

FROM THE DIRECTOR — DAN CLEM

Happy New Year!



Hopefully this article won't be outdated by the time you read it, but it is sure wonderful to see fuel prices dropping, with the price of crude sweet at below \$40 per barrel. We're still waiting for the prices of unleaded gasoline, AVGAS, and jet fuel to follow that same lowering trend at the pump.

We have forwarded requests to state and federal legislators to include aviation-specific projects into the economic stimulus package. Many regional airports have also submitted requests which would create jobs and improve aviation safety. We're hoping to obtain funding for installing more AWOS systems on Oregon's airports and various other capital improvements for Oregon's GA airports.

By now you've read about Governor Kulongoski's transportation bill which includes \$150 million for multi-modal transportation/jobs projects, similar to the ConnectOregon I and II programs. We're anxious to see broad-based support for this program in that it has provided over \$40 million towards aviation-related projects within the past four years.

We're also pleased to read that the Obama administration has placed a hold on the Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP) for GA airports. While TSA needs to address security in/out of this country, ODA has responded with several comments, with the overall recommendation that TSA obtain funding and scale back this over reaching proposed set of requirements.

A number of aviation-related manufacturers based in Oregon have recently come together at the Governor's Economic Business Plan Summit in a group called the "Aviation Industries Cluster." They have provided recommendations to state and federal legislators regarding regulatory relief and potential economic stimulus measures to enable them to stay competitive and to sustain the thousands of aviation-related jobs here in Oregon.

Keep Flying Safely and Neighborly!

Dan Clem

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The Oregon Aviation Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. The Board provides policy direction to the Director and the Department.

Members of the Oregon Aviation Board:

Chair, Mark Gardiner

Vice Chair, Chris Corich,

**Board Members: Steve Beckham, Larry Dalrymple, Mark Gardiner, Nan Garnick, Jack Loacker,
& Joe Smith.**

**NEXT
OREGON
AVIATION BOARD
MEETING**

Feb. 18, 2009
8 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.
State of Oregon,
Dept. of Aviation
3040 25th St. S.E.
Salem, Oregon

ODA Recognizes AIRO Volunteer for Outstanding Service

Norm Farb was recognized January 8, 2009 for two years of volunteer service as the Airport Information Reporting for Oregon AIRO coordinator for ODA 28 state-owned airports. ODA director Dan Clem presented Norm with a plaque in appreciation for Norm's selfless dedication to maintaining and improving Oregon's aviation assets. He noted that he was tremendously appreciative of an individual who didn't just view airports as transition points for his aircraft but who cared enough to treat them as his home and community.



Currently ODA has 15 AIRO volunteers, but as Tralee Knapp, ODA's AIRO coordinator said, "We are always looking for more".

ODA offers volunteers an opportunity to contribute their aviation expertise to assist with reporting on the safety, security and maintenance conditions at state-sponsored airports through direct reporting to the State Airport Management Team. With limited ODA staff for maintenance, AIRO volunteers provide additional eyes and ears on maintenance issues they discover at airports throughout the state. The AIRO program is a new approach to supporting Oregon's airports. This program forms public/private partnerships to ensure enhanced safety and improved physical condition of public use airports. AIRO's purpose is to promote operational excellence at Oregon's

airports through active participation in public/private partnerships. Volunteers agree to support ODA's mission by embracing the values of ethical conduct and fiscal responsibility with a safety first approach.

Norm Farb is also the AIRO volunteer for Independence State Airport. His recognition at ODA recognizes the completion of his commitment to the AIRO program. As Program Coordinator he helped ODA establish this program from its inception in 2007. ODA is proud to take this opportunity to thank Norm and also let the public know a little bit more about this wonderful volunteer.

Norm got interested in flying when he was about 18 years old when he joined the Air National Guard. He got his first ride in an AT6 and was hooked. He tried to become a pilot for the Air Force but couldn't pass the rigorous eye test so he took matters into his own hands, bought his own plane and has been flying as a certificated pilot since 1953. Norm has owned many planes over the years and currently owns a Cessna 150 and is working on building a Seawind 300. He attended the University of Utah where he earned his Ph.D in Physics. Before he retired, he worked as a chief scientist for a printing company in Irvine, California. "I am relatively new to Oregon," says Norm, "and AIRO gave me the chance to get out and see this beautiful state." To Norm, AIRO was an opportunity to get involved in aviation and gain experience at Oregon airports. "Any excuse to fly around Oregon is a good one," says Norm. Norm believes that AIRO is important because it gets pilots interested in the infrastructure of the airports they use. Pilots acquire a better understanding of airport operations and they gain appreciation for what people do to maintain them. Norm mentioned that AIRO is an interesting learning experience, in which you realize more about airports than you have before. Becoming a volunteer doesn't take much time and helps the airport of your interest. Norm encourages all pilots to look into volunteer opportunities at their airport.

Thank you again Norm Farb for a great run at the AIRO program and truly believing in it!

If you are interested in the AIRO program or would like to know more please visit our website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/Aviation/AIRO.shtml> or you can contact Tralee Knapp at 503-378-6275,

Tralee.m.knapp@state.or.us.

What's New at Oregon State Airports?

Aurora:

- ◆ Now has Pilot Controlled Lighting on CTAF frequency.
- ◆ Still having issue with private vehicles on taxiway. Reminder that personal vehicles are prohibited on taxiway.

Crescent Lake:

- ◆ Closed for Winter from November 1-May 1, per Airport Facility Directory.

Joseph:

- ◆ Snow may occasionally close the airport by NOTAM until plowed.

Lebanon:

- ◆ Runway has been widened from 50 to 60 feet and new PAPI installed.
- ◆ Planning is in progress for summer (dry season) runway overlay with new edge pilot controlled edge lighting system and lighted wind cone.

McKenzie Bridge:

- ◆ Closed for Winter until May 1.

Mulino:

- ◆ New hangars are complete and ready for lease. Contact Rita at ODA (503)378-5480 for information and leasing.
- ◆ PAPI lighting has been repaired and they are fully functional.
- ◆ Malfunctions in the main entry gate have been repaired. Turns out, combination key pad was short circuiting and a new key pad fixed the problem.

Pinehurst:

- ◆ Open, but has irregular winter maintenance and may be closed by snow.

Prospect:

- ◆ Is temporarily closed and will reopen when snow melts away.

Santiam Junction:

- ◆ Closed for winter until May 1, per Airport Facility Directory.

Toketee:

- ◆ Closed for winter until May 1, per Airport Facility Directory.

Wasco:

- ◆ Be extra careful around the airport. Wind Generator Towers over 400 feet tall have been built close to southeast end of the traffic pattern.
- ◆ Runway 25 pattern has been changed to nonstandard right traffic.

Additional airport information or condition updates may be obtained by contacting the ODA Airport Operations Division at (503) 378-4880. Fly safely: file Flight Plans and check NOTAMs.

Larry Beck the Proud Owner of 1944 Beech Staggerwing

Written by his grandson Jarret Hamstreet



Staggerwing Award photo taken at the Reno Air Races 2003
Larry is presented with the Rolls Royce Aviation Heritage Trophy (Larry at far right with his wife Doris next to him)

By all accounts, the 1944 Beech Staggerwing owned by Larry Beck of Canby has led a storied life. The Staggerwing served its country during the World War II-era, traversed the Western Hemisphere as it traded among private owners, and underwent a major restoration by Beck to become a late-in-life show plane that has garnered several high-profile awards.

The airplane rolled out of the factory in August 1944 as part of the last batch of Staggerwings delivered to the U.S. Navy. It remained in Navy service until sold as military surplus in 1947. From there, the airplane began its journey to Oregon by way of a succession of private owners in Ohio, El Salvador, Illinois, Texas, Arkansas, and Washington.

In 1991, master sheet metal fabricator Jim Younkin of Arkansas purchased the then-disassembled Staggerwing for conversion from a D Model into a G Model, one of the world's rarest vintage aircraft with fewer than twenty remaining in existence. Following Beechcraft factory drawings, Younkin fabricated the metal parts necessary to turn the D Model into a G Model. Younkin then sold the project to a collector in Vancouver, Washington.

The collector had new wings, flaps, and ailerons built, added modern avionics, and had the airplane's 450-horsepower Pratt & Whitney engine overhauled with all new parts. Unfortunately, the collector passed away before the project's completion and the airplane sat unfinished for several years.

After discovering the Staggerwing in an Aurora Airport hanger, Canby resident Larry Beck purchased it in September 1998 and set about completing the project himself. A pilot and airframe and powerplant (A&P) mechanic with decades of experience in aircraft building and restoration, Beck spent 9000 hours during the next four years meticulously restoring the Staggerwing.

Beck hand-finished many of the metal parts and made new access doors and fairings in his machine shop. He installed an authentic interior including European leather upholstery, a mohair headliner, and maple burl hand finished to a high gloss. Once he completed the airframe and systems work, Beck covered the Staggerwing with 3.2 ounce Dacron fabric. For paint, Beck selected an original G Model color scheme – yellow with dark blue trim – and hand mixed the colors himself.

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MULINO AIRPORT - 4S9

NEW T-HANGARS!

MO-GAS ON THE WAY!!
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

and

DETAILING!
(courtesy car too!)

Too much to miss!



Supporting General Aviation!



As of January 2009, new T-Hangars will be available for lease! Contact Rita Rogerson (503-378-5480) at the Oregon Department of Aviation for further details and information. (rita.f.rogerson@state.or.us)



We have AV Gas – but you will soon see another tank! Larry Knox, the Mulino FBO, is bringing in Mo-Gas for those who want unblended gas! You can reach Larry Knox at (541) 258-5029.



Larry Reinhardt is owner/technician of Full Throttle Aircraft Services and is an A&P/IA. He works out of hangar 20. Full Throttle offers a full line of maintenance and repair, annual/progressive inspections, paint touch up and repair, aluminum polishing, oxygen service (up to 2,000 psi) and aircraft detailing. Larry is the Northwest rep for Wing Waxers Detailing, a nationally known and respected company. You can reach Larry at (503) 759-3827 or (503) 698-2109, or by email at: service@fullthrottleas.com. Or check his website at www.fullthrottleas.com for specials and discounts on services.

Manager / Mulino Airport

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At left: Department of Aviation staff "Adam" Adams and Eric Jeffers make repairs at the Wasco State Airport.

ODA Welcomes Melinda Fahey & Roger Sponseller

Melinda Fahey, a native Oregonian, is the latest to join the ODA team as the Aviation Planning Analyst. She graduated from Willamette University with a Bachelor's Degree of Liberal Arts. During her college years Melinda worked as an intern for the department and as a result she has worked in many areas, including tall structures, AutoCAD, airport planning, airport registration, land use and the implementation of the Airport Planning Rule. Melinda hopes to bring her knowledge of airport planning to local communities and land use authorities. She is excited to expand her aviation knowledge.

Roger Sponseller is the new Administrative Assistant to the State Airports Manager. A recent accounting graduate from Chemeketa Community College, Roger started at the Department of Aviation as an assistant to the Contracts and Leasing Manager.

Glad to have you both on the ODA Team!!!

It's The Law: All Oregon Pilots & Aircraft Must Be Registered With The Department Of Aviation

The Oregon Department of Aviation is not supported by your tax dollars. We use fees, grants, and leases to maintain a safe and efficient system of airports in the state. For more information go to our website. www.aviation@state.or.us

Pay Your Fees or Pay a Fine

837.010 Federal pilot certificate required. No person shall fly aircraft in this state unless holding a pilot certificate of competency issued by the appropriate federal agency. [formerly 493.020]

837.015 Registration of aircraft. Unless exempted by ORS 837.005, no person shall fail to register any aircraft when required by ORS 837.040 to 837.070. [formerly 493.030]

Oregon Aircraft Dealer License are due

If you have not yet paid for 2009 and need an application you may go to our website to download the form.

If you have any questions please contact:

Turise Henthorn 503-378-4880 or 800-874-0102 Therisa.l.henthorn@state.or.us

1944 Beech Staggerwing (Continued from Page 4)

Beck first flew the Staggerwing in June 2002. Later that summer Beck flew the airplane to the EAA AirVenture Celebration in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he won the Champion trophy for best customized antique aircraft. The Northwest Antique Airplane Association also awarded Beck their 2002 Grand Champion award.

In 2003, he and the Staggerwing participated in the National Aviation Heritage Invitational, sponsored by Rolls Royce North America, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Beck won the Invitational and, with his wife Doris, travelled to Washington, DC the following year to help present the Rolls Royce Aviation Heritage Trophy to the Smithsonian.

Today, Beck keeps his Staggerwing in Hubbard, where he continues to maintain and fly it frequently. Beck enjoys sharing his passion for airplanes with Doris, their two children and four grandchildren, and his many enthusiast friends. All his family and friends are very proud of his aviation accomplishments – both in the air and inside his shop.

Airshows & Events 2009 (Tentative)

Northwest Antique Airplane Club (Breakfast)	Feb. 14	Scappoose, OR (SPB)	www.nwaac.com
NW Aviation Conference & Trade Show	Feb. 21-22	Puyallup, WA - Fairgrounds	www.washington-aviation.org
Northwest Antique Airplane Club (Breakfast)	March 7	Scappoose, OR (SPB)	www.nwaac.com
Northwest Antique Airplane Club (Breakfast)	April 4	Scappoose, OR (SPB)	www.nwaac.com
Northwest Antique Airplane Club (Breakfast)	May 2	Scappoose, OR (SPB)	www.nwaac.com
Independence Pilot Memorial Event	May 25	Independence, OR (7S5)	
All State Festival of Balloons	June 19-21	Cook Park, Tigard, OR	
NW RV Flyin	TBA	Scappoose (SPB)	www.eaal05.org
AirVenture Fly-In & 50th Anniv.	TBA	Grants Pass, OR (3S8)	
EAA's B-17 Tour	May 15-17		www.B17.org
AirVenture Fly-In & 50th Anniversary	TBS	Grants Pass (3S8)	
NW EAA Fly-In & Sport Aviation Convention	July 8-12	Arlington Muni., WA (AWO)	
PDX Air Fair	TBA	Portland International Airport	
20th Annual Fly-In Prospect Unit	July 19-20	Prospect State Arpt. (7S5)	flyguy6956@earthlink.net
Independence B-Plane Fly-In	July 18	Independence State Arpt. (7S5)	
26th Annual Mosquito Festival	TBA	Paisley Airport (22S)	
Wings Over Baker Fly-In & Airshow	July 18-19	City of Baker Airport (BKE)	www.wingsoverbaker.com
EAA AirVenture - Oshkosh	July 27-Aug. 2		
Diamond Days	TBA	McNary Field (SLE)	
Annual NWAAC Fly-In	August 14-16		www.nwaac.com
Appreciation Open House	TBA	Troutdale Airport (TTD)	garydunfee@ccwebster.net
Norwest Fly Festival	TBA	Eugene Airport (KEUG)	
OPA Pancake Breakfast	TBA		
Central Oregon Airshow	August 21-22	Madras Airport (S33)	donmobleym@madras.net
Oregon International Airshow	August 28-30	Hillsboro Airport (HIO)	www.oregonairshow.com
NW Art & Air Festival	August 28-30	Albany Municipal Airport (S12)	www.oregonpilot.org
WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	Sept. 11-13	Ken Jernstedt Airfield (4S2)	
National Championship Air Races	Sept. 16-20	Reno-Stead Airport (4SD)	www.airrace.org

SEND SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE REQUESTS TO RENEE' STRYKER at renee.stryker@state.or.us



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web: www.aviation.state.or.us

Where to find non-blended fuel. Go to the ODA website at www.oregon.gov/Aviation/index.shtml. Under "Other Aviation Issues" click on E-10 Ethanol In Gas, and scroll down until you come to the chart of suppliers.

Volunteers Needed

Have you ever wanted to help out your local airport or perhaps an airport you are very fond of? ODA, in partnership with the Oregon Pilots Association (OPA), has a volunteer program called Airport Information Reporting for Oregon. (AIRO). This program is designed to have aviation enthusiasts volunteer to help ODA identify items related to safety, maintenance and security.

This program promotes operational excellence through active participation in public private partnerships. You must be at least 21 years or older and have a willingness to travel around Oregon for training and/or inspections at assigned airports. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact:

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You can also visit our website at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/Aviation/index.shtml>

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