

Season's Greetings fellow members,

This will be my last president's letter as the year comes to an end. I am proud to say we have accomplished much in the last two years. Our Youth program is going strong, we have had two very successful fly-ins, two equally successful STOL events, and we built a hangar. All this was done with a volunteer force comprised of "YOU". It is easy to see why EAA National portrays 292 as a glowing example of a strong and vibrant chapter. I can only hope each of you are as proud of our success as I am.

Our Holiday potluck was well attended this year with a great presentation of Ander's visit to Oshkosh Summer camp. Socializing and dinning on great food was the word of the day. And again, our many thanks to Ricki and Robert Schwarzler for cooking the hams again this year.

The hangar maintenance committee is planning on a middle of January start on the equipment room starting of with the removal of benches and shelves along the south, east, and west walls (we hope this will be repurposed as we move forward). Additionally, the overhang next to the compressor will be removed. As always volunteers are needed to help make this happen. There will be more announcements forth coming as we draw closer the start date.

Just received word that Roderigo Morales (hope I spelled it correctly), one of our young men from the youth program who has worked his way up to his commercial and is now working on his air drop ticket, just received a \$2500 scholarship from the NW chapter of Airport Managers. Woo-Hoo! Way to go Roderigo!

So, in closing I want to say again how proud I am of this Chapter and the work we do, stay the course and have fun while your there.

Best of the Holiday season to all

Al Cleveland

## Happy Holidays!

As the incoming President, I can't express how honored I am for you to place your trust in me to "shepherd" this great organization for the next 2 years. We are fortunate that everything including the membership, building and "bank-roll" are in fantastic shape!

Please don't expect to see many changes as we proceed forward. I believe the motto, "If it isn't broke, don't fix it! and this Chapter certainly has found a formula for success! I was recently asked what big projects we might see in the immediate future. After giving it a little thought, here would be my list...in no particular order: A) Finish the Lancair project, B) Plan for the new hangar expansion, C) Improve our website & social media presence, D) Increase our interest in light & affordable aircraft, and E) Find Ernie some help for the Builder's Group and Tech Counselor coordination.

Another, more subtle goal would be to establish our Chapter financially so that our annual operating expenses would be covered by our own investments. Dave Ullman is already investigating how to do this

through the use of endowments, donations and contributions. Having this in place would reduce the Chapter's emphasis on fund raising, and also help us provide more scholarships for our Youth Program.

Remember that there is no such thing as a bad idea or suggestion. Please feel free to reach out to me, or a member of the Board, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss. This organization exists for you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mike Kelley



Next Meeting – Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> 10 – 12am

DUES REMINDER – If you have not yet paid your dues, please get them in!!!!

December 8, 2018

**Executive Board Meeting** 

In Attendance: Al Cleveland, Mike Kelley, Bill McLagan, Curt Anderson, Jerry Pryce, Ernie Moreno, Debbie Origer, David Ullman, Rich Harrison, John Roberts, Henry Bartle, Eric Pretorious.

Mike Kelley brought the meeting to order at 10:34.

Mike introduced the new board members. There will be a EAA Boot Camp training session in Seattle on February 22nd. Contact Mike Kelley if you are interested in attending. This is the day before the NW Aviation Expo in Puyallup.

David will call a preliminary Fly-In meeting on December Thursday, December 13th. There will also be a Lancair work party on Sunday, December 9th.

Secretary's Report: 23 Lifetime; 7 Student; 167 Yearly; 3 unpaid. It is now time to renew your membership for 2019. Let's not have to resort to Henry's strong arm tactics half way through 2019. Dues may be dropped off at the hangar in the box on the post near the kitchen. You may also renew through the chapter's website <a href="https://www.eaa292.org/membership-renewal">https://www.eaa292.org/membership-renewal</a>

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance 10/31/2018 \$48,464.04

+ Income 562.00

- Expenses <u>5,474.51</u>

= Ending Balance 11/30/201943,551.53

**Fund Balances:** 

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General Fund: \$17,619.82 Aircraft Building Fund \$6,019.62

Education Fund \$10,388.69 B-17 Fund \$3,773.40

Simulator Fund \$5,750.00 Hangar Expansion Fund \$-17,232.86

Lancair 4-P Fund \$-1,052.98

Bill handed out a packet for new members regarding access to the bank account.

Chapter insurance is due. EAA offers us insurance (\$700+/yr.) that covers members' aircraft and damage cause by the Association. Because the individual renters are required to have their own insurance, the Chapter will decline that portion of the insurance.

Bill McLagan passed around a proposed budget for 2019. There will be a meeting before the first of the year to refine the budget.

Hangar Report: Mike Short reported that the painting is mostly done. There are a couple of additional hangar rental applications. All moved that we accept the application from Steven Wheat to occupy the next available space within the hangar, seconded by Eric. After discussion the motion passed.

Mike Short resigned from the Hangar Manager position effective December 31. He will stay on the committee, but not as chair. Mike talked about plans for the tool room build. Construction will begin mid-January.

Al will look into the fans for the hangar.

Through Lee Nielson, will be getting a 40' storage container. Rock will be put down before the container arrives.

Al discussed the possibility for a cooperative venture with Robin Reid and a privacy fence between the two hangars.

Mike brought up the options with the B-17 project. We only have a handful of volunteers but no one wanting to be the lead. Barbara made motion that dissolves the B-17 Fund and the remaining balance of the B-17 Fund go in to the Aircraft Building Fund. David seconded. After discussion the motion passed.

Youth Aviation: The child protection classes are expiring. Anyone from the chapter that works with or around minors in the chapter must renew the class.

The last three years the money from Silent Auction has gone to Youth Aviation. Debbie is concerned about the YAC funding if the Fly-In does not occur in 2019.

To make sure that the youth members are covered by EAA insurance, David made a motion that all students be EAA members (student), seconded by Rich. After discussion the motion passed.

Lancair 4-P: The first potential buyer is no longer viable. Henry has a new potential buyer. Henry and David will meet with the financial advisor at 2:00 to discuss options.

The Kolb is coming together.

The motion for the Bylaw changes that went out to the member passed, with only 1 opposed, and the new approved Bylaws were signed by the current officers.

David (not the Fly-In coordinator) will host a meeting December 13 at 7:00 pm.

AOPA west meeting will be either June 14-15 or 21-22. This date will be firmed up by AOPA after the 1st.

VMC will try to get Eugene Approach to come to a meeting in the new year.

Jerry and Denny will work along with Eric for meeting topics for the upcoming year.

Website/outreach needs to be committee that reports to the board. The chair of the committee would be on the board. All suggested that a member from Youth Aviation and others be members of this new committee. Mike will appoint a committee.

Mike talked about our Technical Counselors and Builder's Group and the need for them to be represented on the board.

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

2019 has come to us like a blank sheet of paper, all full of excitement and opportunity. Here are some of the things the YAP is considering for this shiny New Year...

**Silent Auction** – The auction is planned as part of the 2019 Fly In and, as always, constitutes the primary source of funding for the YAP. Planning for the auction will begin soon and hopefully, the folks who made it great in 2018 will help again in 2019. Watch your e-mails for invitations to help and be part of this critical activity for the youth programs.

**Outreach** – EAA 292 is again helping share sport aviation with the community through AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) presentations. Independence and Monmouth schools have embraced the AVID program to help middle and high school students better prepare themselves for entering college and improve graduation rates. We are providing programs to help enrich the AVID process and you are welcome to join in the process. 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** – Judy Yerian is heading up our two great Young Eagle flight days, one in June and the other in September of 2019. 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 <a href="mailto:starkandryer@outlook.com">starkandryer@outlook.com</a> or call at 503.364.3619.

**Teen Build** – Magic continues as the Zenith 701 nears completion. 2019 will begin with the installation of systems and the wrap up of this build. The challenge will be developing a program which will allow the young people who built the airplane to now fly it. Watch for information on the formation of some form of flying club and the sale of the Zenith to it. This is required since National EAA prohibits a chapter from having and flying an airplane. The next Teen Build aircraft is being considered. Watch this column for progress on selecting the next airplane. We have a great number of parents involved in the Teen Build. We will begin having Parent Meetings so the folks will have input into the process and we can help them

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get involved in the process. 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 <a href="wdmac50@juno.com">wdmac50@juno.com</a>. 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/#!), 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 by January 30, 2019. 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.

**News Flash!** – Rodrigo Morales, a former student builder who worked on the Sonex and Kolb, is the recipient of a one-thousand-dollar scholarship from the Northwest Chapter of American Association of Airport Executives, 2018 Jim Morasch/Jerry Olson Memorial Scholarship. Rodrigo is currently attending Lane Community College and is enrolled in the Aviation Technology Program. This money will help him complete his commercial rating. In the spring, Rodrigo will travel to Missouri to attend a month-long flight school for ag pilots. Congratulations, Rodrigo!!

**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 <a href="mailto:origer3123@comcast.net">origer3123@comcast.net</a> 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!

Debra Origer also provided some photos from the Youth Z701 work done on December 1st





Anders and Bill Lagan going over the engine install / Joseph working on Z701 part







Malachi and Seth assembling Pedal Plane / Daniel checking plans / Copeland grinding Petal Plane Part

**For Sale** by member Paul Sieber - 1946 Aeronca Champ O-200; electric sys.; comm GPS; always hangared, well maintained. 27k; Aircraft is at 7S5. Contact Paul at drsieb2048@gmail.com



Santa with Sopwith Camel escort.