

**Oregon Pilots Association Meeting
January 18, 2003
Independence, Oregon**

OPA Board Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Trujillo, at 10:12 AM. Roll call was taken by the secretary, who also collected telephone numbers of board members. The agenda for the meeting was accepted as presented.

Officers:

NAME	OFFICE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mark Trujillo	President	X 541-757-0762	
John Hsu	President-Elect	X 541-752-4475	
Dale Evans	Past President	X 541-388-3837	
Jim Hutchins	VP Legislative	X 541-754-1186	
Corinne Bott	Secretary	X 503-538-2490	
Gail Hill	Treasurer	X 503-606-9865	
Helen Holman	Membership Services	X 541-756-0182	
Amanda Woodruff	Public Relations	X 503-648-4913	
Gary Miller	Web Page Master	X 541-382-8588	
Clarence LaCrosse	Prop Wash Editor	X 503-581-1181	
Chris Ruck	ASEF Executive VP	X 541-259-2860	

Regional Directors:

NAME	OFFICE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Region 1	George Savord	541-592-6322	e-mail report
Region 2	vacant		X
Region 3	vacant		X
Region 4	Randall Henderson	503-748-7896	e-mail report
Region 5	Jim Hutchins (Acting)	541-754-1186	

Chapter Presidents/Representatives:

CHAPTER	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Albany	Jerry Wilkin		X
Bandon	Frank Crook		X
Beaverton	Karen Hollenbeck	X 503-645-3455	
Central Coast	Randall Henderson		X
Central Oregon	Nancy Lecklider	report by Gary Miller	
Corvallis	Jack Mykrantz		X
Eastern Oregon	Mel Cross	report by e-mail	X
Grants Pass	Roy Hogg		X
Jackson County	Butch Milani		X
Klamath Falls	Lindsey Dike	X 541-885-8082	
Lebanon	Tom White	report by Chris Ruck	
Lincoln County	Dennis Winningstad		X
Mulino	Eric Heublein	X 503-829-7102	
Polk County	Dennis Jackson	X 503-838-4746	
Salem	Inactive		X
Scappoose	Scott Winegar		X
Tillamook	Tom Hendricks		X
TTD	Joe Smith	X 503-287-6577	report by Bob Hall
Yamhill	Liz Wallace	503-538-7391	report by CorinneBott

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Guests:

None.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

It was moved and seconded that the November meeting minutes be approved and accepted as previously distributed. Motion carried.

Chapter Presidents Activity Reports:

Beaverton Chapter

Incoming President, Karen Hollenbeck, reported that the chapter is planning to have a “Block Party” with a progressive dinner amongst the hangers in the T-hanger neighborhood. They are also considering putting on a “Past Presidents Party”.

Amanda Woodruff is expecting a baby in June. Congratulations to the Woodruffs! The chapter is issuing NOTAMs about the event: **News Of The Amanda Moment**

There was some discussion concerning fly outs and how to set them up. Beaverton publishes theirs on a web site, and the coordinators sometimes make phone calls to encourage members to join in. Fewer pilots are doing fly outs than in the past (as has been experienced by many of the other chapters also). To increase attendance at meetings, the chapter has initiated use of a “phone tree”, so that each member is called during the week just prior to a meeting – this approach has been very successful. It is also a way to keep in touch with members who may be experiencing some kind of difficulties and could use the help of the chapter in some way.

Central Oregon Chapter

As reported by Gary Miller, chapter representative, in December the chapter enjoyed a nice Holiday Party at which time they collected a donation of \$300.00 for a local needy family; they quickly found their donation “matched” by an anonymous donor with \$500.00, and another anonymous donation of one computer.

The Bend Airport will be having an open house on June 7, 2003, as a part of the “Wells Fargo Balloons Over Bend” being planned for June 7 & 8th. On Saturday evening, 6/7/03, an aerobatics act (Parker Johnson in his Citabria) will probably perform, and that evening there will be a hot air balloon display (Night Glow) such that pilots should not get in a hurry to leave on Saturday but stay on for the balloon activities. Wells Fargo will be sending their giant stage coach balloon!! During the festival, there will be shuttle service available from the airport to downtown Bend.

The chapter has become a member of the Bend Chamber of Commerce and is now involved with some of the planning for community events, etc.

Corvallis Chapter

Eastern Oregon Chapter

Mel Cross sent an e-mail saying that he will be unable to attend our meeting this month.

Jackson County Chapter

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Klamath Falls Chapter

Chapter President, Lindsey Dike, reported a good Holiday Party with 50 people attending.

The January chapter meeting had an attendance of 17 people. The January speaker was from the local military base and spoke about the recent expansion of the MOA's in the area. He also mentioned the frequent high speed overflights of the airport by military aircraft (in excess sometimes of 300 knots). He encouraged all pilots operating in the area to call "base operations" to learn when and where the MOA's may be "hot".

The base will have an open house on August 16th during which there will be military exercises and some F-15 demonstrations.

In March, the chapter will enjoy a spaghetti feed in Jim Bellet's hangar – to check on his RV aircraft project.

Lebanon Chapter

Chris Ruck reported that this chapter also had a very successful Holiday Party, and that their annual hangar lights display drew many visitors. For future meetings they are considering having "themed" potlucks – such as Cinco de Mayo . . .

Normally someone from the chapter attends the monthly local Chamber of Commerce meetings. At the last meeting, Darrin Griffin, from the Oregon Department of Aviation was the speaker. More hangars are going to be built by the state on the west side of the runway. The Lebanon Planning Commission wants to rezone the area to the west of the airport as a residential airpark - - there was some concern noted by board members that the residential area indeed remain an airpark, and not just another residential area with potential noise complaints.

Mulino Chapter

Incoming President, Eric Heublein, reported that the group shared their Holiday Party with the local EAA chapter and a lot of fun was had by all. The EAA chapter is working on building their own hangar at the airport.

Dave Gambel is the temporary FBO manager on the field, and uses a fuel truck to dispense fuel.

For chapter projects, the group is going to again sponsor a Relay for Life event (in conjunction with the American Cancer Society); they will be adopting a section of highway to keep clear of trash; they are planning a couple of poker runs with a Bar-B-Que at the end; and they will be sponsoring a needy family at either Thanksgiving or Christmas (or possibly both holidays).

The Blueberry Pancake feed will be the third weekend in July, as usual.

Polk County Chapter

President, Dennis Jackson, reported that they collected several hundred pounds of food for their annual holiday donation, and that their party was very successful. Also the group is interested in "adopting" an Oregon airport and will check with the Oregon Department of Aviation as to how to select an appropriate airport. The annual corn feed is questionable for this year, but the annual Memorial Day Fly In event is going on as usual.

TTD Chapter

Representing Chapter President, Joe Smith, Bob Hall thanked the Beaverton chapter and Amanda Woodruff for all the assistance rendered in setting up this new chapter. They average a meeting attendance of between 20 and 30 members.

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For projects this year the group has a representative at the monthly meetings of the Port of Portland where new airport-related security measures are being discussed – and a possibility for an airplane wash rack; they may possibly obtain the second floor of “Hangar One” for use as a clubhouse if they agree to fix it up and repair the stairs leading up to it; they are contacting hangar owners to see about setting up garbage dumpsters – one on the north side and one on the south side of the field; they adopted three families to support during the holidays; and they continue to monitor the talk of building a wind turbine at one end of the runway.

For fly outs, each member is to bring a suggestion for a fly out destination to the next meeting.

Yamhill Chapter

Corinne Bott for incoming President, Liz Wallace, that the group collected 32# of food and \$80.00 in cash donations for the F.I.S.H. program during their annual Holiday Party. Also the group is planning more of their monthly meetings around potlucks (per the suggestion last Board meeting of the Central Oregon chapter). The February meeting will be Take & Bake Pizza, the March meeting is the group’s annual Soup Potluck – and will feature Kieth Crimin from the FSDO in Hillsboro as speaker, the May meeting will feature baked potatoes with miscellaneous toppings, the July meeting will be the annual Bar-B-Que and possibly held in conjunction with the local EAA chapter, the September meeting will be a Salad Potluck, the November meeting a Thanksgiving Potluck, and December will be the annual Holiday Party.

The annual Airplane Wash will be held in McMinnville on June 22nd, on the same day that the Lions Club holds its annual Pancake Feed. Last year the group washed 22 airplanes in 6 hours.

The largest project for the chapter this year will be the NW Antique Aircraft Fly In on the weekend of August 15, 16 & 17th (this is the corrected date from that mentioned at the Board meeting). There is talk of sharing in a booth at the Fly In with the local EAA chapter. Chapter members are being asked to volunteer in assisting at the Fly In.

The chapter is planning on monthly fly outs, with one being a possibly over night camp out, and another being a flight to Seattle to tour the Boeing Museum. Chris Ruck indicated that some people from Lebanon may like to join in the Boeing Field fly out - - the two groups will coordinate a date.

FBO Chapter

Regional Directors:

Region 1: Southern Oregon

George Savord reported via e-mail that 3 members have left the Grants Pass chapter, and that there is talk of forming chapters at Prospect, Illinois Valley and Ashland. The Medford chapter currently has 80 members, and they remain involved in watching activities as hangar leases expire at the Medford Airport.

Region 2: Central & Eastern Oregon

Region 3: Portland Metro

Region 4: Oregon Coast

Randall Henderson’s report can be found in the January-February, 2003 Prop Wash. He mentions there that a traffic counter has been installed at the Seaside Airport so that the local businesses can monitor the frequency of traffic – i.e. potential business for local area merchants – that stop by the airport.

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Region 5: Willamette Valley

Jim Hutchins remains acting director for this region and would like to find a full time person to fill the position.

Officers Reports:

President

Mark requested that the airport flight tests that the chapters have been doing be turned in as soon as possible; the Oregon Department of Aviation is holding up publication of its directory until all the reports have been turned in.

There will be a subcommittee formed soon – to review “transient friendly” airports.

The Fly Guides, Inc. website directory was then discussed. The Board wants to be certain that our chapter members do not end up doing all of the work, while Fly Guides receives the profits. Supposedly Fly Guides wants to start small (3 or 4 Oregon airports). The pilots will fly to those airports, and writers from Fly Guides will do the writing about the attractions in those airports’ areas.

Past President

President Elect:

John Hsu briefed the group about his ideas for the 2003 Festival of Flight. During the Fly In, he would like to have a “Hangar Dance” around the theme of “Sentimental Journey” in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the First Flight at Kitty Hawk. John is searching for a band that would feature World War II music. Mary DeCanter of the 99’s is interested in possibly coordinating the Festival of Flight with the end of the “Oregon Trail Tour” flight also being done this year. Both events will be in Independence, Or. The Board would like to be certain that the Festival of Flight does not interfere with the McCall, ID fly in (first weekend in August).

Treasurer:

Gail Hill passed out the December 31, 2002 financial report. There was some discussion of the budgeted items, and some work done toward defining and budgeting for line items in the 2003 budget. It was moved by Dale Evans and seconded by Jim Hutchins that \$9000.00 be budgeted to the Membership Services line item. The motion carried. Note: after the lunch break, the motion was amended to read that it was moved and seconded that \$9000.00 be budgeted and contracted for payment of Membership Records Maintenance (line item # 5390) for the year 2003. The motion carried.

The audit committee reported that the group’s books are in order. The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

V.P. Legislative:

Jim Hutchins reported that the land use guidelines work that was done has not yet been approved. After final approval, the guidelines will be available to chapters upon request.

There are presently two bills that are before the legislature: 1) the Oregon Department of Aviation budget for the next biennium, and 2) a new fee Matrix for aircraft based next to state airport property to utilize state airports.

Pending bills include: 1) a bill that would allow enforcement of regulations requiring registration of both pilots and aircraft (through the Department of Revenue) and 2) rumor of a bill that would charge an additional \$1.00 per pilot via pilot registration forms to fund Civil Air Patrol activities. Presently aircraft registration funds to into the general fund and pilot registration fees go to fund search and rescue.

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Public Relations:

Amanda Woodruff is has been working with the Fly Guides, Inc. people who are talking about putting information about airports in the state of Oregon on their website. A representative from the company has been attempting a flight to this area to talk with Oregon Pilots Association members. The Fly Guides, Inc. company has already been working with AOPA via the internet to interface the websites with each other. The format is still being reviewed and advertising sponsorships are being sought. Discussions are in progress as to which airports to begin with: possibly Portland International, Salem, Eugene, etc. One of the board members suggested adding Bend Airport to the list.

Prop Wash:

Clarence LaCrosse suggested that the Board appoint a “greeter” to welcome new chapter presidents to the Board meetings. He also mentioned that publication deadlines for the Prop Wash are February 15th, April 15th, June 15th, August 15th, October 15th, and December 15th. He prefers to receive news items via e-mail.

Clarence asked if the group feels a need to appoint a “historian”; the group asked him to put forth the question in the next Prop Wash, and to ask if anyone is interested in applying for the position.

Membership

Helen Holman requested that each chapter notify her of their new slate of officers as soon as possible. Also each chapter should send the same officer listing to Clarence LaCrosse at the Prop Wash.

As to supplies, we are low on our supply of static cling decals, and have zero iron-on wings. Mark instructed Helen to restock both items.

Web Master

The new web master, Gary Miller now has the website passwords. He can be reached at gem@rellim.com and has had difficulties receiving e-mails through the previous site: webmaster@oregonpilot.org. Gary has asked that all of us keep him posted as best we can of news and changes in our respective chapters.

Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee – for 2004 nominations will be headed by John Hsu.

Membership & Chapter Development Committee – we are looking for volunteers for this committee.

Public Relations Committee – Amanda Woodruff notifies newspapers of OPA events.

Legislative Affairs Committee – Jim Hutchins wants to encourage chapter presidents to bring feedback from chapter meetings concerning state legislation to him or to Mark Trujillo.

Education Committee – we are looking for volunteers for this committee.

Audit Committee – did the annual audit of the Boards books and found no anomalies.

Awards Committee –

Safety Committee – chaired by Lindsey Dike

Mark asked that each committee be funded with \$100.00 to be able to buy coffee, supplies, etc. for committee meetings.

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There was a short discussion concerning the problem of distance when it comes to the treasurer being able to reinstate certificates of deposit as they expire, or to reinvest them elsewhere. The banks tend to require a signature of more than one officer for these types of transactions.

New Business:

Mark Trujillo is the new Airport Support Network volunteer for the Albany Airport. During the lunch break he showed a short film concerning aircraft approach and departure noises and how pilots can curb some of the noise "signature" left by the operations of their aircraft.

There was a discussion regarding fly outs; it was suggested that possibly OPA could do a state wide fly out each year, as is currently being done in New Mexico; a 2 to 3 day tour of one part of the state, stopping by several chapter locations. Other suggestions consisted of possibly a fly out to pick up fresh fruit (apples, pears, peaches) or even fresh salmon (Fly In Fruit/Fly In Fish).

Announcement

The central Oregon chapter will be doing a fly out to Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, WA for an overnight stay, in order to spend a session in the simulated altitude chamber on the base – probably some time in June. The "class" size is limited to 15 people and 5 people have signed up so far. The fee is \$50.00 plus pilot expenses of travel, meals and lodging. If anyone else is interested, contact Nancy Lecklider, Dale Evans, or Gary Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Next meeting:

Saturday, May 10, 2003

10:00 AM at Baker City Airport

Additional Meetings Scheduled:

Saturday, September 20, 2003

Oregon Air Fair, Albany, OR

ACTION ITEMS:

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| 1. Webpage | new central location for information re: flyouts, events, etc |
| 2. Chapter presidents | get names of new officers to Webmaster & Prop Wash |
| 3. Mark Trujillo | replace vacant Regional Directors positions |
| 4. Chapter presidents | complete airport flight testing for ODA directory |
| 5. Amanda Woodruff | meet with Fly Guide, Inc. representative |
| 6. John Hsu | continuing work on Festival of Flight 2003 |
| 7. Clarence LaCrosse | ask about volunteer "OPA Historian" in the Prop Wash |
| 8. Helen Holman | replace stock of supplies |
| 9. Mark Trujillo | assign chairpersons for subcommittees, meet with them |
| 10. Mark Trujillo | define objectives & goals for subcommittees |

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Bott, Secretary

