

# LOUD AND CLEAR

EAA CHAPTER 319

December, 2009



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

## NEXT MEETING

# January 8th

Our Banquet is our January meeting, see the information below.

Merry Christmas Young Eagles



## Awards Banquet Coming January 8th

As you all know, we have moved our Annual Awards Banquet from December this year to Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> of 2010. This of course will help everyone take a little "HECTIC" out of their holiday season. Sherri and Carole have it all under control and will be calling you individually shortly. There will be NO gift exchange this year. We will have several games, old and new. There will be prizes for the winners. It is your awards party so if you want something special included call us quickly. The place is the New Banquet room at The Black Bear 1150 East Barnett Road. Social hour starts at 6:00 PM. Chips and Salsa are served, Bear and Wine are at your own expense. Dinner starts at 7:00 PM and is going to be Buffet style. Dinner includes all of the following. Garden salad with assorted dressings, Stuffed chicken breast, Grilled Salmon, Cheese tortellini with marinara sauce. Rice pilaf, Mashed potatoes and gravy, Sauteed vegetables, Garlic bread, and Dinner rolls. For dessert there is Blackberry cobbler and Apple cobbler. If you haven't been to one of our shindigs, expect lots of fun, Dress to the hilt or what you wore to

air show. There will be a Video or two running on the 50" monitor in the background. Stories will abound, some may even be true. Deadline for reservations is Dec, 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. Don't wait call Sherri Shusterwitz 541-779-4399 or Carole Dunn 541-779-2891 now.

Place... Black Bear Restaurant 1150 East Barnett Rd. Just south of Highland Ave.

Time... 600P.M. Social Hour. Dinner starts at 7:00P.M.

Cost... \$ 20.00 per person, EAA 319 will pick up the tip.

Reservation deadline... December 30<sup>th</sup> 2009

Sherri Shusterwitz, Social Director

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport Suspends Fog Seeding Medford, OR — December 8, 2009 — Officials at the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (MFR) have elected to discontinue fog-seeding operations, also known as weather modification. The decision was mutually agreed upon by both the airport and Medford Air Service, LLC, the contractor who provides the service. With the discontinuation of fog seeding at Salt Lake City International Airport two years ago, MFR is likely the only airport left in the U.S. that has continued to implement this program. The determining factor to discontinue the practice has been precipitated by evolving procedures in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, and the inability to predict weather conditions. Fortunately, our contractor employs excellent pilots and we've been able to maintain the program up until now. In spite of following all FAA policies and procedures we find it impossible to safely maintain the program. MFR has used fog seeding for decades to increase visibility for commercial aircraft to land and take-off safely, reducing the impact of delayed or canceled flights on the traveling public. The airport and FAA have made enormous efforts to minimize the impact of fog during the winter season by installing an upgraded lighting system and improving instrument landing systems. In addition many air carriers have installed sophisticated equipment to minimize the impact fog or other types of inclement weather can have on commercial operations. In light of continuing challenges during adverse weather conditions airport officials believe ending the program is the right decision. "We never want to have to issue a press release involving a disaster," stated Bern Case, Airport Director. "The safety of the flight crew conducting the fog seeding is paramount and without question supersedes the inconvenience of delayed or canceled flights."

Submitted by Art Lumley

## MINUTES

Board Meeting - November 12, 2009

President Dan Pike opened the meeting at 6:30 P. M. at the Civil Air Patrol, CAP, Building.

EAA HQ in Oshkosh is establishing the 2010 schedule for the "B-17 Tour". They consider MFR to be a viable stop and have offered Monday, May 17 – Thursday, May 20, 2010. Art Lumley cautioned that the last mid-week visit had a poor response. It was agreed that Glen Finley's estimated \$500 return amounted to "breaking even", considering the cars and crew required. Further, it was Doug Dunn's observation that, in the past, many support people were non-EAA members. Art Lumley added that, because of the current economy, neither CAP Cadets nor Navy Sea Cadets will be available for support this year. It was moved by Doug Dunn and seconded by Art Lumley that the Chapter decline the offer, while exploring the possibility of a weekend visit by the B-17. **The motion passed.**

**Dan Pike will send a letter to EAA HQ.**

The treasurer, Glen Finley, reported for October: Total Income \$, Total expense \$, balance \$.

Art Lumley moved and Steve Pankonin seconded that the report be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Club dues will be accepted January 1, 2010. Alternatively, half may be deferred until July 1.

Art Lumley drew attention to the wall-mounted panel on which EAA photographs of members with Young Eagles are displayed. Mardell Day, of "Sky King Hangar" and "Fly By Night Aero Club", had offered to make a second panel so that the CAP can have a dedicated display. **It remains for Art Lumley to approach the CAP about the offer.**

The EAA is being displaced from the small office/library on the second floor of the CAP Aerospace Center. A new space, to be built in the hangar adjacent to the current CAP meeting room, has been proposed. Mardell Day has prepared an architectural drawing of the room addition to facilitate quote preparation, CAP - EAA review and a vote of the membership at the January EAA meeting. The concept of the addition was well received. **Working copies of the drawing will be made available.**

Art Lumley reported a movement is under way to change the name of the Prospect State Airport to "Gene Burrill Memorial Field." Specifically, Guy Parker is taking the initiative. He believes that the proposed change is appropriate since Mr. Burrill built and developed the Airport, was very involved in the town of Prospect and Southern Oregon Aviation in general. Mr. Burrill is soliciting support in the form of letters from the local community. **The Board concurs.**

Steve Pankonin recounted the history of the EAA Chapter 319's "Gene Burrill Annual Award" for outstanding service to the chapter. For years, the award included one of Gene Burrill's personal trophies. This continued until the trophy supply was depleted. Art Lumley reminded the Board that if the award were to be re-established, January would be the appropriate time. It was the feeling among the Board members; however, that the, perhaps "trophy-less", award should be given for a special case but not necessarily every year. **The proposal was adopted.**

Doug Dunn opened a discussion of the awards dinner set for Friday, January 8, 2010. Sherri Shusterwitz, social Director team member, reported that a location is to be announced by e-mail during the week ending November 20. \_\_\_\_? moved, and \_\_\_\_? seconded that the Board meeting be adjourned. **The motion passed as the member interest "moved" toward food.**

## Minutes

General Membership Meeting, November 12, 2009

President Dan Pike opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

The election of officers was held. Ballots listed nominees and provided for write-ins. **Every nominee became a candidate who, subsequently, won election by a landslide as follows:**

## Officers and Board members 2010

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President Dan Pike opened the evening's program by introducing Liz Tripp and her husband Dave Ridsdale, owners of **JLC Avionics at Ashland Airport (S03), an FAA-approved repair station**, opened a year ago. **Dave presented their extensive experience, the foundation for this** small family run business with a primary market including single and twin engine GA, and experimental (homebuilt) aircraft. They offer all the regular services of an avionics shop including repair, troubleshooting, upgrades, installation, equipment sales, panel fabrication, system design etc. They also have a keen interest in the experimental world.

Dave has nearly 30 years in the aviation industry including 17 years on military jets, 5 years corporate/business jets and 5 years running a warbird business importing, restoring and maintaining British military jets for the experimental community. Dave is also a licensed A&P as well as an electrical engineer, he can cover a wide variety of issues. If members have something specific to discuss, Dave and Liz will be happy to accommodate you with anything in their fields of expertise. Just e-mail Liz at the [liz@jlcavionics.com](mailto:liz@jlcavionics.com). Visit the JLC Avionics website at [www.jlcavionics.com](http://www.jlcavionics.com) (under development.)

\_\_\_\_\_ moved, and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded that the meeting be adjourned. **The motion passed as the member interest once again "moved" toward food.**

## 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)

**Deadline for the December Loud and Clear Has Passed.**



## Membership Dues are Due

As most of you know Art Lumley has taken over as the Membership chairman. His email is [omni727@yahoo.com](mailto:omni727@yahoo.com) Please note the address below for sending in your Dues.

Dues are due on January 1st, they are one of the many things that keep EAA 319 going and green. The Dues are still only \$20. per individual or \$30. for a family membership. Please make your checks out to 'EAA 319' and bring them to next meeting or send them to

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