

EAA 292

INDEPENDENCE OREGON

Taledragger August 2021

For August we are holding our Fly-In on the 14th and 15th instead of a meeting.

Our next Meeting will be on September 11th

Membership to EAA292 is \$35 per year, due January 1st

Or online registration is available through EAA292@gmail.com

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President's Message

Wow – June & July have been busy and exciting months here at EAA 292! Rather than give you a lot of verbiage about what's been happening, there were photos taken and many of our key Chapter events. Enjoy perusing the images!

June 26th – Cottage Grove Wings and Wheels Fly-Out

As part of our member survey several years ago, there was a common theme to increase the number of fly-out events. With COVID restrictions being relaxed, it was time to take action on those requests! Our first fly-out of the summer was to Cottage Grove for their annual Wings and Wheels event. Our Chapter had 15 airplanes and 28 attendees, including 5 from our Youth program, that I was able to count. That was more than 50% of the aircraft on the ramp...Way to go Chapter 292! Despite the fact that it was very hot that day, everyone seemed to have a great time.



Marvin James' FFP.



The Borchers and Neilson enjoying the cookout lunch.



Mike Short's Colt



Lee Neilson, Curt Cowley, Charlie Landes and JC Cuevas sharing some shade under the wing of JC's "Chump"



Mike Kelley's Lancair



Curt Cowley's Champ



Mark Overholtzer's Beech Trainer



Charlie Landes' Grumman AA1C



Pat Hatfield's Ercoupe (nicely polished!)



Jaron Wenzel & Ty Peterson (youth group) trying to find where they are! (Just kidding)



Dave Ullman's Jabiwatt and Sam Butler's Luscomb



Lee & John Borchers's Luscomb



Our Youth Group attendees Kalel Hill, Jaron Wenzel, Ty Peterson, Dave Ullman (Youth Chair), Kristin Taylor and Joss Castillo.



Kristin Taylor and Joss Castillo flying with Mike Kelley in his Lancair.

July 3rd – Chapter 105 Pancake Breakfast Fly-Out

The Chapter's 2nd fly-out was to neighboring Chapter 105's first pancake breakfast since the pandemic began. The Chapter was represented well with 8 planes and ~16 members.



Prominently displayed, Russ VanLandingham's Sonex, Mike Billiar's RV, Denny Fuhrman's RV, Mike Kelley's Sonex and Denny Jackson's RV. (There are more member planes not in the photo)



Henry Bartle, Mike Billiar, Ann & Denny Fuhrman, Russ VanLandingham, Ron Sterba, Peggy and John Roberts



Cindy Woodworth & Scott Naucner, John Horn, Denny & Amy Jackson, Joan & Jim Oveross

July 4th Parade – Youth Event and Fly-Over

During the 2nd week of June, the Chapter received a call from the July 4th Independence & Monmouth parade organizer. “Would our Chapter be willing and able to help out by participating in this year’s parade?” The parade had just been given the go-ahead by City Council and was looking for participants. We jumped right in! Brandi Taylor, mother of Kristin Taylor agreed to coordinate the ground activities. Vince Homer volunteered his plane and organized the trailer which would be the “float.” The Taylors also provided the truck which would tow the float. The Bartle’s offered their electric car which was decorated in Red, White and Blue. We also acquired some toy airplanes which would be handouts during the parade. Meanwhile, the Chapter provided 9 aircraft & pilots who conducted fly-bys of the parade! Everyone had a great time and our involvement was well received by the community! After it was all over the Youth Program float was awarded 1st place in the parade!



Jaron Wenzel, Terrence Quinn, Darin Ham, Kael Hill, Kyle Taylor, Kristin Taylor and Joss Castillo were our Youth Group participants who were awarded 1st place in the Youth Category!



Vince Homer's Onex display on the flatbed trailer! Kolby Taylor is at the controls!



The folding-wing of the Onex made transportation and navigation much easier! Also, not the 2 pedal planes mounted on the top of the truck and electric car.

John Horn in his Flight Design was one of the pilots providing the fly-bys.



John Horn, Anders Walter, Scott Naucner, Henry Bartle, Mike Kelley, Gary Brown (Flight Lead), Mike Billiar and Denny Fuhrman provided the fly-bys. (Not shown is Denny Jackson)



Mike Billiar is excited about getting a ride in Henry Bartle's Marquart Charger 6



Mike Kelley prepares his Sonex to make a "strafing run" on the parade! (just kidding 😊)

July 10th – Light-Flight Chapter Meeting

Our Chapter's first Face-to-Face Chapter meeting took place on July 10th. The general topic was "light flight" and there were multiple examples of "light" aircraft on hand for examination. There were over 80 members in attendance and we had Larry Claussen with Jason Moorefield again sharing their experiences of PPC, PPG and ultralight flight. We wrapped the meeting up with a light lunch of hot dogs, and everyone went away happy and full!



VP Jerry Pryce warms up the audience and introduces the speakers,



Larry Claussen with Jason Moorefield sharing their light flight experience.



Jason Moorefield's CGS Hawk



Larry Claussen's PPC



Chapter member Chris Pryce got the “long distance” award by flying over 500 miles to attend the meeting in his recently completed Corvair-powered KR2S. Chris and Jerry plan of flying the KR to Airventure.



Pat Hatfield's Ercoupe actually qualifies as a “Light Sport” aircraft! He's been working hard on the polish.



Jason Moorefield demonstrated his PPG which can be quickly converted from a backpack unit to tricycle gear.



Bill McLagan's Mermaid amphib is classified as a Light Sport.

Russ VanLandingham's Sonex is Light Sport



Dale Finburg brought his Hummel Ultracruiser.



Dale Finburg also brought his folding-wing Skyraider ultralight.



Mike Kelley's 6 cyl, 120 hp Sonex is still considered Light Sport.



Robert Haines recently completed this Legal Eagle ultralight. Robin Reid did the first flight while Robert works on his tailwheel endorsement!

Coming Up This Month:

2021 Airventure Trip

The Chapter has over 30 members attending Airventure this year! We're going to be hosting the pancake breakfast opening day, Monday 7/26. There'll be more reporting on this next month.

Chapter 292 Fly-In/STOL Expo and Vans Homecoming

The Chapter's annual Fly-In / STOL Expo and Van's Homecoming is scheduled for August 14 & 15. This falls a little earlier this year, so everyone will be focusing on this as soon as returning from Airventure! Again, more reporting on this event next month!

For now...

Stay Safe and Blues Skies!

Mike Kelley
President

Meeting Minutes

Board meeting 7/10/21

- In attendance (in-person, no bridge) was Mike Kelley, Rich Harrison, Dave Ullman, Debbie Origer, John Roberts, Ernie Moreno, Vince Homer, Jerry Pryce, Denny Fuhrman
- Mike asked for any additional items for general meeting
- Mike announced that Zel Giles made a \$30K donation for the Hangar
- John walked through the budget and membership numbers.
 - Mike asked. To make sure that all kids working here. Are signed up as members.
- Dave Ullman - is asking for help to get the Lancair done, please contact him or Henry Bartle
 - Youth aviation weekend will be Oct 16-17.
 - After all the issues, the 701 getting a new engine.
 - The RV-12 project is waiting on the delivery of the next kit, so the kids have been working on Lancair.
 - Mike talked about the chapter participation in the July 4th and we unexpectedly won first place for our Youth participation!
- Deb – Ray Scholarship
 - Will be presenting Kristin and Zack to the membership
 - Zack is nearly ready to solo
- Vince
 - Working on electrical in tool room
 - We will be adding a deadbolt to the meeting room door so we can we can leave the restrooms available for access during events.
 - Mike asked about a new name tag board
 - Dave moved that we move to all magnetic name tags and remove the old tags. Jerry seconded, passed.
 - Looking for additional sponsors to pay for the cleaning service.
- Ernie – Tech Counselors
 - Been working on the Aerolite 103. Should be ready to fly this summer.
 - He will be having discussions about the engine on the 701.
- Mike discussed the Fly-in, still no leader. Mike and Jerry are currently running.
 - Saturday dinner still being worked on.
 - We will be looking to send out a message to sell dinner tickets. Looking at limiting to between 100 - 150.
 - Jerry is running breakfast. Will be looking for volunteers.
 - Fly-In Shirts to be here next week so those headed to Oshkosh can have them to wear there.
- Mike discussed future board meetings. Discussed the Oct - May timeframe when Mike is in Florida.
- Mike discussed the Fly-in at Cottage Grove and Twin-Oaks. We had a great turn-out at both events!
- Hangar Management - Vince will get posted the website a list of hangar tenets and folks wanting to have space for projects.
- Mike discussed the pancake breakfast at Oshkosh
- Mike discussed board succession. Mike would like to have a meeting with new members that have joined in the last year. Suggestion was made we host a new membership luncheon after the next General Meeting.
- Deb said we need a new person to replace her for Ray Scholarship, she will need to pass on the Batton in the next few months.

- Denny proposed that we add 3 new voting members (at-large) to the board. Discussions on this, would require a to the bi-laws.
- A question was asked if we should have the board members with contact info in the Taledragger. We will have a list of board members, but all contact should go through the chapter e-mail.
 - We will route messages back to chapter officers for follow- up.
- Mike ended the meeting at 9:42

General meeting 7/10/21

- Mike opened the meeting at 10AM
- Mike introduced Deb who introduced Zack and Christen, two of our Ray Scholarship recipients.
 - Mike gave Kristin a Tee-shirt for completing her Glider Check Ride for her Pilot's License! Congratulations to Kristin!
 - Past Ray Scholarship recipient Anders presented her a pin for completing her check ride.
- Mike talked about the 4th parade and we had 7 youth participants and we won an award for Youth Participation!
- Mike introduced new members
- John went over the Budget and membership members.
- Mike thanked Zell for donating \$30K to the chapter hangar expansion project.
- Vince - talked to about space in the hangar. We be posting on the website a waiting list.
- Mike talked about losing tools. Please do not use any tools from the Build Areas, these are privately owned by those builders. If you use a tool from the tool room, please make sure it is put back as you found it. If there are any issues, report them to Vince.
- Mike discussed the cleaning service. We would love to have donations to support the cleaning services.
- Mike talked about the Oshkosh breakfast and Fly-in shirts to be available to those going to were to Osh
- Mike talked about the August fly-in. Jerry passed around a clipboard for sign-ups for helping with the fly-in. Thanks for all that signed up to help.
- Tim is running the STOL event again and is having a meeting this evening on it.
- VMC - Mike covered the VMC meeting next Tuesday which will be covering the OSH NOTAM.
- Fly-outs - Mike covered the fly-out to Cottage Grove, 15 planes attended from Independence.
- The chapter also flew to Twin Oaks for the restart of their monthly Chapter Breakfast with a great turn-out.
- Mike asked for Builder Reports.
- Break
- After the break Mike introduced Jerry. Larry Claussen and Jason Moorfield who discussed their Powered Parachutes, ultralight aircraft, and the operation of their aircraft. Many examples were brought in for display.
- After the meeting ended the membership was invited to a Hot Dog lunch and much time was spent on the ramp looking over and discussing all the flying machines that were brought in.

EAA Chapter 292 Board Members

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| • President – | Mike Kelley |
| • Vice President- | Jerry Pryce |
| • Secretary - | Rich Harrison |
| • Treasurer - | John Roberts |

Members of the board can be contacted through the Chapter email at eea292@gmail.com

Youth

The Ray Scholar Updates

On July 2, 2021 **Kristin Taylor** passed her Check Ride for her Glider Rating! She is planning to complete the powered glider endorsement in the near future.

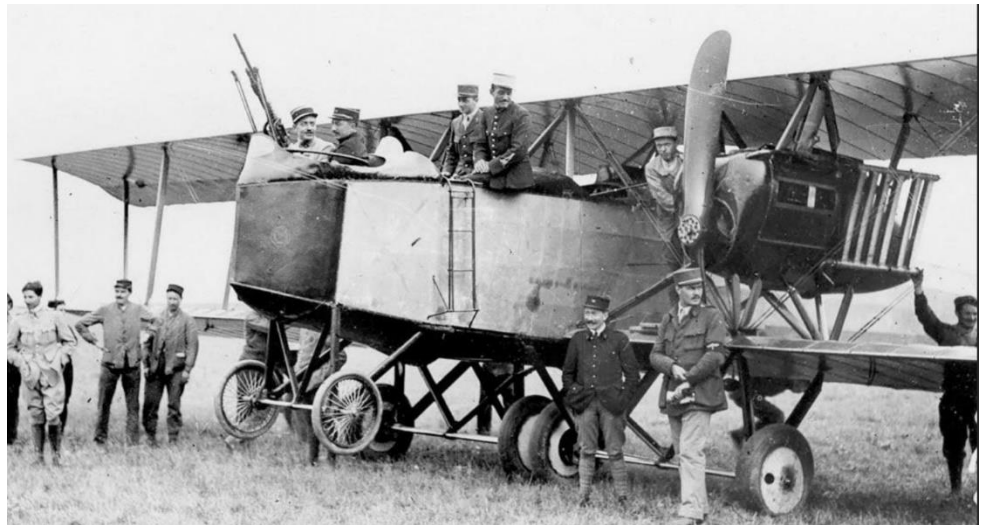
Congratulations, Kristin!

Zach Lopez is ready to fly again when Marici Reid, his glider instructor, returns to Independence Airport! He is very close to soloing!
Zach is also preparing for his written exam and plans to take it in two or three weeks.
Go for it, Zach!!!



emails to the Chapter From Bill Higdon

I've noticed a trend in the WWI biplane group builds of going from many smaller ones to a fewer big ones in size. I would propose the next WWI biplane build be a single Morane Saulnier Type S or MoS-10. While it had 4 seats, I'm sure where it will not be carrying any bombs it could be fitted with addition "crew stations" so the whole build group could go flying together in it!



Bill Higdon

PS, I'll be running & dodging the items hurled in my direction...

ed – This looks like it would be right up Ernie's alley! One question, it has both a set of nose wheels and a tail skid, how do you log the time?

Quiz Time!

Rod Kerr sent in the following...

Some of you may recognize this bird by its simple grace and innovation for 1936, (hint, a total of only (6) were built). If it resembles a Monocoupe to some degree, it's because it was designed by the same guy. Ok, NOW we know what it is?



Studying its design and seeing lineage to later well know aircraft is perhaps not unlike looking at the Human Genome, the DNA in its form and function is written all over it. Monocoque stressed skin fuselage and cantilever tail feathers look a lot like something from Clyde Cessna's agile mind, but it was actually Donald Luscombe who did it first for general aviation. The picture above is a Luscombe model 4, the transition aircraft from the bigger earlier Luscombe Phantom... to today's well know Luscombe model 8 series. History tells us, after World War I and before WWII was a unique time for aviation. The Golden Age of air racing was defined by the Schneider Cup, Thompson Trophy and Bendix Trophy, and unequivocally produced the fastest advances in aircraft design anywhere in the world. Speed and endurance were first and foremost... but fame and fortune, literally, were the rewards for those like Clyde Cessna, Don Luscombe, Benjamin Howard, Lloyd Stearman, Walter Beech and a few others... who for the most part gambled their ideas with their very lives.

Benny Howard still holds the distinction of being the only pilot/ builder to have won both the Thompson and Bendix Trophy races in the same year.

It was 1935 with his DGA 6... better known as "Mister Mulligan" winning the Bendix race from Los Angeles to Cleveland nonstop at a blistering... 238.70 mph, and the Thompson Trophy race at 220.19 mph. So, how was it that Ben Howard, builder and flyer of LOW WING racers came up with a HIGH WING Luscombe shaped speedster?

Ben Howard admitted freely he was inspired by "seeing the Monocoupe from the wrong end" during air races.



Larry Kruljac's Beech Staggerwing Departs

Victoria found a buyer for Larry's Beech 17, and on Sunday July 18th it departed to its new home in Washington State. Quite a crowd came out to the ramp drawn by the sound of that Pratt 985.



I had mixed emotions watching it, glad to see it fly but sorry to see it leave the area...