

EAA CHAPTER 319

APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

Minutes

EAA chapter 319 meets the 2nd
Thursday of each month at the
Aerospace Center, 5060 Cirrus
Dr. Medford, Join us!

NEXT MEETING
Thursday April 13th
7:30 PM

The Board of Directors will meet at
Elmer's Restaurant
At 6:00 PM.

Chapter President Bud Liberatore opened the meeting with introductions. There were 27 in attendance.

Bud asked for reports from the chapter.

Secretary

Owen Jurling asked for the chapter to let him know of events to put on the chapter web site calendar. Click on the first day of the event for more details.

Young Eagles

Paul Martin reminded the group of our commitment to give Young Eagles rides at the Medford Air Open House on June 24th and 25th.

Paul is also organizing a Poker Run on April 22.

There will be a potluck party afterwards. Check the website for more info

Hanger

Allan Sandler discussed the progress that has been made on the hanger project. He followed this up by reading the proposed lease to the chapter. There were questions and discussions about relocating the gate and of the problems that Mardell Day has encountered with his hanger project. Allan recommended that the chapter move forward to complete the paperwork needed to lease the property. The chapter voted by a show of hands to move forward on the project.

Safety Seminar

Linda Ross reminded the chapter of the FAA Safety Seminar on Wednesday April 26, 2006. It will be at the Rogue Valley Medical Center, Smullin Center Auditorium from 7 PM to 9 PM. Contact Linda for more information.

Social Events

Jo Ann Meler discussed the Pot Luck party after the Poker run on April 22, 2006. Let her know what you would like to bring.

The Fly Out to Johnson Creek Idaho is planned for June 17, 2006. It will be a two night camping event, which requires mountain-flying skills.

The chapter is planning a BBQ later in the summer.

Our speaker for the evening was Angela Wittenberg. She grew up in the Rogue Valley and has had a fascinating career working for the U.S. Forest Service and flying as an Alaska Bush Pilot. She narrated a wonderful slide show for us.

Local Events

June 24th and 25th, 2006

Medford Air Open House

The chapter has agreed to put on a pancake breakfast, Fly Young Eagles, and to bring the link trainer. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting for volunteers to help organize and staff this event.

June 10th, and 11th, 2006

Jet Center Rogue Valley Air Festival

www.oregonairfestival.com

There was quite a bit of discussion about our participation, as the chapter had committed to the Medford Air Open House before we were aware of this event. There is an entrance fee. They will give us free booth space if we bring the link trainer. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting to make time for our speaker

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Jurling

Chapter Secretary.

WHEELS UP!

April 2006

Greetings Fellow EAA'ers,

What happened to March? Was it shortened this year? Whatever, the sunny skies of February relinquished their grip on us and plunged us back into the reality of winter weather in Southern Oregon. Nevertheless, I kept plodding towards my goal of finishing the foundation for our new home and I'm happy to say that my shovel will be up for sale real soon! At long last, we have a concrete basement floor and 3 deep footings for the rough sawn 12X12 posts that will support the central load of the log home. I anticipate that by May 1st I'll have the first floor framed and then begin setting the logs into place. That will be a good day. Show up and you'll have a burger with an experience of a lifetime.

Aviation-wise, things are heating up. My inbox is getting peppered with notice after notice of local (and not so local) fly-ins, air shows, and pancake breakfasts and other such fun stuff. Check the calendar for what tickles your fancy, head for the airport, caress your airplane (preflight) and go fly.

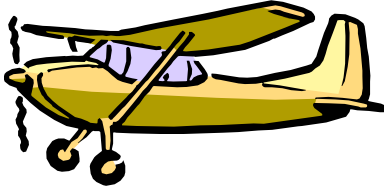
Yours truly, among others, attended the Airport Advisory Committee Meeting last month and I left with little to report in terms of GA at MFR. Most of the discussion related to the commercial side, airport development and such. From my point of view, not all that positive for GA, which means we should stay involved and persist in making our presence felt for our own benefit. Advisory Committee meets at the airport administration building on the third Monday of the month, but call ahead to be sure.

I'd like to pass along my congratulations to our fellow member, Joe Kleeman, for getting his Falcon flying. Joe has meticulously put together a beautiful flying machine. His Rotax-powered, canard-winged, pusher prop, single-seater is a real interesting airplane. Unfortunately for me, Joe removed the rear seat and plans to install a cozy blanket for his trusty companion. (Skeeter, you are one lucky dog). If you're in the vicinity of Mucky Flat, keep an eye out for Joe but be sure to shade your eyes because he's really beaming! Way to go, Joe.

Chapter 319 got a nice bit of publicity thanks to the March issue of ACE NEWS. The front page was entirely dedicated to reporting on our Feb. speaker, and newest member, Kay Gott Chaffey, former WASP. Get your souvenir copy today.

Thanks to Steve Pankonin, our speaker for this month's meeting (April 13th) for arranging our guest speaker, bush pilot, Jerry Jakes, now a pelican chaser! Don't miss this one.

Safe landings, Bud



Safety Seminar Coming in April

Topic: Density Altitude & Oregon Aircraft Accident Recap
Speaker: Gary Burns, Portland Oregon FSDO
Date: **Wednesday, April 26, 2006**
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Place: Rogue Valley Medical Center, (541) 789-4900
Smullin Education Center Auditorium
2825 Barnett Road, Medford, Oregon

Admission free - Refreshments available

For information call:
858-1093 or 858-0642.



Just a couple of notes from the editor

After you read this newsletter, go back to the HOME page of the EAA 319 Webpage and click on the EAA Calendar. Owen is doing a great job inserting local and regional events and when you click on any particular date, you will find more information. This looks like a great tool for summer air event planning.

Thank you Owen.

Also, We are on our current member roster for newsletter and email reminders. If anyone who is getting this newsletter talks to a "*former*" member who wonders why he/she is not getting reminders, please ask that party to give me a call so the situation can be rectified.

Our meeting this month should be a lot of fun; Jerry has flown as a hunting guide, etc in Alaska for over 10,000 hours. I'm expecting many stories about Grizzly Bears and who knows what else. The pelican counting sounds like a new venture, I can hardly wait to hear the details.

See you all at the April Meeting. JOAN

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