

EAA CHAPTER 319

MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

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

NEXT MEETING

May 10th 7:30 PM

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

WHEELS UP

May 2007

Greetings,

HE'S BACK! As you may know, Art Lumley is now our VP for the year and I for one welcome Art to the party. With his experience, contacts and most of all his enthusiasm, Chapter 319 is fortunate to have Art as a member and officer. Welcome aboard Art.

Unfortunately, I will be away for the April 28th Safety Seminar, "Down & Back". Lots of folks have done much to prepare for this event, not the least being Linda Ross and our new VP. Hopefully, our Chapter contribution will help make it even better. To those who will help out, I thank you very much for your time and involvement.

Blue Skies

Bud Liberatore

HELP! The storage cabinet and (immediate vicinity) at the CAP hangar is in need of lots of attention, again. The rodents continue to have the upper hand within the cabinet. The equipment, utensils and supplies need to be thoroughly disinfected. The cabinet is over gross weight and way out of trim. The doors are warped and ill fitting in the out-of-square cabinet. The latches don't work. A bulletproof cabinet or the repair of the existing one with more sealable totes is in order. The good news is we do have a nice refrigerator, stocked with dated supplies. Does anyone know a restaurant where the utensils, pots, pans, etc. can be run through a commercial dishwasher? Other suggestions are certainly welcome and encouraged. The short of it is that we need to have a discussion and schedule a work party for the inventory and how to address the rodent poop-ulation. It's on the May agenda. I will address the CAP about the overcrowded hangar.

Janitorial-ly Yours,
Bud Liberatore

Local Events

May 10: Board and membership meeting. The program will be "What is the CAP all about.?"

May 26: Ercoupe clean up

June 1-3: Grants Pass Balloon Rally at Reinhart Park.

Night glow will be on Saturday night.

June 14: Board and membership meeting. Joe Keith, president of "Million Air" will present the program. Joe will talk about his 20 years in the Navy as a pilot, mostly aboard aircraft carriers.

June 16: **Siskiyou fly-in/drive-in**

July 4: Central Point parade

July 6-7: Medford Balloon Rally at Medford Airport. Night Glow will be on Saturday night.

September 22-23: Medford Air Service open house

September 29: American Society of Aviation Artist NW Regional

Start Small, But Think Big by Art Lumley

A few years back we had about 120 members. Now we only have about 45. We are not the only organization that has this problem. There are two major factors for this. One is that we don't have much of a purpose for existing except as a social club, and the other is that we are too concerned about the past. Social activities are important, but not as the prime purpose.

Let's take our purpose, or lack thereof. I think we would all agree that being members of an EAA chapter, we would be more concerned about building airplanes. Some of us are, but too few. We had the goal of having a hangar so we could have our own home and help each other build aircraft, but that has been put aside.

Another purpose we have had is to encourage young people to become interested in some aspect of aviation by giving flight scholarships and through the Young Eagles program. Not every recipient of a scholarship or of those flown will pursue aviation in one form or another, but if only 1% is encouraged to develop a serious interest in aviation, the programs have been successful.

The one thing we do have is the camaraderie of being with people who love aviation. People who build airplanes, fly, or just want to be around others who share their love of flying. What can we do to build on that and to give our own, and others, a reason to be members of EAA Chapter 319?

The general rule is that about 10% of the members of any volunteer organization do most of the work. We are fortunate to have more than 10%. What if we had 100 members with 15% of them helpers? How about 200 members with 20% participants, and that's possible. Success breeds success.

So, what can we do? We can start small, but think big. We're small now, but we can grow again. We need to provide interesting programs and projects and tell everybody about them. In other words, we publicize the heck out of them. Chapter 319 is a nonprofit organization and a provision for becoming qualified is to focus on at least one of the 501 (C) (3) requirements. We chose education. Publicity is educational. Scholarships are educational. So are our monthly programs. Perhaps we could develop a ground school program for our members and the general public. Dennis Lewis is working on the possibility of owning a

flight simulator. This would be in addition to the Link Trainer we hope to buy. Dean Edson is checking out the availability of ground and flight instructors around Medford. Both good starts and something we can tell the public about. We might even be able to tell them about all the aircraft our members are building.

Start small, BUT THINK BIG!

Safety Seminar Recap

SURVIVAL.... Down & Back

It was ten minutes before 9:00 a.m. in the Bear Creek Park Amphitheater on Saturday, April 28th, and everything was set for the SURVIVAL.... Down & Back presentation. We looked around and saw about 20 people, including at least ten EAA members. Where were the other 100 or so we were expecting? At 9:00, they appeared over the hill. Well, maybe not 100, but we did end up with about 90 people.

Preparing for the event was an interesting example of people working together from different positions to accomplish something. As you know, Linda Ross has been putting on the semiannual FAA seminars for some time. She and Donald had to be out of town during the critical preparation time for this one, so she asked Don Karpen to get it organized. Instead of holding it in the Smullin Center, he chose to have it at the amphitheater. The weather was great! Clear skies and it got up to about 70 degrees.

The only unanticipated problem was that the electricity hadn't been turned on. It's hard to brew coffee without electricity. Someone from the park "service" was found and we finally had power, for a while. Long enough for Chuck McGilvray to brew a pot or two of coffee before it was lost again. That didn't bother Chuck who said, "Let us have tea instead," about which time Linda and Donald arrived with several bottles of tea.

Plenty of refreshments were available including several dozen donuts donated by Linda & Larry Kendrick, owners of "Donut Country" on East Jackson. About half way through the presentation, their nephew showed up with another couple of dozen. Please visit them, and thank them, if you get a chance. Linda Ross did her usual fine job of setting up the refreshment table.

It was gratifying to have so many of our members show up to help. I won't try to name them all, because if I do, someone will be left off the list. Our new pop-up canopy was appreciated by all, especially when it started to get a bit warm and we had shade to sit under. It, along with two EAA Chapter 319 signs and a banner, made our presence well known. The canopy will find many uses in the future.

The presentation was very informative, one that anyone could benefit from while flying, hiking, or whatever. Skip Snyder and Ken from the Sheriff's Search and Rescue team kicked off the event with an accounting of their experiences, and how to make it easier for them to find you from their helicopter. Dr. Paul Rostykus then talked about ways to take care of yourself while waiting to be rescued and Dr. Herb Six then explained what might happen to your body if you are involved in a crash. Don Karpen wrapped it up telling some interesting stories about being prepared for an emergency, including one of his own. Don says a DVD copy might be available of the workshop, and if we get one, parts of it might be shown at our meetings.

Art Lumley

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