

# EAA CHAPTER 319

## SEPTEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

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

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM

The Board of Directors will meet at  
Elmer's Restaurant  
At 6:00 PM.

## Minutes

The August chapter meeting took place at the Mucky Flats Fly In with Joe Kleeman as our very generous host. There were 16 happy and very well fed members in attendance. The first item on the agenda was that a group from Science Works in Ashland would like to have a Young Eagles event on September 2 at the Ashland Airport. This sounds like an excellent chance to introduce a group of motivated young people to Aviation. Next we talked about the hanger lease status, which has stalled for the time being. The Airport Advisory Committee is looking for a representative to sit on a newly created GA subcommittee. The chapter has been asked if we would like to participate. Members at the meeting thought that it would be a great opportunity. Bud will attend the first meeting if we do not have another representative selected by that time. The chapter would really like to find a volunteer who has been around the airport for quite a while and understands the issues that are important to us. We had a very positive discussion about the Link Trainer, which the chapter has an opportunity to purchase. The Link Trainer brings in donations that pay for its up keep and is a real magnet for young people. The challenges associated with the link trainer are that it needs to be maintained, stored, and the chapter needs to have a group of people trained to operate it at each event. Several people volunteered to help out and the group would like to move forward to make sure that we can keep it available at future events. On a similar note it was brought up that it would be nice for the chapter to be able to provide a flight simulator for older children that are too big for the Link Trainer. If you have ideas or equipment that would be helpful with this project please let us know. For our regular chapter meetings we are always looking for interesting speakers. We know that a number of members have taken cross-country trips recently and we would be happy to hear how your trip went and to get some pointers from your experience. On the social events side of things the idea of a hanger dance was floated. It could be a large event as a fundraiser with live music or something smaller just for the chapter. Let us know what you think. Also the Christmas Party is planned for the first Friday in December which is December 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be at a new location, the Hungry Woodsman at the Reston Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Jurling Chapter Secretary

## Wheels Up Sept. 2006

Greetings One and All,

I have good news and better news.

The good news is that the August 12<sup>th</sup> Mucky Flats Fly-in was a great event. The better news is that we have next year to look forward to. Huge thanks to Joe Kleeman and his parents for hosting Chapter 319, providing some great chow and bringing so many nice people together. Mucky Flats is a great place to touchdown and spend some quality hanger time. The aircraft that showed up were a nice variety from ultra-lights to the splashdown of a beautiful Super Cub on floats.

The Chapter meeting took place as scheduled and the discussion centered on the acquisition of the Link trainer. No decision was made as we thought it best to involve more of the membership on this topic. More discussion to follow.

Gary Edwards has stepped up to take a position on the Medford Airport Advisory Sub Committee on General Aviation. Advisory Committee member Joe Keith (President of Superior Air) was appointed to chair this sub committee and called me to make sure the EAA had a voice on this very important issue. Hopefully, the concerns of GA will have a loud and clear voice thanks to the efforts of Gary, Joe and the rest of the sub committee. Thanks Gary for taking an active part on our behalf. We hope your reports reflect a positive move for GA at MFR.

There has been progress on the hangar/land lease and I will address this topic at our next meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Chapter has acquired a larger, used refrigerator. Thanks to CAP's Bob Niccols who graciously donated this item as a result of the passing of his long-time friend, Frank Jaslow. The appliances will be swapped at the next Saturday work party at CAP and I'll take the old one to the recyclers unless someone has a need. Lastly, I have finally reached a milestone in my short aviation endeavors. After slogging through the training, paperwork and check ride, I have at long last earned the Mission Search Pilot rating with the CAP. I can now act as PIC on search missions that the CAP Medford squadron may be called on to perform. However, like my private ticket, it's a license to learn. With the quality of personnel that make up Medford's CAP squadron, I have some very accomplished mentors to lean on. My next goal is to earn the Cadet Orientation Pilot rating so as to provide our cadets this motivating phase of their program. I am really looking forward to this assignment.

It's been quite a while since we've had a get together so I am looking forward to the Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, same time, same place. Hope you can make it.

Respectfully, Your 2006 President,  
Bud



## FROM THE EDITOR

First we want to express our sincere condolences to Glen and Kathy Finley on the loss of Glen's father, Loren G Finley. There was a nice write up on Mr. Finley's life in a recent issue of the Upper Rogue Independent Newspaper.

I also wanted to let everyone know that I have received some more e-mails from Debbie Saxbury, the organizer of the Central Point Fourth of July parade. This is not the biggest celebration in the valley on the Fourth, but she does seem very interested in our participation in their festivities. I do believe it would be a very good exposure for our club. I will need to know however, if there is any real interest from more than just one member, before I continue to discuss ideas with Debbie. Please contact me if you would consider pursuing some ideas for a float for this parade. We can discuss this further during the rest of the year.

The end of the year is really just around the corner. Please consider if you can, a more active role in your local EAA group (that would be us), this next year. I have to let you know that I think the newsletter really could use some new ideas. I remember fondly past editors who would include interesting photos and for a while we had write-ups about our members. I'm sure there are other ways as well to make this publication more exciting. Someone with more computer savvy than myself could do wonders. If you are reading this and thinking yes I could do that, please let us know. I'll be glad to go over the details of how the newsletter is put together and answer any questions anyone might have at any time. The only pre-requisite is to have a computer (of course), and internet access. Brad can fill you in on how to send your file to our website. I can provide some initial labels for members without email and you will be on your way.

Thanks for considering my request!!

Joan

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