the Teen Tent experience, contact Adele Stark at [starkandryer@outlook.com](mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com).

*Youth Scholarships* – Debbie Kelley has had to step away for a while from overseeing the scholarship program. She has done a great job helping the chapter donate funds to worthy young people. Debbie has helped the chapter have great success with the AirVenture and other grants to help young people work toward their dreams in aviation and aerospace. She will be greatly missed. If you are willing to try and fill some very big shoes, we could really use your help. Contact Debbie Origer and let her know of your interest.

*Finally...* Thanks to the great effort of Kelly and Mark Matthews on the Silent Auction. Their efforts netted over \$9400 for the YAP and this money will be put to good use, supporting the four elements of our aggressive and fun filled programs for youth in our community. Our next committee meeting is November 14, a week earlier than usual to accommodate the holiday schedule. The gang meets at 7 PM in the EAA Center and you are more than welcome to attend and help us make important decisions about the programs and their directions. 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, normally on the evening of the third Tuesday of each month.

## Kolb Build

Mike Kelley is looking for a few good builders to establish a "Tiger Team" and get the Kolb back into the air. The Kolb is in the newly completed hangar area and is ready for Poly-Spray. If you want to get involved, give Kelley a call. The planned workdays will be scheduled and see what kind of trouble you can get into. Once the Kolb is finished and flying, the chapter will sell it to recover costs and add money to the General Fund for more builder activities.

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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