

EAA CHAPTER 319

JULY 2007 NEWSLETTER

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

NEXT MEETING
Thursday July 12th
7:30 PM

The Board of Directors will meet at
Aerospace Center
At 6:30 PM.

WHEELS UP!

July 2007

Speaking for my family, we sure had a good time at the Central Point parade. We had a good time at the Pankonins' hangar as well helping out with the preparations of the Ercoupe. It's safe to say that our efforts paid off as I heard lots of positive comments from the parade goers, the kids along the way scrambled for the paper airplanes as if they were made of candy, and I think we made a good impression overall. I'm anxious to find out how many youngsters will call for a Young Eagles ride. Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the float.

Next year we can look forward to even more accolades as I've heard some pretty good ideas for the Varieze. Steve has suggested making it self-propelled and I won't doubt that he could do just that. Doug has visions that it can be a Spaceship One look-a-like and Paul suggests that cutting the wings down a bit and installing a hinge will make it a user-friendly piece, to say the least. If you have an idea, please step forward and let your thoughts be known. Curt has graciously allowed the bird to be stored in his hangar for the time being, but we will need a more permanent solution for the long term. Hopefully, we'll have a permanent storage solution for the Varieze and the Link Trainer in the near future. If you have a suggestion that doesn't involve us building a hangar, please let it be known.

Get out your erasers because there has been an adjustment to the calendar for next month. It was decided that the Mucky Flats fly-in would be rescheduled for August 4th in order to accommodate those who wish to fly to the Alvord Desert to see the meteor shower on the 11th.

Sounds like there's a group headed up to Arlington this year for the NW Regional EAA gathering. Hopefully they will share the experience at our next meeting, August 9th.

Finally, a personal note of fulfillment. I was asked to fly a CAP search mission last weekend in the Tillamook area for the 2 missing folks from CA. Oregon CAP assembled 4 aircraft there and in due course, the crew from Salem squadron spotted a suspect vehicle in their assigned grid, a mere 20 feet from Hwy 26, laying on it's side. You probably know the rest of the story. The experience as PIC and aircrew commander was challenging and left me with a good feeling of being capable of making a contribution to the effort. The last 3 years of training paid off. Our flight home along the coast in the late afternoon was reward enough as you couldn't have better scenery and flying conditions. It was awesome!

Blue skies,

Bud Liberatore, President



EDITOR'S NOTE

Our first 4th of July Parade was GREAT!! Thanks everyone for all your help. It was a lot of fun and I think we can just get better and better. The Varieze is going to be super! I got an email from Debbie Saxbury letting me know that everyone in her section was really excited to see a PLANE and inviting us back for next year's parade. Art and Bud sent me some pictures to include in the newsletter and as we get more we can put them in our album on the web page. See you at the meeting July 12th. Joan



Local Events

July

- 11-15 Arlington
- 12 Membership meeting - program: VariEze with DVD about Burt Rutan from VariEze to Spaceship One.**
- 21 Young Eagles

August

- 4 Joe Kleeman's Mucky Flats.
- 11 Fly-out to Alvord Desert
- 11 Second annual Lancair fly-in
- 17-19 NW Antique Aircraft Club fly-in at McMinnville.
- 25-26 Rogue Eagles RC Club Air Show
- 25-26 NW Fly-Fest, Eugene

September

- 13 Membership meeting: Fly-by-Night hangar
- 19 FAA Seminar at Smullin Center
- 22-23 Medford Air Service Open House (EAA booth with VariEze)
- 29 American Society of Aviation Artists NW Regional: Fly-by-Night hangar

October

- 11 Membership meeting - program: Spotter Cards contest.

November

- 8 Membership meeting - annual business meeting

December

- 7 Awards banquet

Minutes

Sorry, I did not get last months minutes from our new secretary. Thank you Dennis for taking on this position. I was remiss in not reminding Dennis of the lead-time I needed to get the minutes before I need to get the newsletter printed. We will have it together by next month and will include the minutes from June with July's minutes in the next newsletter.

Joan

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Please call if you want to help out on either a one time or regular basis.

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