OREGON AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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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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The Purple Pen
Greetings Friends,
I want to wish you all a special and blessed holiday season. Nine months, that’s how long I’ve served here at OAHS. Wow! Time sure flies when you’re having fun!

This is certainly an enjoyable place to be. Tuesday’s group gathers around the table and I learn more about aircraft, flying and their personal stories each week. Wednesdays mean the arrival of Annette, a steadfast volunteer who wants to ensure our archive materials are respectfully organized for storage. Fridays are called “Restoration Days” when I learn from another group of folks who focus on the OAHS restoration projects. They are committed to completing museum displays and returning some of our planes to flying status.

Any day can bring guests to the museum—I always learn from visitors, while gaining new friends for the organization. This is a very friendly place and it is a joyful privilege to be a part of the story here.

Thank you for reading the OAHS story that fills the pages of this newsletter and I sincerely hope you find it informative and engaging. I invite you to contact me with ideas you’d like to see covered in future issues.

Janice Scanlon
Executive Director

It’s time for Your Membership Renewal

Your membership in OAHS will expire on Tuesday, December 31. So, be sure to complete the membership form on page 6 this newsletter and send in your payment ASAP so you don’t miss out on any of the latest and greatest things happening here.

Have you moved? Make sure we have your current mailing address.
Write to:
2475 Jim Wright Way
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
or send an email to:
oregonaviation.org@gmail.com
Greetings,

This will be the last column for 2019. I want to thank our board and the many volunteers that made this past year a success. Also, Thanks to Janice Scanlon who came aboard during a period of dis-array and smoothed the operation out. I’m sure that wasn’t easy. And more than anything, all the people who visited during our events this past year. Here’s hoping next year will be even better for the museum and all of you out there.

The holidays are upon us and 2020 is fast approaching. I hope you’ll check our web site frequently for updates on upcoming events. We’re in the beginning phase of planning the centennial celebration of the Oregon Department of Aviation. February 11, 2021 marks 100 years of aviation history in Oregon. One of our goals is to make an appearance at Air Venture 2021 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin with 6 aircraft tied to Oregon’s rich history.

One of the six will be Tex Rankin’s Great Lakes bi-plane. The other five will be aircraft from the Beaverton Outlaw era. This will be a great showcase for Oregon’s rich aviation history. A reminder that it’s time to renew your membership and I hope you will think about a small donation. Feel free to specify a specific restoration project or just for the general fund. Donations are tax deductible since we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Thank you and we wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Doug Kindred
President
OAHS Needs YOUR Donations

At OAHS, “What is the history of experimental aircraft in Oregon?” is more than a question. It’s our mission: to explore and investigate, preserve and share the infinite details that describe Oregon’s aviation pioneers and make their stories meaningful to so many.

There’s only one place in Oregon where the state’s aviation past meets present, and the future is around the corner. Donate to OAHS today and help us continue to share the important and unique stories of these aircraft building and flying pioneers for many years to come.

Please make your year-end, tax-deductible donations today — Easily & Conveniently....Just use PayPal.

Did you see the article about our friend, and board member, Wilbur Heath, in the Creswell Chronicle? You can read the interview with Wilbur at www.chronicle1909.com/story/2019/11/28/news

Keep up to date on all events/activities at OAHS at www.facebook.com/OregonAviationHS

Or www.OregonAviation.org

Where can you find extraordinary one-of-a-kind gifts for your aviation enthusiast?
In the OAHS Gift Shop & Ebay!!

Find unique gifts, parts, or special memorabilia!
Ebay Seller: OregonAviation

OAHS T-shirts & Books

So you can shop and help OAHS while also giving meaningful gifts this year.

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Black Cats and Outside Loops
Ted Hanish, Aviation Author

Forward by Betsy Politte

Ebay Seller: OregonAviation
He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk, I had run out to him with my best set of chocks.

He was dressed all in fur, which was covered with frost And his beard was all blackened from reindeer exhaust His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale And he smoked on a pipe, but he didn’t inhale.

He had a broad face and his armpits were smelly, And his boots were as black as a cropduster’s belly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old fool, And he kindly informed that he needed some fuel. A wink of his eye and a twist of his toes, Led me to know he was desperate to powder his nose.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work, And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.

He came out of the restroom with a sigh of relief, And then picked up a phone for a flight service brief. And I thought, as he silently scribed in his log, That with Rudolph, he could land in eight-mile and fog.

Next, he completed his preflight, from the front to the rear, Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, “Clear!” And laying a finger on his push-talk, He called up the tower for his clearance and squawk. “Straight out on two-zero,” the tower called forth, “And watch for a Cessna straight in from the North.”

But I heard him exclaim, ‘ere he climbed in the night, “Happy Christmas to all, I have traffic in sight.”

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Sure that it was only Horizon’s late Dash. Then he called his position, and there could be no denial, “This is St. Nicholas One.” and “I’m turning on final.”

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, A Rutan sleigh, and eight Rotax reindeer.

He flew the approach, on glideslopes he came, As he passed all fixes, he called them by name: “Now Rengo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun! On Comet! On Cupid!” What pills was he takin?

Those last couple of fixes left controllers confused, They called down to the office to give me the news, The message they left was both urgent and dour; “When Santa lands, could he please call the tower?”

He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking. Then I heard “Exit at Charlie,” and “Taxi to parking.” So up to the offices the coursers they flew. With loud airplane noise, and St. Nicholas, too.

By Phyllis Moses

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Twas the Night as the Night…

Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp, Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ. The aircraft were fastened to tiedowns with care, In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots While peak gusts from two-zero reached 39 knots. And I at the fuel desk, now finally caught up, Had just settled comfortably, down on my butt. When over the radio, there arose such a clatter, I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.

A voice clearly heard over static and snow, Asked for clearance to land at the airport below. He barked out his transmission so lively and quick, I could have sworn that the call sign he used was “St. Nick.”

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Come Visit for the Holidays!
The museum hangar is open Tuesday—Friday, 10am—4pm
(Closed only Dec. 25 & Jan. 1)
2021 Project Update

2021-The Oregon Aviation Experience

On February 11, 1921 the Oregon Department of Aviation was born—the first aviation department in the entire nation! Aviation pioneers in the state made numerous contributions to the field of aviation. OAHS is organizing a team of sponsors, donors and volunteers to celebrate the 2021 centennial birthday in a big way. To inform and educate people about these pilots, home builders and their amazing contributions there will be a traveling exhibit, various multi-media presentations and an entire historical documentary film. Three planes will fly and three planes will be transported to several locations along with displays of historical artifacts and informative exhibitions to tell the remarkable Oregon story.

OAHS staff and Tim Talen have met with the Department of Aviation and other potential partners over the past two months, planning the “travelling museum” and developing the partnerships necessary to making this vision a reality.

You could sponsor one of these planes!

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Contact OAHS today to learn how YOU can participate in creating this phenomenal project!

Find your place at OAHS!

Volunteers Needed

OAHS is unique for the stories gathered here are collected nowhere else. The magnificent tales of Oregon’s aviation pioneers are celebrated here. Find these matchless stories here—entertaining and educational narratives—you will not be disappointed. Have fun, join in. Seek your best fit and contribute to the story being created here. All restoration work, every decision, all leadership and the event planning is done by volunteers. You’ll fall in love with this place, just as I have!
2020 Event Calendar

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<td><strong>Saturday, 29th:</strong> The Great Oregon Homebuilt Festival &amp; Pancake Breakfast</td>
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All Pancake Breakfasts: (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 _______________

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.

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