Our Mission
The Oregon Aviation Historical Society was incorporated in June 1983 by 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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A tireless promoter of aviation and a dedicated builder, Jim Wright was a true visionary. He was known as a community supporter and friend to many.

It has been said the difference between a “pilot” and an “aviator” is that a pilot is a technician, while an aviator is an artist in love with flight.

Jim Wright was a skilled aviator who had a passion for preserving aviation history and the exhilaration of high-speed flight.

It is an honor for the OAHS Board of Directors to add James L. Wright to the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame at this year’s OAHS Annual Membership Meeting.

Saturday, May 2, 2020
12:00 Noon

If you have memories or thoughts to share about Jim, please email them to the OAHS office to include in the program.
Greetings,

WOW, it’s March already and I just learned daylight savings starts next weekend the 8th. So much to do and so little time!

We are getting things ready for the annual meeting and the induction of Jim Wright into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame. I hope you will plan on attending. Jim was a very important part of the Cottage Grove airport and his loss left a big hole in the heart of this place. Check this newsletter for more info.

We are making progress on the 2021 project. The restoration of the Wimpy is moving right along and the Great Lakes will move up to Tim’s place to finish up the sheet metal work. Hopefully we’ll see it fly this year. We are in the fund raising mode so if you have some spare change laying around please send it our way. We will be taking 6 aircraft to Oshkosh next year. Three will fly and 4 will be trailered. Funds are needed to cover fuel costs, food, and lodging for the crew. At this time we are figuring about a Thousand dollars per plane. Keep watching our web site for the latest news.

Until the next time, keep the shiny side up.

Doug Kindred
President

Keep up to date on all events/activities at OAHS at
www.facebook.com/OregonAviationHS
Or
www.OregonAviation.org
The Purple Pen

This month marks one year of my service as the Executive Director here at OAHS. Whew! What a year!

I have learned, stretched and grown so much! I truly hope to have increased awareness and support for our mission of “Preserving Oregon’s Aviation Heritage for Future Generations.” I have always felt it is my purpose to deliver—over a prolonged period of time—meaningful, measurable and financially sustainable results for this organization.

Looking back over the past year I see, (besides my enlightenment about aircraft) new relationships forged, events championed, new projects begun and lots of facility maintenance issues completed.

Looking forward, I’m anticipating increased visitor activity and tourism as new guests are made aware of our facility and visit the museum. This huge undertaking, the 2021 Oregon Aviation Centennial Project, promises added and expanded displays for the future in the museum. This project will result in heightened awareness of the facility throughout the Willamette Valley, the state and even the Nation because we are making the trip to Oshkosh, Wisconsin in July of 2021.

This is great fun and you can be a part of this incredible project that honors many Oregonians like Jim Wright and their contributions to the field of aviation. It’s as simple as sponsoring an antique aircraft for the journey. Stop in and see what all the excitement is about soon and become a part of Oregon’s Aviation History!
Dates for this year’s Pancake Breakfasts have changed.

Be sure to write these dates on your calendar and come join us for the best pancake breakfast in town!

All Pancake Breakfasts: 9:00-12:00

(Free Admission for children under 12 years)
Cost for Breakfast = $6 each—“All-You-Can Eat”

May 2
June 6
July 11
August 1 & August 29

The 7th Annual Cottage Grove Wings & Wheels is Almost Here!

We are so excited to announce that the 7th Annual Wings & Wheels event will be Saturday, June 27th at OAHS. We had a great turn out last year, so if you want to display your car, truck, motorcycle, or airplane and you have not yet submitted a registration form, hop to it! We have a limited number of prime exhibit spots.

We also need volunteers to help during this fun event, so if you’d like to volunteer (and get in for free!) let us know. Registration and sponsorship forms are on the Events page of the website. And of course there is the 42nd Annual Stearman Fly-In on August 1.

Here we go!

Soon, Jim Wright’s photo will join these famed Oregon Aviators in the official Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame.
2021 Project Update

These are the sites that will be visited by the exhibit:

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<td>Hood River, WAAAM—Sept. 10-12</td>
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<td>Large-scale event on Capitol Mall, Fly-in at airport, shuttle to Capitol, Workshops, Exhibits &amp; live entertainment!</td>
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What part do you want to play in this exciting adventure? 
You could sponsor a plane to become part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

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Your EAA Chapter can sponsor a plane today!

You could have your very own commemorative replica License Plate!

Show your support for Oregon’s contributions to the field of aviation with a fun collectible license plate.

- Designed like the original Oregon State Department of Aviation’s plates
- Limited quantity available for collectors or gifts

Watch for more details—coming soon!
## 2020 OAHS Event Calendar

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All Pancake Breakasts: (Free Admission for children under 12 years) $6 each—“All-You-Can Eat”

☐ YES—I want to help preserve Oregon’s aviation past for future generations. Please renew or enroll me as a member of OAHS at the following level (check one):

☐ Contributor $100/yr  ☐ Sustaining $50/yr  ☐ Family $35/yr  ☐ Associate $25/yr

Name (please print) ___________________________________________ Date ________________

Home phone (_____)_______________________ Email ______________________________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State ___________ Zip _______________________

**Remit to:** Oregon Aviation Historical Society, 2475 Jim Wright Way, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

- Associate membership includes: One admission to a pancake breakfast + 10% discount at OAHS gift shop
- Family membership includes: Two admissions to a pancake breakfast, 10% discount at OAHS gift shop
- Sustaining membership includes: Two admissions to a pancake breakfast, two entry’s to Wings & Wheels, & 10% discount at OAHS gift shop
- Contributing membership: All benefits of Sustaining & OAHS T-shirt of your choice.

Volunteer Here!

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