

EAA CHAPTER 319 MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

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

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 11
7:30 PM
The Board of Directors will meet at
Elmer's Restaurant
At 6:00 PM.



WHEELS UP!

Greetings Fellow Members,

It appears that April was just as short as March but not without it's own unique memories, although, health-wise, it was not a good one. Many thanks to the board and especially to our Secretary, Owen, for filling-in in my absence.

Most notably, the Liberatore Family was able to participate in the April 22nd Poker Run. It was a fantastic day of flying, with beautiful weather, wonderfully organized and run and culminating in some delicious vittles. (True to form, I am not a card player for a reason). Our envelopes dealt us a wide variety from the deck and our hopes for paying for the rented Cessna with the winnings were immediately dashed. Nevertheless, we had a great time on our very first Fly-out. We all look forward to the next.

The FAA Safety seminar on the 26th had a respectable crowd, but there was a gremlin in our midst. Hopefully the next time will be free of those irritating and troublesome glitches that can make a presentation difficult. Thanks go to Linda and the gang for organizing the affair and providing the much-needed refreshments.

The Medford Airport Advisory Committee met on the 17th and those from the GA segment can be encouraged with respect to the formation of a sub-committee to make recommendations regarding future hangar leases. I believe a lot of confusion can be eliminated and a fair and equitable lease agreement can be fabricated for the future through this sub-committee. Stay tuned.

I apologize to Joan for the lateness of this, my contribution to the newsletter, and to you, the membership for its brevity. My home-building project is currently in turbocharged mode and I have spent little time in the last three weeks with other pursuits. In two more days, I can stand back and see in three dimensions what we have been dreaming of in two. Much remains to be done but at this stage of the venture I am feeling pretty relieved that it is turning out ok. With a little R&R next week, I can resume my usual hectic pace.

Blue skies, Bud

Minutes

Owen Jurling, stepping in for Bud Liberatore, started our April meeting with the usual introduction of Members and Guests. Linda Ross introduced her friends, Jan and Dave Abela and Steve Pankonin introduced our speaker for the evening, Jerry Jacques.

Glen Finley gave the treasurers report; we have about \$16,000 in our account

Allan Sandler was not available to give us an update on the Hanger project. Art Lumley told us that Mardel's Hanger project is going well. Mardell was able to overcome last month's issues with the amount of fire protection the hanger would need and the project is just humming along.

Joe Kleeman gave us some information concerning a composite seminar he is going to present in June, either at the Jet Center Airfair or the Medford Open house, or perhaps both places if there is enough interest. The Board has approved funds to help him with this presentation.

Paul Martin reports that we are doing Young Eagle rides both Saturday and Sunday at the Medford Open House June 24 and 25th. If you are interested in helping out please call Paul 488-8800. We will probably not be doing an official Young Eagles day flight as June 10 (young eagles day) is already quite booked in this area with the Jet Center event, the Short Wing Piper Meeting in Medford, Golden West fly-in and the Medford Open House coming up so quickly afterwards. Paul wants all qualified pilots to know that you can give Young Eagle rides on your own at any time, just call him to get some of the official forms so that your Young Eagle can get the Certificate and her/his name on the website.

The Medford open house is also a two-day Pancake Breakfast event. Please call Chuck McGilvray 840-4283 to let him know when you will be available to help out.

Saturday, April 22nd will be our Poker Run. This newsletter will be out later than that date, so come to the meeting for a report on how much fun we all had and what a great potluck there was. Paul Martin is coordinating the Poker Run with the potluck being spearheaded by JoAnn Meler.

Linda Ross reminded all of the April 26 Safety Seminar at the Smullin Center. She also gave an update to the Short Wing enthusiasts concerning the June SWPC meeting (Columbia chapter) being held on June 10th at Medford Air. Art Lumley has agreed to be docent at the KC97 for those short wingers who might like a tour of the airplane.

Linda also gave us some information about the ground school being presented by Pacific Aviation Northwest from Grants Pass. This relatively new business at the Grants Pass Airport will come to Jet Center North in Medford to give a 2 day ground school on April 29-30, The price is \$325.00. This information is available on their website.

www.pacificaviationnw.com. Check out this website, it looks great. They are offering flight training and airplane rentals, also a maintenance shop and a lot more. The phone number is 479-2230

Carole Dunn requested some funds for the Christmas party again to be held at JJ North's the first Friday in December. Her request was referred to the next board meeting.

Dean Edson asked that anyone flying to the Gold West Fly in June contact him if you can give Kay Chaffrey a ride to and from the event. She has agreed to speak at one of the forums but needs a ride to the fly-in. Call Dean if you can help. His number is 772-1174.

The meeting was adjourned for a break complete with special treats for our two April Birthday buddies (Steve and Doug). After the break, Steve introduced Jerry Jacques and we enjoyed some insights into the Bush pilot life in Alaska.

Minutes submitted by the substitute secretary

Joan Pankonin

"Thank You"

A tremendous "Thank You" goes to the following EAA volunteers who helped to make the FAA Safety Presentation, Wednesday, April 26th, a success. They made coffee, placed tables in the Smullin Education Center lobby, prepared the refreshments, cleaned up, greeted people and made everyone feel welcome. Great Job! I couldn't have accomplished the event without you: Christine Almquist, Chuck McGilvray, Dan & JoAnn Meler, and EAA President Bud Liberatore.

From Linda Ross



From the Editor

I just want to remind everyone to check the EAA calendar that Owen is updating for us on our Web Page. You will find the local events, Medford Air Open House, Jet Center Air Festival, Safety Seminar's Etc. Plus some of the regional events as well (ex. Golden West Fly In, Rocky Mt Fly In, Astoria Swap meet etc.) It is a convenient place to check for the date you can't quite remember.

I also had a request to let everyone know about the deadline for newsletter items. If anyone has an item to submit and it needs to be in the next newsletter, the rule is that I need information by no later than the Thursday before our meeting. Since our meetings are on Thursday, that means I really must have the information no later than one week before the meeting. Also, please if you wait till the last minute, remember I'm a working girl and need to get to bed early. If you forget when our meetings are, check the web page. That information is prominently placed on the home page. You can't miss it!! (Hint, it is the second Thursday of each month, except for December when our Christmas "*banquet*" is the first Friday of December)

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