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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OAHS Now Has Ten Oregon Heritage Homebuilts in Our Collection!

In 1929, twins, Don and Dale Holmes, at the young age of 17, built their own glider in a shed on their farm. Over the years, at Bernard’s Field, this plane received many modifications to the fuselage, wings and three different tail designs.

It was, at first, a glider, then the brothers approached Les Long and asked that a Harlequin Long B87 motor be added (in 1934). These young men flew with the Beaverton Outlaws with OR license plate #13 and CAA registration number N10675.

Dale and Don (who never held pilot certificates) built their own propellers by first using a double-bit ax and finishing them with a draw knife and planer. Not able to acquire all the gauges they needed to fill the instrument panel, the boys used decals to represent an oil pressure gauge and tachometer. They fashioned their own real tachometer, complete with a hand-drawn face. It’s on display in the OAHS Library.

These brothers most often flew from Beaverton to Aurora, Newberg, Sherwood, Hillsboro, Middleton, and Cornelius, Oregon. Flying regularly over an 8-year period, the monoplane was last flown on April 04, 1946.

There is a wonderful story, entitled “The Holmes Northrup Airplane” in the September, 2010 Issue of Vintage Airplane.

Next time you visit the museum ask to see this amazing piece of history.

Collection of Oregon Heritage Homebuilt Aircraft at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society:

1. Everly Whiffle Hen
2. Holmes Glider/monoplane
3. Longster Anzani
4. McManimen BiPlane
5. Muessig P-1
6. PSE Racer
7. Rupert Special
8. Smith BiPlane
9. Wimpy
10. Yates Geodetic Fuselage
RANDOM FLIGHT

Greetings.

I hope everyone is starting to get the holiday spirit. What a year it's been. I don't know about you but I'm trying really hard to be positive. As I'm writing this, our “powers that be” have announced a two week shut down. That's enough of my pity party. Time to think ahead and send this year out with a bang.

Next year will be very important! It marks a milestone in, not only Oregon's history, but the nation as well. On February 11, 1921 Oregon was the first state to create a Department of Aviation. Rules and regulations were enacted to test and issue licenses to pilots.

Prior to the war Oregonians designed, built and flew after obtaining a license to fly within the state. After the war—during which all general aviation aircraft were grounded—the federal government restricted home built aircraft. So, in 1947 an Oregon pilot flew his home built craft from Troutdale, Oregon to Washington DC and lobbied congress to create what became the Experimental category.

Before this virus hit, plans were made to raise funds for a celebration around the state and a trip to the big show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to show off five historic Oregon homebuilts and Tex Rankins' Great Lakes bi-plane. The event is next July so we still plan to do it but we could definitely use some help. Donations to sponsor the planes are needed. All of our fund raising events were canceled this past summer so we are way behind.

There is so much more history to see at our museum and on our web site. We are open by appointment during the winter Tuesday through Friday and some of us board members can be happy to even be available on Saturday, or even Sunday.

The board and volunteers want to wish everyone the Happiest of Holidays and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Doug Kindred
Board President
Just released—Judy Wagner Black’s Book about her father, Harold Wagner. This book is available for purchase at OAHS and on Amazon.com. This would be an ideal gift for the pilot or dreamer among us.

From the first page, this biographical portrait of Mr. Wagner is riveting. Beginning with a Helen Keller quote, “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all,” Judy has captured the daring and courageous adventure that was her father’s life. Many Oregon pilots are conscious of this gentleman’s life-long exploration of flight and his very innovative experimental “Wild Twin” designs (see picture at left). A big thank you goes out to Judy for not only her book, but also her donation of all Harold’s logbooks, photos and memorabilia. This is a wonderful treasure for our archives and worth exploring. His inspirational spirit lives on at OAHS.

2020 Gift Ideas at OAHS!

One of the key methods of fundraising for the operation of the museum is through the sale of surplus, or donated items. Look at [www.OregonAviation.org](http://www.OregonAviation.org) or on [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com) for the items currently for sale.

**Aviation Art Prints, Books, Books and more Books! & Collectible Magazines**—about pilots, for pilots and just-for-fun!

A Texaco collectible of the 1940 Grumman Goose makes an excellent gift for aviation enthusiasts.

**It’s Membership Renewal Time!**

Associate, Family, Sustaining, and Contributing members, it is time to renew your supportive participation in OAHS.

A member believes in the mission of OAHS.

A member supports the mission and wants to link arms with others of like mind to grow the mission.

A member wants to see OAHS grow well into the future.

A member is the “first to know” about OAHS news, and eagerly participates in leading the organization through voting and input to board members.

Memberships can be paid with check or by using the “Donate” button on any page of the OAHS website, which will take you to our PayPal page. Simply indicate in the memo section what your payment is for (membership, one of the restoration funds, etc.) in order for your payment to be correctly processed. If you have any questions, just contact me at oregonaviation.org@gmail.com or 541-543-1068 and I’ll help you sort it out. Thanks, and have a great holiday season!

Janice

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**Year End Giving**

This time of year we all start thinking about how we can best support the causes and organizations we hold dear, and we want to make that process as easy and as meaningful for you as we can. There are many ways you can support our ongoing mission to preserve Oregon’s unique aviation history: renewing your membership, making a generous year-end gift, donating sellable items such as cars or aircraft, or remembering us in your will. If you have any questions about bequests, auto/aircraft gifts, or how to designate your year end gift for a specific project, please give us a call. And don’t forget that all your gifts are tax deductible.

On March 27, the President signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. The bill provides increased tax incentives for charitable giving to stimulate philanthropy throughout America.

**If you Itemize:** The adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash contributions was increased for individual donors. For cash contributions made in 2020, you can now elect to deduct up to 100 percent of your AGI (increased from 60 percent).

**Not itemizing?** The CARES Act allows for an additional, “above-the-line” deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to $300. If you are not itemizing on your 2020 taxes, ask your preparer about claiming this new deduction.

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**You could have your very own commemorative replica License Plate!**

**Funds from the sale of these plates support the 2021 Project**

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 (only 100 were printed)

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

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

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**Have you moved?**

Make sure we have your current mailing address!
Write to us at OAHS 2475 Jim Wright Way Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or send an email to: oregonaviation.org@gmail.com

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2021 Project Update

We have been working hard on getting the participating airplanes restored in the midst of a funding shortfall. Perseverance has paid off as we watch these amazing examples of Oregon Heritage Homebuilts come back to life. We continue to seek out corporate funding but have come to rely on our members for their incredible assistance.

Restoration Projects Update:

Wimpy: As you can see in the photo on the right, both wings have been covered. A few items on the fuselage need to be completed before fabric can be applied to that surface. Our Story 1 restoration team of Mark, Scott and Tim, are helping by finishing tapes and base coats on the tail surfaces.

Story 1:

A volunteer team of three (Mark, Scott and Tim) have are busily making progress on covering and painting the surfaces. The engine has been delivered and instrumentation and hookups can now commence.

Tex & Dorothy’s Great Lakes:

The sheet metal work continues with the side panels completed. The cowls with custom-made louvres have been carefully crafted by Jakonah. Work continues at a steady pace as our volunteers are available.

Story 1 Wish List

Still needed for this restoration:
Flying wires, New tires, Instruments, Magnetos and an exhaust system

Approximate amount needed to finish this aircraft for display and participation in the 2021 Project is $6,000.

You could designate your year-end gift for OAHS to the Story 1 Restoration.

Do you want a program or presentation for your EAA Chapter or other club? Just contact us. We’re available to do Virtual Presentations concerning many of the topics you read about here.
WIMPY: A Personal Perspective

Despite all the challenges of a crazy year exciting things are still happening at OAHS as we are moving forward on restoration of the Great Lakes, Wimpy and Story 1. My Dad would be very happy to see the progress on Wimpy which was his first airplane and a significant part of Oregon aviation history. It has become a family project in the last year as my husband Dennis has donated many hours under the direction of Tim Talen and with the help of our newest team member, Tim Fagen. It is now in the fabric covering stage. I would like to repeat my thanks to all who have donated funds and time in the past to make this a reality. Please stay tuned for a very exciting 2021.

Annette Buswell Whittington

☐ 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.

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