



The Bend High Desert Flyer of Chapter 1345

WEBSITE: <http://www.eaa1345.org/>

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PREZ SEZ:

Since I was so new to the chapter before my election (aka human sacrifice) I did not have a chance to meet all the members or know their level of flying activity. While doing a recent fuel use survey, I polled the members about their flying interests and backgrounds. The results were interesting. We are an active chapter. We have 26 flying aircraft in the club and 12 aircraft under construction. Not bad for a group of 49. Some are more into building and some more focused on flying. Some members are not active pilots, but still love the sight and sounds of airplanes.

Here is a small slice of our membership. One member has done more than 300 Young Eagle flights. That is quite a commitment to get young folks involved and interested in aviation.

Another member in the chapter is celebrating his fiftieth year as an EAA member. There have been many changes in fifty years. To think of the day when there were few kit built airplanes, only plans, raw materials you had to scrounge together, and an idea. Compare that to today when we are only a phone call, email, or just across the runway from a kit manufacturer. And we all have a Spruce catalog for the odd nut or piece of 4130.

Another member has his fathers' homebuilt. It is a glider that was adapted to carry a small engine. It may sound blasé but the engine is a Les Long Harlequin two cylinder engine. What the heck is that you ask? Les Long of Cornelius, OR cast his own case then adapted Harley-Davidson parts to have an inexpensive aircraft engine. He also designed many small aircraft. He sold the plans for them in magazines of the day.

Long was also involved in the expansion of the right to build and fly your own airplane. It was legal in Oregon but not in other states to build and fly your own airplane.

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Les Long and other Oregonians pushed for the changes that have evolved into the Experimental-Amateur Built category we have today. Standing up to the CAA and regulators to protect the freedom to build and fly airplanes before there was a group called the Experimental Aircraft Association.

To think that this was all in one chapter, our chapter is amazing. So at the next meeting say hello to your neighbor, you never know what their story is, or what they may have in the garage.

Fly Safe,
Dave Nixon

Schedule of Meetings & Events

Meetings	Breakfasts
April 9, 2008	April 12 (Sargents?)

Electronics International is hosting the April 9th EAA Chapter 1345 meeting at their facility, on the frontage road at the north end of Bend Airport.

They will be providing food and drink. There will be a plant tour and product demo.

A North American Navion panel can be viewed and there will be a demo of EI instruments, MVP-50, as well as a sneak peak at Electronic International's EFIS. There will be a door prize for some lucky attendee.

Doors open at 6:00pm. See you there.

Ed Note:

I am repeating the Chapter board page as I renamed our President last month, without his authorization! Besides, they're a handsome bunch of guys

March 12th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

David Nixon	President
Chuck Smith	Vice President
Milo Street	Secretary
Jack Watson	Treasurer

Members Present: 20 (including officers)

Announcements:

The EAA has removed its direct sponsorship of the regional fly-ins, citing liability issues.

Bend Oil is going to be installing a pump for non-ethanol gas for "approved" uses. They will be filling gas containers with no formal policing process as to usage.

Bruce Hoisington announced he has a Garmin 296 for sale for \$995.

Old Business:

Minutes of last meeting accepted as written in newsletter.

New Business

Ken Day is still trying to arrange some fly-outs. As of the meeting only 13 people had responded to his e-mail of 2/14 so if you have any interest please let him know. Aside from building, flying is what we're all about so fly-outs would be a good activity for the club.

Dean talked about www.iflyit.net, a forum he's set up that is tailored to flying in the Northwest. It's a great place to communicate with other EAA chapters or discuss any topics of interest such as ethanol, LSA, etc.

Mike Bond mentioned that he hasn't been getting any help as far as content for the newsletter and asked if we all felt it was worth it. Please give him your support by sending him anything he could include that you feel might be of interest to the other members.

Treasurers report:

The treasurer's report wasn't read, however the reported year to date gross income through March 12 is \$879.00 with expenses of \$47.50 for a net income of \$831.50. Cash balance in the bank is \$2531.08.

Program:

Susan Palmeri, our airport manager, gave an update on what has been happening at the airport. Construction is about to begin again with the demolition of the old runway. A noise permit has been issued to allow work at night. However, to ensure completion the airport will be closed weekday evenings through fall.

Given the increased traffic at the airport with Cessna and Epic ramping up, consideration is being given to the installation of a tower on the field. At this point it is just being studied, but it could be in our future.

The AWOS is now available online and is currently located at: <http://66.220.103.187/>. Airport day is scheduled this year for June 21st from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Our other guest was Chris Bennett, a CFI at Professional Air. He spoke about BFRs and reiterated that proficiency was directly proportional to recent hours flown. Pilots who haven't flown much tend to make fast approaches, etc.

Meeting adjourned

Milo Street

Iflyit.net

There is now a new source for those of us to pass along information. Member Dean Billings has developed a new Internet forum called **iflyit.net**. The information is public. Anyone can read the boards and threads. There is no commercial involvement. To post a thread all you need to do is register. It is simple and all you need is an email address.

The hope is that **iflyit.net** will spread information between EAA chapters and the state pilot organizations. The forum is structured towards getting the flying community to communicate with each other.

Mustang kit for sale

Last summer I purchased a deluxe Mustang II quick build kit. I received the kit last fall but before I did much of anything on it (built the flap assembly) I had an opportunity to buy a completed Mustang II. My intent was to fly the older one while I built the new Mustang II then sell the older plane. Upon further evaluation I found that the plane I bought is in such great shape that it makes more sense for me to sell the kit and put all my resources and efforts into upgrading the one I'm flying.



File photo,
not Ed's
plane

This is truly a great opportunity for anyone looking to build a high performance [200 MPH+] aircraft. The kit has all the bells and whistles: 25-gallon header tank plus 17-gallon leading edge wing tanks, folding wing option, conventional gear, T-18 canopy and all of the quick build options. They can obtain more information and photos of the plane at:

<http://www.mustangaero.com/>

Anyone interested in purchasing the Mustang II QB kit at a fair discount off the manufacturers list price please contact me:

Ed Fredrickson, ed@bendbroadband.com
503-975-5599 (cell)

More KBDN AWOS info

In addition to Milo's AWOS info above, there is a great website in the MESOWEST network, that show trend data and graphs of our AWOS in real-time and going back for at least a month (if you paste this into your browser, note that the newsletter formatting broke it into 2 pieces!):

http://www.met.utah.edu/cgi-bin/droman/meso_base.cgi?stn=KBDN

Mike Bond

A repeat for those who need to know.... 2008 NW Aviation Event Calendar

May 13-14, B-17 Tour Stop, Medford, OR

May 30- Jun 1, "Ragwing" fly-in,
Independence, OR

June 14, 17th Annual Northwest RV Fly-In
Scappoose, OR

June 20-21, Aviation Day Fly-in, Richland, A

June 21, Klamath Air Show 2008 –
Feel the Thunder, Klamath Falls, OR

July 25-27, Camas Days, Camas, WA

August 1-10, 2008 Advanced World Aerobatic
Championships, Pendleton, OR

August 23, Norwest Fly-Fest 2008, Eugene,
OR

September 5-7, West Coast Piper Cherokee
Fly-In and Stinson Fly-In, Vancouver, WA

BEND AIRPORT AIRSPACE SAFETY MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2008 6-7:30 PM

Bend Municipal Airport

63132 Powell Butte Highway

Training Room (Upstairs, next to Professional Air
FBO)

Anyone who has flown in our airspace recently has probably noticed that it can sometimes get pretty busy. You not only have to deal with local operations, including training activities, glider operations, and jet activity, you have to worry about other aircraft passing through our airspace who may not even be on our frequency. Please join us to discuss your concerns and learn more about what we can do to make our airport and our airspace a safer place to operate in.

The Redmond ATCT Manager will be here. (We are also trying to get someone from Seattle Center to attend.)

Please let me know if you have any specific items you would like me to add to the agenda.

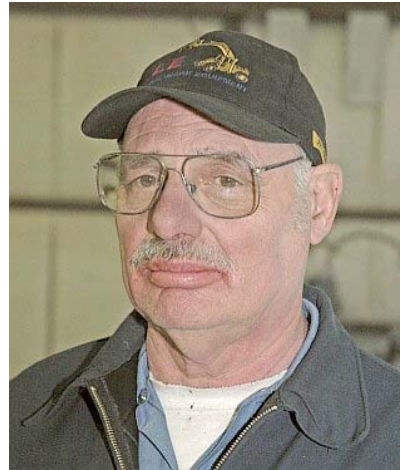
Let's keep this airport as safe as it can be.

Thank you.
Sue Palmeri, Airport Manager

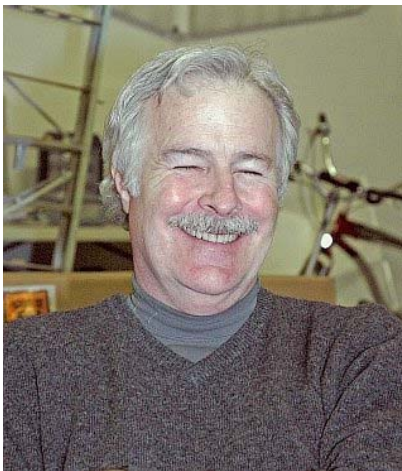
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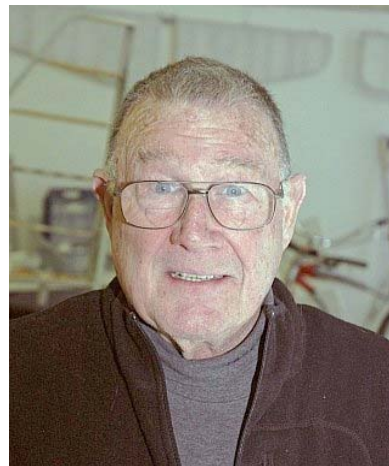
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FIRST FLIGHT: LANCAIR EVOLUTION

Lancair International, Inc. announced the latest addition to its line of aircraft kits. The Evolution kit is the result of more than three years of engineering, research, and development to produce a more spacious aircraft that will



meet all flight handling characteristics required by FAA Part 23, including a 61 knot stall speed, while maintaining the Lancair tradition of high performance. The Evolution includes a BRS parachute system, and is powered by a Pratt & Whitney PT6A-135A, producing true airspeeds in excess of 385 mph. Independent test pilot Len Fox said it was a "successful first flight."

Visit <http://www.lancair.com/> or call 541-923-2244 for more information

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