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Presidents Message

I believe the flying season is here. Sun 'n' Fun is in a few days and Arlington and Oshkosh will be upon us before you know it. I guess that's a bad time to be without an airplane, more about that later. First, I wanted to give everyone an update on the hangar.

We haven't made much progress in the past couple of weeks, but we're still on track. A couple of weeks ago I submitted a formal proposal to the City of Payette. Mary Cordova, the City Clerk, said the next step would probably be a survey so they would have a legal description for the lease documents. Mary didn't have a clear time frame on how long the process would take. I don't want to push them because they have a positive attitude toward getting hangars built at the airport.

Frazer Peterson happened to drop by the city offices the day I was there and also got a sense of a positive attitude, including the Mayor. He indicated he was aware of the EAA, but didn't fully understand what we do. Frazer suggested we be proactive in explaining what we do and alleviate any apprehension associated with the word "experimental" in our name. I talked to Mary later and offered to give a presentation about the EAA. She liked the idea, but nothing has been set.

I also want to mention the management of the hangar again. The hangar committee is working on a set

of rules for the hangar. When we're ready, these will be presented to the Chapter for discussion and approval. One thing we haven't discussed is who will manage the hangar? I suggest we create a new position for this. Most chapters call this position a Facilities Manager. I believe the best way to handle this is to make the position a board member with facilities management duties. If anyone is interested in this position, please let me know.

As I mentioned before, it's a bad time of year to be without an airplane. I say that because I sold my Glastar about two weeks ago. I guess it was kind of a snap decision, but it needed to be so I wouldn't change my mind. It was pretty much a financial decision. It just didn't make any since having that much money tied up in an airplane and only fly it a few hours a year.

I'm still trying to decide what to do next. The rental prospects aren't that great on this end of the valley. I can rent a Cirrus SR20 over in Boise for \$170 an hour--probably not. I've even thought about finishing my helicopter rating. My strangest thought is about trying weight-shift control aircraft or trikes as they call them. That's one of the categories under the new LSA rules. I've also thought about a partnership to limit the financial burden. We'll see what happens.

Meeting Minutes March 21, 2007

Meeting called to order by Ken Simmons at 7:30

Minutes were read and accepted; the treasurer reported checking balance is 1717.48 and there is no change in the savings account.

Guests:

Lea Gathen and Martin Frusti.

Old Business:

Ken Simmons asked what the club thought about the annual banquet. All enjoyed it and thought that the speaker was outstanding. The eating arrangements are flexible and personal. Next year a suggestion was made to have the raffle again.

The next business topic was the Payette Airport Day. The EAA Club fed 175 people and cleared 750 dollars. There were 69 airplanes counted on the airport. The most anyone can remember

Come join us for the April meeting on Wednesday, the 18th, 7:30 PM at the Payette Airport. Kevin Horiup is providing refreshments.

and the Payette mayor said the airport was not going anywhere. The hanger was discussed after Lea Gathen, a foreign exchange student from Germany, gave a great discussion about her ride at the Payette Airport Day. Ken Simmons passed out a suggested budget for the hanger. A copy is included and will be sent to anyone requesting one. Ken made the case for the hanger sponsor needs our chapter to be a non-profit organization. Dorian Daniels moved that we proceed on the hanger project. It was seconded and was decided to vote via E-mail as this needs to be a chapter wide decision. It was passed unanimously at the meeting.

New Business:

Cheryl Cruson asked if we should officially vote to move to Payette or not. Dorian Daniels said he thought we had already voted on the move. Cheryl volunteered to pursue the non-profit status.

Pete Morgan moved we move our official location to Payette Idaho, Kevin Horiup seconded it and it passed with no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted Dale E. Cruson

From The Young Eagles Website

Question :

What is the world's largest airplane still flying ?

Answer :

The term "largest" can be a bit confusing, since aircraft could be measured in different ways, wing span, length, cargo capacity, passenger load and so on.

For the purpose of this question, we'll use maximum take-off weight as the measure of largest airplane still flying.

Using that measure, the Antonov An-225 would carry the current title as largest airplane. The maximum take-off weight is listed at 1.3 million pounds. A close second is the Airbus A-380 at 1.23 million pounds and the Boeing 747-400ER at 910,000 pounds.

The An-225 was designed to carry the Buran space shuttle developed by the former Soviet Union. It is now used as a cargo hauler. Once the A-380 becomes operational, designer think future models may exceed the current weight of the An-225.

Thanks for asking,
Steve Buss
EAA Young Eagles

We will not have a board meeting this month prior to the regular meeting.

HANGAR PROJECT

To the right is a picture I submitted to the City of Payette for our proposed location. The area in red is the hangar itself and the black is a predicted extension of the existing taxiway.

Below is the spreadsheet I developed to show the financial impact of the hangar. Most have seen this, but I've since added a quote for the building insurance. The number in red is what we'll have to come with on an annual basis to support the hangar.



HANGAR FINANCES				
INCOME				
	Current	With Hangar	Net	
Annual Chapter Dues	\$825.00	\$1,225.00	\$400.00	Based on 50% increase
Hangar rent	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	Based on \$100/month
Fund raisers		(\$1,983.00)		
Totals	\$825.00	\$2,425.00	\$1,600.00	
EXPENSES				
	Current	With Hangar	Net	
Airport Lease - City	\$0.00	\$288.00	\$288.00	based on \$.10 per sq ft
Property Tax	\$0.00	\$1,341.00	\$1,341.00	Based on \$20.63/\$1000, may be waived
EAA Liability insurance	\$177.00	\$506.00	\$329.00	
Hangar Keepers insurance	\$0.00	\$777.00	\$777.00	\$50,000 per occurrence
Building insurance	\$0.00	\$536.00	\$536.00	
Utilities	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	Avg \$50 per month
Maintenance	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	Avg \$30 per month
Totals	\$177.00	\$4,408.00	\$4,231.00	

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