

LOUD AND CLEAR

EAA Chapter 319

March 2011

EAA Chapter 319 meets at the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Center, 5060 Cirrus Drive, Medford, Oregon. The meeting is on Thursday, the 10th at 7:30 PM. The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 PM. The program will be about how to take better aviation photographs.

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ABOVE THE CLOUDS

Here we go! You only get one first. This is it for me writing to you as your chapter president. Don't we all remember our first solo flight? For me it was a combination of surprise that my instructor was actually getting out of the airplane after only six hours of instruction, and anticipation of the new experience. There is no surprise as I write this first offering, just anticipation. I am full of anticipation as I think about the year ahead. We have a wonderful chapter history which precedes our coming activities. Together, the current chapter members will continue and enhance the value of our activities.

I do not anticipate radical changes in content or format in what we do. However, I think we can do what we do better. And, I view it as my job to look for ways to add to content of our programs and improve the way we do them. Of course, this is not a solitary quest. I look forward to teaming with other board members and any other chapter members wanting to be involved in our development and management of chapter programs. I will always be open to hearing from anyone on how we are doing and receiving suggestions on how we can do better.

There are a few things I want to pursue. I'd like to further develop the Young Eagles program by looking for outside funding so that we can increase both the number of pilots participating and young people served. I'd like to see more fly-outs and more members participating in them. I want to see us organize some weekend events to visit aircraft building or restoration projects. We should also continue to promote general and sport aviation in any way we can. And, of course, we should have fun in whatever we do.

We are a group bound together by our love of flying and aviation. We should reach out to others with the same love and collaborate with them so that we may jointly improve the climate for aviation. See you around the field!

Dennis Lewis, President
EAA Chapter 319
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MINUTES - Board Meeting, Chapter 319 – November 11, 2010

President Doug Dunn called the meeting to order at the Civil Air Patrol building at 6:44 PM. The last Chapter 319 meeting was held on October 14, 2010.

Treasurer Glen Finley presented a Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2010 and a Profit and Loss Statement for January - October 2010. Vice President Dennis Lewis requested that a detailed list of chapter asset be prepared. Treasurer Glen Finley agreed to begin preparing such a list with the intent that it be enriched by other member inputs. It was noted that the bank is

reconciled. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Rob Pankonin and Art Lumley clarified the procedure regarding distribution of the chapter newsletter. Art will submit the newsletter to Rob who will put it on the website. Rob will notify the membership by e-mail that it is there. Rob will also send a hard copy of the newsletter to members lacking computer access as well as special individuals or organizations as appropriate. Newsletters will be published timely, consistent with the chapter bimonthly meeting schedule beginning January 2011. The newsletter and/or flyers will be posted at appropriate locations, such as Jet Center & Medford Air.

In anticipation of the January awards banquet, a discussion focused on the following:

The President's Award is given annually to a member in recognition of great contributions to the chapter. It is to be accompanied by tangible items such as a gift certificate, photograph, plaque, etc.

The Ray Bruten award is not presented annually; rather, it is reserved for special recognition of a spectacularly dedicated individual in a particular year. Appropriately, it is to be accompanied by a tangible item such as a gift certificate, photograph, plaque, etc.

Brad Pankonin solicited items for the website.

Doug has examined websites for various EAA chapters. He determined that others are "wallowing" as a result of the poor economy.

Dennis Lewis mentioned that the AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteers (Ref. AOPA/ASM website) promote airports. The identified top five airports are identified and awarded money, hats, etc. MFR is not even listed. It is important for us to increase our awareness, which Art Lumley does.

It was moved by Doug Dunn and seconded by Steve Pankonin that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30P.M.

MINUTES – General Membership Meeting, Chapter 319 – November 11, 2010

After members enjoyed traditional refreshments, President Doug Dunn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Doug reminded member of the new bimonthly meeting & newsletter schedule, to begin January 2011.

Doug also notified aircraft owners that if one lets an aircraft registration to lapse the N-number could be lost. A check of the FAA website is recommended. The new 406 series ELT (\$500 - \$600) require that an aircraft be registered and the owner's address be up to date.

Art Lumley reported on an aviation adventure for some students at THE CENTRAL MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL as follows.

When school opened right after Labor Day, There was a major change in the Medford High Schools system. South Medford High moved their students to a brand new facility on Columbus, and the Opportunity High School, that was on Earhart Street, moved to the former South Medford High School on Oakdale, and is now called Medford Central High School.

Kevin McDermott, a retired Navy pilot who is the math teacher thought it would be helpful for the students to learn something about aviation to relate to their math studies. As a result, weekly periods were set up to bring the students close to aviation. A general orientation session was first presented, then a visit by members of the Navy League Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol Cadets. A tour of the airport was included with a drive down the runway in a bus driven

by Airport Operations Manager Robert Russell, simulating an aircraft taking off. It was very realistic, but the bus never got off the ground. Next was an outstanding tour of the Erickson Air-Crane facility in Central Point, guided by Larry Licato. This first "aviation orientation" was concluded by a great presentation by aerobatics performer Bill Warren. The class viewed a DVD of Bill's exploits including his flying a Super Stearman with the Daring Damsels on the wings, followed by an active question and answer period. Bill's visit to the school brought back memories since he attended school there a few years back.

The high school is making some adjustments to their schedule, and when set, Kevin says he would again like to include the aviation orientation.

The experiment seems to be working.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

AWARDS FOR 2010

Our Awards Banquet was held on January 15th. We had a good turnout. Sherri Shusterwitz was presented with the Ray Bruton Award, and Sam Russell was given the President's Award.

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Note: We haven't been conducting any fund raising events lately, and our treasury is slowly being depleted. Our only income is from membership dues. This is a gentle reminder that EAA Chapter is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization. Any tax deductible donations would be appreciated.