

**Oregon Pilots Association Meeting
September 28, 2003
Medford, Oregon (Medford Air Service)**

OPA Board Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President, Mark Trujillo, at 10:10 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	
Vacant	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	report by Mark Trujillo
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	report by Dale Evans
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	X	report by Chris Ruck
Lincoln County	Dennis Winningstad		X
Mulino	Eric Heublein	X	
Polk County	Dennis Jackson		X
Scappoose	Scott Winegar		X
Tillamook	Tom Hendricks		X
TTD	Joe Smith	X	
Yamhill	Liz Wallace	X	report by Corinne Bott

Guests:

Bend Airport Committee	Ed Emfler
Corvallis Chapter	Tyler & Louise Parsons

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Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

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

Chapter Presidents Activity Reports:

Central Oregon Chapter

Dale Evans reported for Nancy Lecklider that the group has two or three airplanes going on fly outs each week; the pilots try to find “hitchhikers” to fly along with them and enjoy the fun.

Since there is no airport commission in Bend, an ad-hoc committee has been formed; the first project of the committee will be to formulate a mission statement for the airport.

One speaker at a chapter meeting was Bill Watson, FAA Regional Supervisor of Airports. Bill told the group about the obligations and grant assurances that go into effect when an airport accepts funding from the federal government.

Corvallis Chapter

Mark Trujillo reported that the chapter made a fair amount of money by giving airplane rides to the general public during the annual Corvallis Airport Day in June (the B-24 and B-17 aircraft were at the airport the same day).

The “Fly the Kids” program for this year had to be cancelled due to insurance issues on the part of the co-sponsor, the Corvallis Rotary Club. The plans had called for a flight to McMinnville Airport to visit the Evergreen Museum at no cost to the kids (the Museum was donating free admission to the kids).

Runway 9/27 at Corvallis will be closed for improvements for about two more months.

Jackson County Chapter

Butch Milani discussed airport “reversion policies” for hangar leases with the group. Jim Hutchins, OPA Vice President-Legislative, commented that reversions are common in real estate leases and that he has worked in the past with the Oregon Department of Aviation on similar issues. The Board is concerned that pilots at airports affected by these types of lease changes need support, and will be looking into what kind of a position the group should take on the issue.

Klamath Falls Chapter

Lindsey Dike reported that the Klamath Falls airport asphalt improvement project is running behind schedule. When the project is finished the airport will also have an airplane wash rack.

The airport Open House held in August was very successful with a good turn out. Other organizations involved included the 99's and the EAA chapter. There were F16's out of Washington DC, F15's out of Massachusetts, and F-18's from Canada. People were able to watch the “dog fights” via a radar screen.

On the Sunday after each chapter meeting, the group has a fly out with generally 4 – 6 airplanes participating.

The radar facilities at the Klamath Falls airport is only operational when the Kingsley jets are in the air – the area covered is a 30 mile radius from the airport, up to 11,000 feet.

Lindsey told the group about operations in the MOA's east of Klamath Falls. He gave several suggestions on how to transit the area, and how to learn if the MOA is “hot”.

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Lebanon Chapter

Chris Ruck reported that for chapter revenue the annual "garage sale" was again a success. Also the chapter is now in charge of keeping the airport grounds mowed (and will be reimbursed by the Or. Dept. of Aviation for the mowing).

Security fencing for the Lebanon airport is almost completed; the stakes are in the ground and the fencing will be attached shortly.

This year's pancake breakfast went very well, and the flour bombing of the local DJ's in the outhouse was again a very popular event. Spot landings were also popular as an event.

Note to all airport managers: city emergency plans need to show Oregon Department of Aviation as a contact in their documents, NOT the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Fly outs conducted by the chapter included: Leavenworth, WA; Van's RV's in Aurora, OR; and the Mulino Blueberry Pancake Feed.

Mulino Chapter

Eric Heublein, reported that the chapter has "adopted" Mulino Road as their project. They had a clean up day and followed it with a Bar-be-que prepared on the chapter's brand new grill. The event was covered by an article in the Portland Oregonian newspaper. The chapter also renewed their adoption of the Mulino Airport.

Interim manager of the Mulino Airport is Dave Gamble. Fuel is available at the airport via truck. The runway improvements on the north end (Runway 14) should be completed shortly.

The Blueberry Pancake Feed served record numbers of people including a motorcycle club, antique car fans, and locals. The American Cancer Society yard sale netted \$400 profit.

TTD Chapter – meets 3rd Monday each month

Joe Smith reported that the group ran a poker run that went to Mulino, McMinnville, etc. The winner of the run was a woman who had never played poker in her life!!

In August the chapter had their annual picnic at Glen Otto Park in Troutdale. The most popular event, other than eating, was the Frisbee golf game (greens fees were for fund raising), and betting was lively.

Yamhill Chapter – meets 2nd Monday each month

Corinne Bott reported that potluck meetings with the chapter providing the main dish (and charging) for it seem to draw increased attendance. Main dishes have included sub-sandwiches, pizza, etc.

The chapter's summer Bar-be-que was held jointly with the McMinnville EAA chapter in July. There are several members who belong to both groups.

The chapter's main event for this year was providing some of the volunteers to help with the Northwest Antique Aircraft group's annual fly-in, held this year at McMinnville instead of Evergreen Field in Vancouver, WA. Members worked as drivers for the hay wagons, gate ticket takers, etc. In return they were given booth space where they sold fans, bubbles in bottles, and ceramic piggy banks. The booth was also used to try to recruit new OPA members. Sales were skimpy.

For the October meeting, the chapter will again meet jointly with the EAA chapter. The speaker will be a man who was a technician on the SR-71 Blackbird (the newest exhibit at Evergreen's Museum in McMinnville).

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Regional Directors:

Region 1: Southern Oregon

George Savord reported that the Illinois Valley airport once again has a restaurant on the field. It is owned and operated by a group of several pilots.

The Prospect fly in was very successful.

The Grants Pass airport has received state Pavement Maintenance Program funds for runway and taxiway improvements.

The final discussion concerned the state Airport Manager's Association and some criticism's from various members of the Board about that group's tendency to favor large airlines as opposed to general aviation improvements at their airports. Raising airport revenues seems to be the main goal.

Region 2: Central & Eastern Oregon

Region 3: Portland Metro

Region 4: Oregon Coast

Region 5: Willamette Valley

Jim Hutchins suggested that this position is open, and another volunteer is needed.

President, Mark Trujillo, stated that the Board will need to meet prior to the November meeting (via telephone conference call) to determine what action the OPA needs to officially take (if any) concerning some of the latest airport management practices.

LUNCH RECESS: 1/2 hour

Officers Reports:

President

Mark Trujillo reported he has spoken with individuals in both Salem and in Grants Pass about starting new chapters. Chris Ruck offered to assist with the process, since she was involved in the addition of the Lebanon chapter, one of our most recent additions.

There was some discussion about the proposal to dump Level 3 effluent as a fertilizer on the Lakeside, OR airport (as is used on golf courses). The Board is concerned that the materials could be harmful to aircraft surfaces, and asked that someone check into it.

There is no OPA Chapter in the Eugene, OR area. Evidently the airport is proposing adding a parallel runway to the present north/south runway, and eliminating the cross-wind runway (03/21). The majority of general aviation operations occur on the cross-wind runway, and runway/taxiway incursions apparently occur the most frequently as related to the cross-wind runway. It was suggested that perhaps an ASN volunteer is needed to monitor the situation. Mark Trujillo suggested that perhaps this is an opportunity to start up a chapter in Eugene. The Board asked Mark (as the president of the 1555-member pilot's organization) to write a letter to Eugene officials to explain the importance of the cross-wind runway.

Since Medford possibly is looking at closing their cross-wind runway (9/27) also, Mark was asked to write the same letter to those city officials.

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Past President

Dale Evans suggested that perhaps OPA should recruit student pilots who are in the Naval ROTC program in the Bend area. He thinks there are approximately 30 students involved, and that at least a portion of them are interested in the flight portion of the program.

Helen Holman pointed out that presently students are welcomed into the group with no membership charge for the first year. They receive Prop Wash newsletters free, but no badges.

President Elect:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Gail Hill reported that membership income is “way down” from last year. Mark suggested that we concentrate on renewals – and make personal “face-to-face” requests to renew. It was also noted that memberships can be renewed for multiple years, but the GAN magazine can only be ordered one year at a time.

V.P. Legislative:

Jim Hutchins reported that the legislative bills and history will be posted on the OPA web site.

A guidelines committee has been set up to determine standards for the state to use while deciding whether to buy, sell, or otherwise manage a particular airport property. The committee will be looking for examples of good airport management structures.

Public Relations:

Prop Wash:

Membership

Helen Holman reported applications for membership (or renewals) can now be obtained off the website. Since there is a continuing drop in memberships, she suggested that members put out application forms at local airports.

Web Master:

Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee – headed by Dale Evans reported that nominations for 2004 are as follows:

President	Mark Trujillo
Secretary	Corinne Bott
Treasurer	Gail Hill
VP Legislative	Jim Hutchins

It was pointed out that there is also a need for a new “President-Elect” to work under the President for the year 2004. Mark will convene the executive board via telephone conference call to make that nomination. Also, Chris Ruck was nominated from the floor to be the new web master.

Legislative Affairs Committee – Jim Hutchins suggested that this committee is no longer needed and should be deleted.

Audit Committee – postponed until after year end.

Awards Committee – many thanks were sent to John Hsu for the tremendous job he did organizing the annual Festival of Flight at Independence. The hangar dance, spot landings, and flour bombing were particularly enjoyed.

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By Laws Committee - Jim Hutchins reviewed the by-laws and found nothing that he thought needed to be brought to the attention of the board.

Fly Guides – Dale Evans asked about progress on the project. It was reported that at least 2 of the airports that were “flight tested” have writers assigned to them and articles in the works. Also, the OPA website now has a link to the Fly Guides website.

ASN Roles – Mark Trujillo suggested that with proposed cross-wind runway closings, the Eugene and Medford airports could use ASN volunteers.

Safety Committee – Lindsey Dike was asked to write a safety-related column to be published in each edition of the Prop Wash newsletter.

Unfinished Business

The next board meeting (winter) was set for November 8th; tentatively to be hosted by the Beaverton chapter.

Suggestions for fly outs: each chapter spearhead a fly out for the entire state once per year. Ideas presented included poker runs, Frisbee golf, mystery flights, etc. Now that our website is up and running we hope to have more of the chapters publishing their upcoming events, including fly outs.

Guest Report

New Business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Next meeting:

Saturday, November 8, 2003 Hillsboro, OR (Beaverton Chapter hosting)

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Mark Trujillo convene Board telephone conference call-to focus on the process of revision process, not the outcome
2. Mark Trujillo letter to Eugene and Medford city officials: cross-wind runway closures
3. Mark Trujillo spearhead membership drive

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Bott, Secretary

Aviation Safety & Education Foundation Board Meeting
September 28, 2003
Medford, Oregon (Medford Air Service)

President Mark Trujillo called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. The group accepted the secretary's report of a quorum from the earlier meeting of the OPA Board.

The Finance Report from Gail Hill was accepted as reported. The donations to ASEF are way down ,but enough funds remain to award a scholarship.

Chris Ruck, the VP for the Air Safety and Education Foundation, reported that she has had no contract from Mike Meyers concerning the Ray Meyers Memorial Scholarship fund. There were not many entries for this year's Birthday Card contest conducted at grade schools, so the deadline has been extended for a while longer. Chris feels that interest is lacking somewhat due to the lack of availability of our website for distributing information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne Bott, Secretary