

# LOUD AND CLEAR

EAA CHAPTER 319

April 2010



EAA chapter 319 meets the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm at Aerospace Center, 5060 Cirrus Dr. Medford, Join in the fun with us!

Board of Directors meets at 6:30 All are welcome to attend

## NEXT MEETING

**April 8th**



## Our Program

Last month we had to reschedule our program with Melissa. So... This month we will meet in the CAP hanger (Aerospace Center) as usual. After a brief meeting we will be traveling to Melissa Shermer's hanger to get a look at what she is stitching up now. Melissa has been in the upholstery business for quite a few years, starting out in Furniture, Marine, and Automotive. For the past ten years or so Melissa has mainly been upholstering aircraft. From Piper Cubs to Glassairs, and Jets, to Turboprops, she will do them all. Melissa's work is responsible for many an aircraft to receive the big award. So come on out to our program this month, bring a guest, and join the members of EAA 319 in an evening of education, good conversation, snacks, and story telling.

Doug Dunn, Editor

Last month we had an impromptu program with Dr. John Loram of “Baja Bush Pilots” stepped forward share his experiences in flying to Mexico and as far south as Panama. Unlike some of the horror stories that we might have heard about flying “south of the border”, he related a forty-year history of trouble free travel. He mentioned that it is more difficult to leave the United States than to enter Mexico. This was very informative and almost makes me want to go to Mexico in a rented plane of course.

## Ashland Airport

Ashland Airport Day will take place this year on Saturday, May 22. I understand Mardell is doing the usual pancake breakfast. I will be talking with Paul Martin about flying Young Eagles on that occasion. More on this later. Speaking for the Ashland Airport Commission, we very much want as much participation from EAA Chapter 319 as possible. There will be more and earlier publicity about the event this year and we are hoping for a large turnout.

Richard Hendrickson

### MINUTES - Board Meeting, Chapter319 - March 11, 2010

President Doug Dunn called the meeting to order at the Civil Air Patrol building at 6:30 PM. The last Chapter 319 meeting was held on February 11, 2009.

Ordinarily, Treasurer Glen Finley, would have presented a Profit and Loss Statement for the month of February 2010 and the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2010. There was no such presentation since Glen was vacationing in Hawaii.

The February meeting minutes were presented. Acceptance was moved by Richard Hendrickson, seconded by Art Lumley and approved by the membership.

Membership Chairman Art Lumley reported on the subject of snacks provided by the Social Committee at Chapter meetings. The discussion at the preceding Board meeting had focused on the cost of a “full” snack versus one limited to drinks and cookies. For the past year or so, a “full” snack, consisting of sandwiches, drinks, desserts, etc., had been served at meetings. There had been some concern about the cost of about \$300 for 10 membership meetings. Ordinarily, we have neither a meeting in August, when the Mucky Flats fly-in is held, nor during the month of our awards dinner. A September BBQ, could add \$200, for a total of \$500.

The issue had been presented to the general membership in the form of a questionnaire with an opportunity for comments about the food provided over the last year. Art’s summary report is attached. Doug Dunn explained the serious limitations of serving food at a club meeting as differentiated from a restaurant. The result is that snacks will once again be limited to drinks and cookies.

Art Lumley provide an update regarding the fully-approved plan to build a 14 x 14 foot EAA office on the ground floor of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) hangar just outside the meeting room near the corner where the TV is located. Since the last meeting, the approved room size had been reduced to 10 x 14 feet. The reduced office size was judged to be adequate. Vice President Dennis Lewis presented the “Office Materials Cost Estimate” (attached.) Two versions of the estimate are presented reflecting a difference of \$300, a function of the number of studs, and the amount of insulation.

There is uncertainty about the need to pursue the project. It was moved by Richard Hendrixson and seconded by Bud Liberator to “table” the issue until President Doug Dunn and Treasurer Glen Finley

meet and discuss it.

Dennis expressed the need for a special meeting to:

- Review of all articles of the chapter bylaws
- Develop an expenditures plan considering:
  - Potential revenue generation actions
  - EAA rebate on dues
  - Other

It was moved by Joan Pankonin and seconded by Sam Russell that the meeting be adjourned.

### **MINUTES – General Membership Meeting, Chapter319 - March 11, 2010**

President Doug Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

It was planned to hold brief meeting of the general membership in the CAP hanger (Aerospace Center) as usual. The plan was to travel to Melissa Shermer's hanger to get a look at what she is stitching up now. Melissa has been in the upholstery business for quite a few years, starting out in Furniture, Marine, and Automotive. For the past ten years or so Melissa has mainly been upholstering aircraft. From Piper Cubs to Glassairs, and Jets, to Turboprops, she will do them all. Melissa's work is responsible for many an aircraft to receive the big award. The program was moved to the April Meeting. There is an invitation for anyone to come on out to our program this month, bring a guest, and join the members of EAA 319 in an evening of education, good conversation, snacks, and story telling.

In lieu of the aforementioned program, Dr. John Loram of “Baja Bush Pilots” stepped forward share his experiences in flying to Mexico and as far south as Panama. Unlike some of the horror stories that we might have heard about flying “south of the border”, he related a forty-year history of trouble free travel. He mentioned that it is more difficult to leave the United States than to enter Mexico. He also commented that no pilot ever had an incident like flying in Canada. Many aspects of flying in Mexico were described including: safety, Mexican officials, night flying, controlled and uncontrolled fields, fuel availability, landing fees, tie down fees, other fees, technical stops (fuel only), overnight stops (involving immigration and customs) and insurance to name only a few. An additional good information source is < Baja bush pilots.com >. John and Kathy Loram have the bed and breakfast presented on <AshlandMountainHouse.com>. It was the first southern Oregon inn.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**

We invite all of our readers to submit letters to the [editor@eaa319](mailto:editor@eaa319)

We also encourage articles that are both timely and aviation oriented. Photos relating to your article will also be published.

**Newsletter deadline - Two weeks before a meeting. Please submit your articles or letters to the editor as early as possible. [Editor@eaa319.org](mailto:Editor@eaa319.org)**

## Field Trip ..... Sunday April 11th

This Sunday we are going to have an outing. As requested by so many of you we will meet at Steves Aircraft on the Beagle Sky Ranch in Sams Valley. Plan to be at Steves Aircraft at 12:00 for a look see at several projects Steve Pankonin has going on in his main hanger. Then we will move across the runway to see Steve's very large turntable floor in his storage hanger. I think the turntable will hold 4 or 5 aircraft. From there it is a short walk next door to John Burton's hanger where we will see the Beaver that John has rebuilt this winter. John will be returning it to work in Alaska at the end of this month. Next fall John will come to us with a program featuring this workhorse with wings. **Do not drive across the runway.... please!**



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