

**Oregon Pilots Association Meeting  
May 10, 2003  
Baker City, Oregon**

**OPA Board Meeting Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Trujillo, at 10:00 AM. Roll call was taken by the secretary. The agenda for the meeting was accepted as presented.

**Officers:**

NAME	OFFICE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mark Trujillo	President	X	
John Hsu	President-Elect		X
Dale Evans	Past President		X
Jim Hutchins	VP Legislative	X	
Corinne Bott	Secretary	X	
Gail Hill	Treasurer	X	
Helen Holman	Membership Services	X	
Amanda Woodruff	Public Relations		X
Gary Miller	Web Page Master		X
Clarence LaCrosse	Prop Wash Editor		X
Chris Ruck	ASEF Executive VP	X	

**Regional Directors:**

NAME	OFFICE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Region 1	George Savord		X
Region 2	vacant		
Region 3	vacant		
Region 4	Randall Henderson		X
Region 5	Jim Hutchins (Acting)	X	

**Chapter Presidents/Representatives:**

CHAPTER	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Albany	Jerry Wilkin		X
Beaverton	Karen Hollenbeck		X
Central Oregon	Nancy Lecklider		X
Corvallis	Jack Mykrantz	X	report by Mark Trujillo
Eastern Oregon	Mel Cross	X	
Grants Pass	Roy Hogg		X
Jackson County	Butch Milani		X
Klamath Falls	Lindsey Dike		X
Lebanon	Tom White		report by Bob Ruck
Lincoln County	Dennis Winningstad		X
Mulino	Eric Heublein	X	
Polk County	Dennis Jackson		
Scappoose	Scott Winegar		X
Tillamook	Tom Hendricks		X
TTD	Joe Smith	X	
Yamhill	Liz Wallace	X	report by FrankWallace

**Guests:**

TTD	Amy Hoover
Baker City FBO	Dennis Christensen

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### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

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

Guest and co-host, with Mel Cross, welcomed the group and expressed his appreciation to Mel Cross for all of his work on this event and also for his continuous support of the Baker City Airport.

### **Chapter Presidents Activity Reports:**

#### *Corvallis Chapter*

Mark Trujillo reported that the chapter is working hard on their annual Corvallis Airport Day event, to be held this year on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the airport. The Collings Foundation will bring in their B-17 for rides (the B-24 may not make it due to recent hail damage). There will also be some other war birds and other aircraft classics.

The FBO at the airport is active again and now conducting VFR and IFR ground schools.

In September the group is planning to again sponsor a “Fly the Kids Day” – this year probably taking them to the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville. The Museum has agreed to sponsor the admissions. Lunch after the event will be at the Corvallis airport. This years event will need to limited to 20 – 25 participants.

#### *Eastern Oregon Chapter*

Mel Cross reported that this chapter is not really into meetings and social events, but does have some active projects underway:

Fly In Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> –at Baker City featuring hopefully a Chinook helicopter that is making the rounds of Pendleton, Salem and Mountain Home, also a possible F-15 fly over, and they will have an old RAF WWII uniform on display.

Sluice Creek project – Dale Evans is looking for a way to get the strip re-opened. Also supporting him are a gentleman in Halfway who runs river trips, and the personnel at the Grangeville Forest Service office. They plan to compare notes with Amy Hoover who played a part in re-opening the Wilson Bar air strip on the Salmon River in Idaho.

Airport Grant – Mel is looking for a way of funding the possible purchase of a tractor and mower for weed control around the airport, and is approaching it as an airport safety issue.

Entry display – Mel is checking with the Air Force about bringing a retired aircraft to Baker City to be set up as a display at the entry to the airport. They are on the Air Force list for an upcoming aircraft. The cost is that of breaking the plane down, and the shipping. Once at Baker City, volunteers would reassemble the plane.

#### *Lebanon Chapter*

Chris Ruck reported:

Perimeter fence - around the Lebanon airport will be completed in mid to late summer, through the Oregon Department of Aviation.

5<sup>th</sup> annual Fly In - will be in conjunction with the Optimist Club Pancake Breakfast on July 12<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for colorful aircraft to put on display, the local radio and newspaper people will be there, and local celebrities will spend some time in the “outhouse” for the annual Flour Bombing contest.

Strawberry Festival – the group is again creating a float for the local parade. “Fly Fishing for Strawberries” will be the theme of the float this year.

Flight Instruction – the group has contacted Corvallis Aero to see if they could provide some flight instructors and do some business at Lebanon as a “satellite” out of their Corvallis operation.

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### *Mulino Chapter*

Eric Heublein, reported that the chapter has “adopted” Mulino Road as their project – they will keep it clear of garbage and would like to replace the “AIRPORT” sign on the highway. They have officially readopted the airport, and will be maintaining picnic tables near the FBO.

The chapter has had some pretty good fly outs – to Port Townsend and Siletz Bay,.

The annual Blueberry Pancake Feed will be the third weekend in July (July 19 and 20).

### *TTD Chapter – meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month*

Joe Smith welcomed guest, Amy Hoover, who is almost recovered from pneumonia. Amy is an expert in mountain flying and heads up the Aviation Department at Mt. Hood Community College.

The chapter has been experiencing good attendance at its meetings. Representatives are meeting with Port of Portland officials on May 12<sup>th</sup> for additional arrangements concerning a meeting place on the airport for the group. Hopefully they will have a place within 6 months or so.

The chapter is contacting aviation officials to see if a more precise instrument approach can be implemented for TTD airport; the present NDB approach leaves much to be desired.

### *Yamhill Chapter – meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month*

Frank Wallace reported that the chapter will have a Baked Potato Potluck at their next meeting – the chapter supplies the potatoes and the members bring interesting toppings.

The annual Airplane Wash will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at McMinnville Airport along with the annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast.

In July the chapter is planning a survival school along with a picnic. That meeting MAY be held in conjunction with the local EAA chapter meeting (EAA Chapter 1299).

The chapter’s largest project of the year is the Northwest Antique Aircraft Fly In being held Aug. 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> at McMinnville (it has moved from the Evergreen Airport in Vancouver, WA). They will have a booth at the event where they will sell items for fund raising, but more importantly will be looking for new OPA members – and are asking Clarence LaCrosse for additional copies of the Prop Wash to give out.

The chapter president, Liz Wallace, would really like to attend one of the board meetings – but works on Saturdays. The chapter has requested one Sunday board meeting, if possible.

## **Regional Directors:**

**Region 1: Southern Oregon**

**Region 2: Central & Eastern Oregon**

**Region 3: Portland Metro**

**Region 4: Oregon Coast**

**Region 5: Willamette Valley**

Jim Hutchins had nothing new to report.

There was some discussion about the Regional Director positions and the job description. Possibly 2 of the positions could be combined.

## **Officers Reports:**

### **President**

Mark Trujillo reported that he and Gail Hill attended the Aviation Day celebration at the State Capital in Salem. Newsletters were passed out, and the Oregon Dept. of Aviation gave out cookies. Glenn McDonald parked his aircraft on the capital steps (which made the TV news on Channel 2 in Portland).

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The “ground testing” of all Oregon airports has been completed. As promised, the Oregon Department of Aviation gave \$100.00 to the chapter development fund of the Klamath Falls chapter for testing the greatest number of airports. OPA will match that amount for the Klamath Falls chapter.

### **Past President**

#### **President Elect:**

Mark Trujillo reported for John Hsu that John will be moving and will need to tender his resignation from this position to be effective June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The Board will need to find someone to continue John’s work on the annual OPA Festival of Flight on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. So far John has been working on getting a Glenn Miller-style of band for \$450.00 that will play in the hangar for 2 hours. He is proposing having ballroom dance lessons from 6 – 7 PM, followed by a Bar-be-que and dancing from 7 – 9 PM. There would be a caterer to serve any alcoholic beverages, with a no host wet bar. Appetizers could be set out as early as 4 PM. He was looking for volunteers to shuttle fly ins from the airport to local Independence Motels on Friday evening. Saturday AM there would be a flour bombing contest and pancake breakfast.

Also needed to fill in for John will be someone to get the annual awards nominations underway. Nominations are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Awards are given out at the Festival of Flight.

#### **Secretary:**

#### **Treasurer:**

Gail Hill reported that membership income is “way down” from last year. She suggested that we need a major membership drive.

There was an oversight regarding this years budget; it was not formally accepted at the January meeting. It was immediately moved and seconded that the budget be accepted as presented – motion carried.

The treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

#### **V.P. Legislative:**

Jim Hutchins reported that Ann Crook was delighted to have her full budget passed through the committee process. The new building proposed for the ODA was pulled out of the budget for this biennium – it will be put up for further study.

There was some discussion about “FAM” grants (Financial Aid to Municipalities). The Oregon Department of Aviation can continue to match 5% of the funds granted.

The bill to support enforcements of Oregon pilot registrations and aircraft registrations did not make it through the committee process. The Oregon Pilots Association members are asked to promote pilot and aircraft registrations in Oregon, with special attention going to flight instructors asking them to support registering students prior to their first solo flight.

The bill to register aircraft every three years is “dying in committee”.

The float plane issues about newly exposed river bottoms and islands do not appear to be doing well either.

#### **Public Relations:**

Mark Trujillo reported for Amanda Woodruff that the OPA work for “Fly Guides” has not yet been completed on the thirteen airports selected for study. The incomplete airports were assigned to volunteers as follows: Joe Smith for Troutdale, Dale Evans for Sunriver and Bend, and Gail Hill for Independence and Salem. Mel Cross asked about adding Baker City to the list, and volunteered to do the review.

#### **Prop Wash:**

#### **Membership**

Helen Holman reported that we have 35 new members, but lost 39 members (5 of those due to death).

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**Web Master**

There was some discussion about the web site; it has not been updated since November and board members are concerned about the image projected. There has been a lot of work done on cleaning up old items so that the total size of the site has been reduced, thereby lowering our monthly charge. Gary Miller, the new webmaster, was not in attendance and it was suggested that possibly he could use an assistant. The board wants to help out in any way they can.

**LUNCH RECESS: AOPA Airport Watch Video Presentation**

**Standing Committees:**

Nominating Committee – headed by John Hsu as President Elect: no report. It was suggested that possibly Gwen Morrow might be interested in heading this committee.

Legislative Affairs Committee – Jim Hutchins has not found anyone who shows a desire to join the committee.

Backcountry Airstrip Foundation – Jim Bellett was not in attendance.

Sub-committee on by laws: to clarify positions of regional directors – no report.

ASN Roles – there was a discussion concerning Airport Support Network roles of AOPA.

Safety – Lindsey Dike has ideas and is looking to Washington State OPA for more ideas.

**Unfinished Business**

The next board meeting (fall) was set for Medford on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003 – per the request for a Sunday meeting by the Yamhill chapter. The location is tentative because we were unable to reach a member from Medford to confirm the arrangement.

It was also suggested that we have a very short board meeting at the Festival of Flight in August to conduct business ONLY about the ASEF scholarship.

**Guest Report**

Amy Hoover suggested that when looking for new members, we start looking at adjoining states – in particular Idaho, where the pilots have very similar interests to our own.

**New Business**

Joe Smith gave a very interesting presentation about Oregon Aviation Board operations and meetings. He also told us about F.A.M. grants and how they can be used.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

**Next meeting:**

Sunday, Sept 14, 2003      Medford Airport (tentative location)

**Additional Meetings Scheduled:**

August                                      Independence, OR      Festival of Flight

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

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| 1. | Mark Trujillo | Sluice Creek – contact Larry Craig concerning Wilson Bar in ID |
| 2. | Mark Trujillo | Description and number of Regional Director positions          |
| 3. | Mark Trujillo | replace vacant Regional Directors positions                    |
| 4. | Mark?         | Check on cooperative ASN networking with Phil Boyer            |
| 5. | Mark?         | Assign a nominating committee chairman                         |
| 6. | unassigned    | continuing work on Festival of Flight 2003                     |
| 7. | Mark Trujillo | define objectives & goals for subcommittees                    |

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Bott, Secretary

