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Barnstormers' Newsletter - May 2023

President's Report

Welcome Barnstormers!

Next meeting: Monday, May 15 - 7:30 PM at Barnstormers Field, Butteville, Oregon

As I mentioned in a separate note, I appreciate those that were able to help out on the runway repair effort on April 15. We made lots of progress and Harry will continue with the additional work that will be necessary.



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John Wytmsa has done a great job handling the newsletter since last summer so I take full responsibility for this one!

However, we need a volunteer to take charge of this effort. If you are interested, please contact me so we can review what is involved. The software is straight-forward, so the process is not complicated.

We will discuss the idea of a charging station and webcam functions at the meeting Monday. Also, Curt Boardman will discuss how they are building planes at Edison High School as part of the program Bill Whitsell has been leading for a few years.

I will have new Barnstormer brochures that can be distributed to local hobby stores and on hand at the field. Need a volunteer to distribute them around.

Dates that we have identified for field events:

July 12 – Swap Meet

July 22 – Open House – MG car club wants to learn about flying and this has been scheduled!

August 12 – BBQ

To Be Scheduled:

Event with Fly-A-Ways club
Open House/Community Outreach
Other ideas?

As mentioned before, events like the Air Show in McMinnville and CubNuts are scheduled for September, so will not interfere with Barnstormers events we might plan.

Dean Zinter, in concert with Harry, has contributed much to the ongoing field work. He has also volunteered with Fir Point Farms, assisting in their activities. Since he has a close connection with Fir Point, Dean was able to borrow their equipment a few months ago to assist with our work when the trees were brought down to the north of the driveway.

I would like everyone to know about their generosity so if you have a chance, stop by Fir Point Farms, which is located on Arndt Road to the east of the Aurora Airport. They have a nice shop and good food offerings there.

We will also welcome new members at the meeting as we continue to see more people interested the opportunity of becoming a Barnstormer.

Again, we don't want Dave Tozer to run out of recycling bottles and cans so please bring them on Monday.

exhibits if you have something of interest!

See you next Monday!

Larry

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Vice President's Report

Hey Barnstormers! It's another beautiful spring and busy time at the field. Weather has been great. Special thanks to Harry for leading a tremendous effort to continuously improve and maintain our field. Looking great!

New members – if you have not joined our text chat, please join. It is a great way to communicate when you and others may be headed to the field. To join, download the WhatsApp free app. Text me at 503.475.5900 with your first and last name through WhatsApp and I will add you to the list.



Remember – Airspeed is everything! Cheers.

Kyle Huberd

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Field Manager's Report -

Thanks to all who helped with the runway work last month. Hats off to Greg Meyers for assisting on the removal and disposal of the old frequency board, too. I appreciate that the historical information was repainted by Dean and has been relocated to the red shed. Dean also did a great job on power-washing the lawn equipment – almost looks like new!



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Treasurer's Report

If you have not provided a picture for the picture directory, please send a selfie to me at jwytmsa@hotmail.com. We have paid our annual dues for Field Rent, to the AMA, the State of Oregon, and the IRS. Finances are in good shape.

John



Membership Officer's Report

I am very pleased to see the flow of new members joining the club. We expect to have two more this month. Keep your recommendations and contacts coming!

Thanks,
Ed

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Flying Instructor's Report

As always, training continues on Saturdays with sessions starting around noon, weather permitting. Be sure to factor in the wind because anything over 10 MPH and gusty conditions can be challenging for new pilots.

If you will be working with a new or unfamiliar radio, it is always helpful to bring along the user manual.

Instructor Greg Meyers is willing to work with new pilots during the week, depending upon



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Winter is over and plenty of amazing flying weather will come. Volunteers are critical to our club's operation. To those involved – THANKS. If you want to give back, talk to a club leader about areas of need. Have fun and fly safely!!

Bill Whitsell
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We thank Brad for allowing us to use his software to draft our newsletters and distribute to our mailing list. Thank You.

Note from Brad:

Keep us in mind when your friends and neighbors start talking about a real estate move. Having someone you know and trust who also is in the top 3% in the state is a strategic advantage.

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