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President's Message

When I sat down to write this column I really didn't know where to start. I've never been in a capacity like this before, so I'm like the blind man in a nudist colony--sort of feeling my way around.

I believe the success of an organization is the result of many individuals assuming active roles in different areas. I will be asking for and needing the support of all of you. I know from getting to know many of you during the past few years that we have an extremely talented group that has great potential. This coming year I believe we can build a hanger, do Young Eagles, have fly outs, poker runs and anything else that is plain fun to do. For our monthly meetings I will work to shorten the business meeting and lengthen the program/refreshment-social time.

For our January meeting program, Ken Simmons will be giving a presentation about his trip to Columbus, Ohio where they had the gathering of the Mustangs (P-51s) at Rickenbacker Field this past September. You won't want to miss this one!! We'll see all of you on the 16th of January at the Payette airport. Oh yes, HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!!--Burt

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Meeting Minutes

JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH

December 16, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Ken Simmons at 2:10.

The minutes were read by Secretary Dale Cruson and accepted.

The treasurer reported checking balance is 8553.61 and there are 5324.15 in the savings.

Old Business:

President Ken Simmons opened the floor for nominations of officers. None were presented so a vote by acclamation was presented and passed.

New Officers are as follows:

President:	Bert Harger
Vice President:	Kevin Hoirup
Secretary:	Dale Cruson
Treasurer:	Cheryl Cruson
Newsletter Editor:	Ken Simmons
Board of Directors:	Dick Strawn Dr. Jim Mann
Fly-Out Director:	Bob Troxel

Kevin Hoirup and Ken Simmons gave a report about the tour to Mission Aviation Fellowships' facility in Nampa. They said they were impressed with their capabilities as there is an avionic shop and a complete

rebuild of a Cessna 206 in progress.

New Business:

Ken Simmons said he had been contacted by a Boy Scout Chapter that they were going to be conducting an aviation badge and would like to schedule a fly day. It was discussed and agreed to fly them sometime in February. We will also try to sign them up for Young Eagle rides.

Dale Alexander presented some of the changes in the Young Eagle rules. He stated that there is a 10.00 dollar fee for a packet for student membership and that there are no more family memberships available.

Alan Daniels gave a quick update on the state of the Ontario Airport. The 700 foot runway extension project is completed. It was finished on time and within the budget. It was the first Connect Oregon project to be completed. Since it went so well, Ontario Airport may be considered for a four million project, but would not be possible for 2 to 3 years because of FAA and Connect Oregon commitments. Alan also said that the contractor donated the use of a machine to construct a dirt runway.

Ken Simmons presented the awards for last year officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted Dale E. Cruson

EAA Files Exemption For E-LSA Conversion Rule

EAA submitted an exemption request this week that, if approved by the FAA, would allow owners of two-place, or "fat" ultralight trainers the opportunity to complete the airworthiness certification process of their vehicles to the experimental-light-sport aircraft (E-LSA) category after the January 31, 2008, deadline. In the request, EAA asks that owners who have submitted their aircraft registration (n-number) application packet to the FAA Aircraft Registration Branch and it has been entered into the FAA system on or before January 31, 2008, be allowed to complete the process, including issuance of an airworthiness certificate, beyond the deadline.

UPDATE ON EAA AND MAJOR FLY-INS

For the past several months, representatives of the major fly-ins throughout the nation commonly known as "regional fly-ins" have been discussing with EAA staff the structure and relationships between EAA and these large events that have carried the EAA name. Some of these events have existed for many years. These are not and have never been EAA-owned or -operated events, but rather grew from the efforts of local EAA members, chapters and aviation enthusiasts seeking to create a community that shares EAA's mission of promoting the spirit of aviation.

TAXES, USER FEES UP IN AIR FOR 2008

President Bush signed on Dec. 20 a \$14.6 billion appropriations bill for the FAA for fiscal year 2008. But that doesn't mean the FAA funding battle is over. It's far from it. That's because the Senate has yet to pass an FAA authorization bill that would set aviation taxes—and possibly user fees—for the next four years. The way things sit right now, the government's authority to collect aviation taxes—and spend from the aviation trust fund—will expire at the end of February. And even though Congress appropriated \$3.5 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, it did not give the FAA the authority to issue new contracts to actually spend any of that money on airports. Read more on [AOPA Online](#).

ASN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN IDAHO

There are more than 1,700 dedicated individuals across the country working to promote, protect, and defend America's community airports. They're the AOPA Airport Support Network volunteers serving as AOPA's first line of defense by being our local eyes and ears—and we need your help. Please help AOPA promote the value of GA in your community by volunteering at your airport today! [Click here](#) to see which airports need volunteers. To learn more about the ASN program and submit a nomination, see [AOPA Online](#).

Membership Application / Renewal Form

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