A New Display at OAHS!

A Montana Mailplane:
A 1928 Stearman C3B
Why do we call it “Special?”

You are looking at a vestige of a bygone era—when flying was accomplished in an open cockpit biplane with wooden wings and fabric for covering! At the time this aircraft was introduced—in 1928—powered flight was only 25 years old.

Now, in retrospect, this aircraft is 92 years old and we have seen tremendous strides in air travel. As a time machine this old biplane is a window to our past. The National Parks Airways was Montana's first airline and this aircraft is the only one left that flew the old airmail route. And now this historic Montana Mailplane is the last remaining C3B Special—and that’s Special!

This aircraft was restored over the past 30 years, by our resident master restorer, Tim Talen.

You can visit this plane in person — on display at the museum.

Have you moved?
Do we have your current mailing address?
Send info/changes to:
2475 Jim Wright Way, Cottage Grove, OR 97424
or send email to: OregonAviation.org@gmail.com
It’s June!! Normally that would be cause for celebration. This has been a rough spring. I hope this finds all of you in good health and spirits. These last weeks have really put a damper on our upcoming summer. The board has been frantically looking for alternate dates for our usual events. We are hoping to merge Wings N Wheels with our Great Oregon Homebuilt Fly-in at the end of August. Also trying to work with the Jim Wright Stearman Fly-in folks to make that happen on the first of August. All of this in the shadow of preparations for the Big Show next year to celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Oregon Department of Aviation.

So much to do and so little time! On that note, we are looking for sponsors and donations to underwrite the cost of traveling to Oshkosh with our traveling museum display. Three aircraft flying and three on trailers—plus the expenses of the crew to support it.

Keep watching our web site for updates and I hope to see you this summer.

Doug
The Purple Pen

This has been a season of “adapting.” There are few in-person visitors because we were closed for a couple of months and in Phase II, even with an open sign on the door, ready to greet visitors wearing masks, few have stepped through the door.

There was the young man with lots of questions about engines. Then, there was the guest from another museum checking out the displays. But, few people want to venture in due to fears of the COVID germs. Events have been planned, cancelled, then planned again according to the Governor’s guidelines. Here at the museum we are cleaning a lot and adhering to all the business requirements to open our doors.

So, my thoughts and reading has turned to studying about “virtual tours” of museums. Yes, I know I’m a bit behind the learning curve on this. But, remember, this is a one-person shop.

Watch your email and our website for additions of these “virtual” tours of our exhibits and displays.

Much of my time is spent seeking funding. I seek out grants, donations and now, I’m busy filling and shipping license plate orders.

Oh, yes, check out the wonderful fundraising project created by board member, John Barrong. I can assure you, this is a one-of-a-kind collectible, available no where else!

See you soon!

Janice Scanlon

Restoration Update:

Wimpy: The wings are nearly done, (welding, tinwork, sanding, etc.) and next step is fabric. An original style rudder bar has been installed and tested.

Tex & Dorothy’s Great Lakes: The engine cowling is well underway, with side panels and top cowl nearly complete. Making progress!

Do you build, weld or do fabric work? Join our restoration crew! Every Friday at the OAHS Restoration Hangar.

There are new decals available at the museum, featuring the new logo—two versions—a regular decal—or a vinyl cling for inside of windows. Stop in and check them out!
Stearman planes will fly to Cottage Grove for the 42nd Annual Stearman Fly-In on August 1. We will also be honoring a local hero, Jim Wright during this year’s event.

The 7th Annual Cottage Grove Wings & Wheels is being combined with the Great Oregon Homebuilt—we hope!

We are so excited to announce that the 7th Annual Wings & Wheels event will be Saturday, August 29, 2020 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.

OAHS For Sale Items:

One of the key methods of fundraising for the operation of the museum is through the sale of surplus, or donated items. Look below for information about some of these items currently for sale.

YOUR NEXT PROJECT • $750 • FLYBABY - Made to look like a Boeing P-26! Fuselage Well along. No Wings

ACCEPTING OFFERS • 1937 REARWIN "SPORTSTER" Ken-Royce 5F 90HP Needs final engine work and license.

REARWIN SPEEDSTER REPLICA PROJ • $20,000 • Core Menasco D4-87 engine, very complete kit.

BABY GREAT LAKES PROJECT • $2,900 • Wings Done, Fuselage Welded, On Gear

A Collection of Vintage Joe Milich Framed Aviation Prints • $20 ea. Signed, Professionally framed Art Prints, by Joe Milich

OAHS Has a huge collection of art prints for sale — of particular interest to everyone devoted to the study of aviation

Books, Books and more Books! & Collectible Magazines—about pilots, for pilots and just-for-fun!
2021 Project Update

Who would have known how the virus we all now protect ourselves from would have so many far-reaching implications? The celebration of the 100 years birthday of the Oregon Department of Aviation is going to take place without the Department of Aviation because the department is dependent upon fuel tax. No flights = no fuel tax. So the ODA is having to step back from the plans they had for this Centennial Celebration.

However, the Oregon Aviation Historical Society is proceeding with the plans to let the world know the contributions Oregon pioneers have made to the field of aviation over the past 100 years.

The 2021 Project continues: Planes are being restored by critical volunteers, museum appearances are being planned at several key Oregon locations as well as the display at Oshkosh in July 2021.

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 airplane license plate.

- Designed to look just like the original Oregon State Department of Aviation’s plates from 1921
- The number “100” signifies 100 years of Oregon’s amazing aviation history
- The birthday year for ODA was 1921. Thus, 2021 commemorates 100 years of existence.
- Limited quantity available for collectors or gifts for friends and relatives

Show your support Donate just $100 to the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and we will send you one of these collectible plates. (shipping = $10)

You can mail your donation, or conveniently and safely donate to OAHS online using PayPal.
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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