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## **President's Message**

Greetings to all,

We are at that time again when we watch yet another year pass by while the next arrives anew. It is my fervent hope everyone can enjoy this season with loved ones close or afar and greet the New Year with hope and dedication to the future.

I am sure you have noticed continued work on the south hangar has slowed this month. This is for two reasons, first, it is the holiday season, and secondly, the current occupants needed additional time to clear out and clean from the years of construction that occurred in that end of our building. We will resume cleaning and painting after the first of January. That will be followed by installing the new lights, then the air- lines, and finally the machine shop. Once the dust settles from all this we can then look more closely at phase 2, what to do with the main meeting hall. This I am sure will be a topic of discussion for both the long range planning committee as well as the budget committee.

Also this month, the budget committee meets to outline our 2018 budget and will have a final proposal for the BoD by the January meeting. The Executive board held its first long term planning meeting, discussing a multiple range of topics from additional pilot and mechanical workshops, the flying club, Community outreach, enhancing the tech councilor program and supporting the builders program, Website and social media, youth aviation, and many others.

Our hangar fund drive continues as we continue to grow towards our goal of \$80.000. We have come a long way towards our goal but have just a little further to go. Along this line but another subject, I looks like charitable contributions are going to take a hit under the new tax laws. If you are giving thought to making a donation to the chapter, you may want to do so before Jan 1, 2018.

We have reinstituted the aviation safety officer position within the chapter, Robin Reid has accepted the role and will be offering various aviation safety talks at our monthly meetings along with a few guest speakers along the way. Please take the time to thank Robin for stepping up to an important role in our chapter. Please feel free to share with Robin any aviation safety related stories or ideas you may have.

The new build area is now for all intent and purpose filled out with projects, those working in the East end are still waiting for us to finish up with the painting and lights before they bring in their projects. I will be calling for volunteers again by the 2<sup>nd</sup> to resume that work, hopefully we can have it completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

There is still one small space (15 x 12) available for a project if someone needs.

The rental agreements a.k.a "roommate agreements" are now completed and ready to go out. Each renter will be contacted to complete and return to the Bod by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Ullman has graciously taken on the Fly-in chair for 2018 and is developing his committee as we speak, Please come on out and get involved. This year we have

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assurances from VANS of their greater involvement and I am hearing rumors the antique biplanes may return to us this year as well.

A resurgence has started towards the development of the flying club here at 7S5. Various themes have been discussed, the strongest at this point seems to include the gliders here at the field which would allow youth from the age of 14 to begin stick and rudder training possibly earning their glider license by the age of 15. From there they could continue enter into light sport realm through the club or through either Jeannie's flying service or Nutsch aviation in the general aviation category with a solid head start.

While this program would primarily focus towards youth, Adults would also be welcome to participate as well.

As a nonprofit LLC hopefully we can keep the costs down to a minimum. More ideas are still being discussed and details worked out but I am encouraged by what I see so far. If you are interested in helping out please contact Robin or Marici Reid or myself.

Well, it is late and I promised this to Curt yesterday. So to all I say:

Merry Christmas, & have a safe and enjoyable new year!

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President, EAA 292

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Members in attendance: Al Cleveland, President; Mike Kelly, Vice President; Bill McLagan, Treasurer; Curt Anderson, Secretary; Mike Kelly, Ernie Moreno, Bob Schwarzler, David Ullman, Denny Furhman, John Coyier, Robin Reid.

Al brought the meeting to order at 10:02

Secretary's Report: 162 paid members.

Treasurer's Report: Bill McLagan has updated the membership list in preparation of the new year.

Beginning Balance October 31 \$31,413.40 Income for November: 6,633.85 Expenses for November: \$2,887.60 Ending Balance November 30: \$35,159.65

Fund Balances:

 General Fund: ............\$6,475.02
 Building Fund: ...........\$5,792.16

 Education Fund: ..........\$13,850.07
 B-17 Fund: ..........\$4,592.40

 Simulator Fund:\$........\$4,450.00
 Hangar Expansion: ..-\$16,865.30

All discussed the budget process and will have a meeting of the committee in the near future.

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## Dues are due.

Ernie Moreno reported on the Hangar Expansion –

We have a draft of the contract for the tenants.

We are at full capacity with a waiting list.

The first year will be a "Learning Experience" for all concerned.

Improvements in the process will happen.

The rate will be 15¢ per square foot (may be adjusted at the end of the first year.

Annual income from the expansion should be about \$6500 with expenses estimated to be about \$3,570 (gas utility is the toughest to estimate).

Participants (renters) need to have liability insurance which they must have written verification to the chapter. For an individual, this could be included in their home owner's (renter's) policy but written verification from the agent will still be needed. Arc and gas welding will need to be done outside the west end of the expansion. Dave Ullman made a motion to approve the Hangar Rental Contract as amended to include a "Don't touch other tenants' items without permission", seconded by Bill McLagan. After discussion, motions passed unanimously.

Bill McLagan presented a bill from the EAA for chapter renewal. He made a motion that he pay the \$520, seconded by Dave Ullman. Passed

Mike Kelly will push members for end-of-year donations.

Outstanding bills – Ferguson has not refunded the chapter for the returned conduit.

More rock will be needed on the parking and driveway.

Storage Unit (to be placed on the north end between the Chapter's hangar and Robin Reid's hangar) – Al will talk to Kimber (CERT) about sharing a storage unit.

Youth Aviation – Bill McLagan said they are trying to finish the 701

They have about five students consistently working on the plane. Next month they plan on visiting the Salem tower and weather station. February will include a trip to Puyallup for the NW Aviation Expo

Mike Kelly talked about the hosting the Aviation Explorer Post at 292. He said we would need two from the chapter in leadership roles. Parents of the students should fill the other roles.

Mike also talked about the Kolb (adult build project). They are in the Poly-Brush stage in covering the plane. He is looking for set of rolled plans for the Kolb. Has anyone seen them? The plane is still in need of a propeller. Work nights resume on January  $4^{th}$  (Thursdays) from 6-9 p.m.

Fly-In – Dave Ullman has volunteered to chair the 2018 Fly-In. It will be August 17-19.

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He is in need of members willing to step up and be committee chairs for Feed and Fund Raising. Vince Home will take over Ramp Operations as Al will be out of town. Van's is still <u>in</u> for the Fly-In. Cub Crafters will have a presence. Saturday will be the forums and Sunday will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> STOL event.

Robin Reid talked about gliders. He is trying to purchase the Schweizer 2-33 with the intent of teaching young adults stick and rudder skills before they get to powered planes. A flying club could include powered craft with a focus on youth will include adults. Robin reported that Blake has soloed the glider and is working toward his license.

Mike Kelly proposed a committee for forming a chapter flying club.

Mike Kelly – Planning meeting (3-5 year plan) Friday December 15 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Safety Officer – Robin Reid volunteered to be the chapters Safety person.

Wind Sock – Denny Furhman will look into the costs to renew the wind sock at the South end.

Fly-In poster – David posted the artwork by Rod Kerr. Members' comments are requested. They are on the west wall of the hangar.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18.

The General Membership meeting consisted of the annual holiday potluck.

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

The New Year is here! Happy New Year! Another blank calendar comes to us to be filled with neat events and activities to help young people get a taste of sport aviation. In December, Mike Kelley hosted a long range planning meeting to help us get an idea where we are headed and what opportunities stand before us. Well, let's get a look into the YAP...

**Young Eagles Rally –** Judy Yerian will once again be heading up the gathering of the faithful to get young people, eight to eighteen, into a sport airplane and experience flight. The two events are scheduled for June 9 and September 8, 2018. These rallies require over forty ground volunteers and over twelve aircraft for fly the kids. Get ready for the inevitable invitations to participate. Remember, these are the "gateway events" for bringing young people and their parents into the experience of sport aviation. This is where we begin building the future of our local EAA chapter, so, when Judy calls, sign up for one of the exciting and challenging jobs available.

## Teen Aviation Weekend (TAW) -

Mike Ryer will facilitate a TAW, but, this year it will not be until October of 2018. The TAW normally held in February has been replaced by a special trip by our existing young people, mentors and supporters to the Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance Conference. Young people taken from Teen Build, Young Eagles Rallies and other sources will travel to Seattle in February and spend time attending workshops, The Boeing Museum and other events geared at helping young



people understand what aviation and aerospace is all about and how to get involved in it at a professional level. The October TAW will be held on October 20 and 21, 2018. We will recruit about twenty young people, ages thirteen to high school senior, and introduce them to the various aspects of sport aviation. This will include navigation, aviation weather, physics of flight, building a flying model and then going flying to apply the things learned in the workshop. As always, the workshop is presented by members of the chapter, each making presentations and you are welcome to participate.

Teen Build – Bill McLagan continues to direct the construction of the Zenith 701for the second half of the build for the 2017-2018 season. 2017 saw the fuselage sitting on its gear and the entire project moving into the recently completed new hangar space. First 2018 activities will be an investigation of the AeroMomentum engine as a possible power plant. If a 912 magically appears, it would certainly not be turned down. The fuselage is nearing completion and the wings are ready to



be worked on. Wiring, fuel system, brakes and instruments are on the list of activities before the build season ends in June. Each build Saturday, mentors and teen builders descend on the building and go to work as McLagan lays out the tasks for the day. As always mentors and teen builders are welcome to join the work team.

Discussions have begun to see if this aircraft can become part of a flying club so the young people and the mentors can fly the machine the built. More on this later.

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December was capped off by a field trip to the Salem airport (KSLE) with a visitation to the B17 Alliance, the control tower and weather balloon launch. After a nice lunch and fellowship at the Flight Deck Restaurant, tour group of eighteen saw the sights and watched the balloon head up to its burst





**Teen Tent** - The Teen Tent will again be active at the 2018 fly in, in August. In addition to providing a place for young people to hang out and share time, the PA system will also be based in the tent. Finally, the truly young aviators will have a chance to get some "stick time" in the pedal planes.



Youth Scholarships, Grants and Aid – Chapter 292 works to provide young people opportunities to further their education and experience in sport aviation and aerospace. Last year's winner of the scholarship to Air Academy has recently soloed in a glider. Another young man is receiving support in his work toward becoming a professional pilot. We are currently seeking an individual to oversee this exciting part of the YAP. The season of applications is beginning and we could use some help. Please contact Debbie Origer if this is something you feel you can do to help the chapter YAP meet its goal of, "never hold (ing) youth back in their passion for knowledge and the experience of flight, in all its forms."

**Finally**...After reading about all the neat things about to happen in 2018, 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.

Members may submit their aviation related ads to the Taledragger by emailing them to orpilot42@gmail.com. These ads are free to members of 292. Let me know how long you would like the ad to run.

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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