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EAA Chapter 319 January 2012

EAA Chapter 319 will meet on Tuesday, February 14th at the Sun Oaks Community Building at 878 Black Oak Drive, located next to the St. Mary's High School. The board meeting will start at 6:30 pm, with the general membership meeting starting at 7:30 pm.



ABOVE THE CLOUDS

"For the times they are a-changin'." - Bob Dylan, 1964

At the EAA national level, we are told that changes are being made to eliminate some management positions and make the organization "flatter". Just what those changes will bring in terms of services to the membership and chapters should be evident in the coming months.

The most significant change at our chapter level has been the termination, by CAP, of EAA's use of the CAP hangar. Reasons given by the CAP for the change are the need for more space for CAP activities and the lack of written subleasing agreements with CAP Wing and the Jackson County Airport Authority. The lack of written subleasing agreements is a weak reason because CAP Wing has been accepting our payments for years and the Medford airport director is fully aware of EAA's use of the hangar. An effort was made to get the CAP Wing commander to nullify the intended action of the local CAP leader. The effort was unsuccessful. While the EAA chapter board was

disappointed with the CAP action, it was decided to remove EAA property from the CAP hangar on December 31, 2011.

For the next EAA chapter meeting, and possibly for the foreseeable future, we will meet in Medford at the Sun Oaks Community Building. The building is located just off Black Oak street, south of Barnett Road, next to St. Mary's high school. Sam Russell lives in the Sun Oaks community. As a community resident, he has access to the community building and is making the space available for EAA chapter use at no charge. We will need to move the day of our meeting to the second Tuesday for February and the following few months. So, the next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012. Yes, that is Valentine's Day. The board meeting will start at 6:30 pm, with the general membership meeting starting at 7:30 pm. The program for the meeting will be a presentation on the Polliwagon homebuilt aircraft by Jack Ashcraft. We will also have a discussion about the meeting location.

The annual chapter awards dinner was held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Black Bear Diner in Medford. Sherri Shusterwitz did her usual outstanding job of organizing and hosting the event. The event was attended by 42 persons, EAA members and family. The Ray Bruton Award was given to Curt Kreil for his sustained work getting the Link trainer back to operating condition. The President's Award was given to the Pankonin Family for their efforts in hosting the 2011 EAA BBQ at the Pankonin hangar. Art Lumley provided musical entertainment on his keyboard throughout the awards event. We welcomed new members Ben and Sue Musolf, and Ken Tanaka. Ben is an inactive certified flight instructor with an interest in helping with the Young Eagles program. Ben is an active member of the Rogue Eagles Radio Control club. Ken is building a motor glider. We will visit Ken's project soon. A good time was had by all at the awards event.

Only a few changes were made to chapter officers for 2012. Carter Porter was added as an At-Large board member. Sherri Shusterwitz, as Program and Social Coordinator, was given voting rights on the board.

Mark your calendars now for the 2012 chapter BBQ at the Pankonin hangar. It will be Saturday, May 19 beginning at Noon (early arrivals okay). We will likely invite one or more neighboring EAA chapters to attend.

The chapter received two significant donations recently that need to be acknowledged openly. Norm Mainwaring donated \$100. Bob Delsman won the 50/50 drawing at the awards dinner and donated his \$155.50 in winnings to the chapter.

We will return to monthly meetings this year and plan to have programs for every meeting. Newsletters will also be put out monthly. All members are encouraged to attend meetings this year. Let's continue to build our chapter. If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2012, you can either mail your dues payment to Joan Pankonin or bring your payment to the chapter meeting.

Dennis Lewis, President

December 31, 2011: Moving day from the CAP hangar



Bud Liberatore tries to help Sam Russell dismantle a bookcase with the help of Bud's brother, Peter. Good guy CAP member Herman Dennington looks on.



What is Doug Dunn doing?

Happier Days – Our annual Awards Dinner



The Ray Bruton Award was well deserved by Curtis Kreil.



You have to Bear with it!



One more step, and you've got it!



What could they have been talking about?



Turning base.



I had to include this one that Pamela took.



Bud's Starduster is protected and ready to fly.

John Raschor is now an “ace.”

John Raschor found three family members who were looking for mushrooms and became lost in the rugged forest of southwestern Oregon. He had also found a San Francisco family of three lost in a snowstorm in the same region in December 2006. A military pilot who shoots down five enemy aircraft is an ace. John has saved five people plus one.

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Future events

Feb 14 – EAA Chapter 319 meeting.

Feb 18 – Sky King Hangar “First Chance” Pot Luck. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 19 – EAA BBQ at Beagle International Airport.

June 17through 23 – National Championship Paraglider competition at Woodrat Mountain near Ruch. in the Applegate Valley.