Our Mission
The Oregon Aviation Historical Society was incorporated in June 1983 through the efforts of a group of aviation enthusiasts who recognized the need to preserve Oregon’s rich aviation heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Its purposes are to collect, preserve, restore and exhibit aviation artifacts; to develop facilities for the restoration and preservation of artifacts, public viewing and exhibition of the collection; to establish and maintain an Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame; establish a resource center for Oregon aviation historical research and to disseminate information about Oregon aviation history.

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Homebuilt in Oregon!

As we continue our stories of homebuilt aircraft in Oregon, we bring you recent news from here in Cottage Grove. Dennis Reynolds and Donna Svoboda have dedicated the last four years to building two custom Bearhawk Patrol aircraft. The two planes received FAA approval in early 2017. The pair took off on their first flights January 25th and 26th. “I really enjoyed that first flight,” said Donna. A well-deserved enjoyment for so many hours of hard work.

The Bearhawk Patrol is a quick build kit plane. Though the wings and fuselage come fully built, there is still quite a bit of work involved before the planes can take flight. The two started in their home shop, and did not bring the planes to the Cottage Grove airport until they were nearly ready to complete. Both have ECI 0360 engines with an average cruising speed of 150mhp. Both utilize experimental composite constant speed propellers, a glass panel (though there is an airspeed steam gauge), as well as interiors done by Oregon Aero.

The fuselage and tail fabric are poly fiber covering and the wings have an aluminum covering. Fabric was completed by Dennis and Donna in their home shop. The planes have a gross weight of up to 2000 pounds and have a fuel capacity of 55 gallons. Burning roughly 11 gallons an hour. Because these are under experimental classification, the pair will have to fly 40 hours in each plane before they will be able to carry passengers.

Dennis has been a pilot since 1982, and Donna since 1989. While neither had ever thought that they would want to dive into this endeavor, the allure of an experimental aircraft, and the freedom that it allows, drew them both into the adventure of a lifetime.
Board of Director Elections

You have four directors up for re-election this year. Please review the information carefully. Members in good standing may vote for any or all of the candidates using the ballot printed on the back page of this newsletter. To vote, simply complete the ballot and mail it back to the OAHS in the envelope provided. Thank you!

Tim Talen – Tim is an award-winning historically correct restorer of early aircraft. He is the founder of the Oregon Antique & Classic Aircraft Club and the Oregon Aviation Historical Society. He was inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010. Tim currently serves as our Vice-President, is chairman of our Aircraft Operations Committee, and is in charge of our aircraft restorations.

Doug Kindred - Doug has been on the Board since 2000, and has been President since 2011. He is a 4th generation Oregonian with a deep appreciation for the history of aviation and Oregon’s role in that history. He is our resident tech-guru and keeps the computers, phones, and other gadgets working smoothly.

Wilbur Heath – Wilbur has been with the OAHS since the beginning. He has been an invaluable resource to the society, is a Lifetime member, and has served as both Vice President and President of the Board of Directors. He is currently the “go-to” guy here in Cottage Grove, assists at every event and around the History Center on grounds maintenance, and sits on the event committee.

Tom Cunningham – Tom has served on the OAHS board since the spring of 2014. He has many years of management experience and a deep interest in aviation. In his time with the OAHS Tom has acted as docent, helped out with group tours, and is currently helping with the 4th Annual Cottage Grove Wings & Wheels event committee.

Welcome Center Soon to Break Ground

Exciting News for the aviation community: The Cottage Grove Airport Welcome Center permits have been approved to begin construction! Groundbreaking is slated to begin mid March and we plan to have the Welcome Center ready by June 2017. The Welcome Center will have a much-needed bathroom; no more port a potty for Cottage Grove! To make your visit extra special, our lounge area will have information about restaurants, hotels, golfing, shopping, event information, museums, Row River Bike Trail, and more available for your enjoyment. There will be two bicycles available for use, and the city of Cottage Grove has provided a courtesy car as well.

In celebration of the Cottage Grove Airport Welcome Center opening, we have a special offer from one of our local restaurants to all pilots: A $25 gift certificate to Buster’s Main Street Café for only $12! That’s over a 50% savings to a restaurant that serves delicious meals for every palette. Taking advantage of this great offer will help support the newest addition to the aviation community and gives you another reason to experience Cottage Grove this summer.

Please send a SASE and $12 per gift certificate to: CG Welcome Center, OAHS
2475 Jim Wright Way
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
RANDOM FLIGHT

Just a few thoughts. This winter seems to be dragging on. I woke this Sunday morning to big flakes of snow. Didn’t stick, but gave me the inclination to climb back into bed. I didn’t, but I wasn’t happy. Thankfully coffee will cure just about anything. The one thing that cheers me up more than coffee, is thinking of the upcoming events for this summer. Leading off is Wings ’N Wheels, June 24th. Things are moving along nicely and we hope to have the unveiling of Dick Van Grunsven’s RV-3 replica. If you or anyone you know would like to participate either as an exhibitor or volunteer for this event, please call or email and we will gladly get you signed up.

As we begin to think of our flying season, I’m hoping some of you will be willing to sign up as docents on Saturday’s. Though we are now open Tues-Friday during the week we will still be opening for Saturday visits as of May. I realize our membership is made up of people from around the state, but I can safely say it is a very rewarding experience.

Also, we are looking for some nice seats for the media room which is nearing completion. We were looking for some airline seats but anything that looks comfortable would be nice.

Wishing you tailwinds,
Doug Kindred, President

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Restoration Update!

Tim Talen and the restoration crew have been incredibly busy the last few weeks. Just recently they completed the rib stitching on the bottom wing and ailerons of the Springfield Cadet! The cadet biplane was designed and built by Jim McManimin in Springfield, OR in 1931. It was an original design home built aircraft but was dubbed the “Baby fleet” due to is resemblance of it’s full size counterpart. The Cadet was later owned by local motorcycle dealer Clarence Seville and spent many flying hours over Eugene and Springfield… it’s even rumored that Clarence landed it on W 11th! It was last owned by Oregon native Clyde Blakely and it spent many days flying off Walker airfield just south of Creswell, OR. The OAHS acquired the aircraft in 2003 and has been diligently working to restore this craft to static display.

Stitched ailerons awaiting tape
Finishing Tape application to bottom wing
OREGON AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

Return your ballot in the envelope provided. You must be a member in good standing, and you may vote for any or all of the candidates. Indicate your selection with a ✓ next to the candidate’s name.

_____ Tim Talen, Jasper       _____ Doug Kindred, Eugene
_____ Wilbur Heath, Cottage Grove   _____ Tom Cunningham, Creswell

Ballots must be received by the OAHS no later than April 8, 2017

Vote for write-in candidates here. Write-in candidates must give written permission, which the Secretary must have received by March 11, 2017 in order to receive votes. Write in the candidate’s name and residence location, and put a ✓ next to the name.

To vote: complete the ballot above and return to the OAHS in the envelope provided.

To RSVP for the annual meeting: complete the form below and return to the OAHS in the envelope provided.

If a secret ballot is not important to you (only Cassandra will know who you voted for): complete both sections and return the page.

Or do it all on PayPal: go to oregonaviation.org/about-us and click on the PayPal icon. On the PayPal donation page you will see a “Notes” section where you can indicate how many annual meeting RSVPs you are paying for, the names of the attendees, and which board candidates you wish to vote for.

OREGON AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: April 8, 2017                        Time: Doors open at 12:30, lunch at 1:00
Location: Oregon Aviation History Center, 2475 Jim Wright Way., Cottage Grove      Cost: $15 per person

_____ Yes, I am attending. Please reserve _________ seats for my and my guest(s)

Attendee Names (please print clearly so we can make accurate name badges for everyone):

____________________________________________________________________________________
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Payment Options:   _____ Enclosed is a check for $_______ for _________ attendees
Choose one (circle one)   _____ I am paying with my MC or VISA for ______ people
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Card Number ____________________________ exp. date ________________

_____ No, I cannot attend this year.