"Passing the Baton" by Lois Martin

The first issue of Loud and Clear appeared in April, 1997, the result of Betty Plude’s interest both in writing and keeping airpark residents informed. She had been producing a newsletter for the Dallas Care Center, enjoyed it, and decided that the airpark would benefit from a similar endeavor. She and Emile together thought of the name.

Early editions were about five pages long and included two interviews. Betty was the energetic reporter as well as the sole writer and editor. When a new pilot soloed or a new homebuilt took to the air she was there to cover the story. Like a small town paper, there were social news bits, reports of travel, and community events and announcements. She especially enjoyed finding clip art to decorate the pages.

In July, 2004, Betty asked me if I would take over the responsibility of editing while she continued to write interviews and biographies of residents. Now Gail Boyle has agreed to succeed me. She will bring her own new look and fresh ideas.

The purpose of Loud and Clear remains the same although the airpark has grown and changed in twelve years. Even with the almost instant dissemination of news through e-mail, residents benefit from a printed newsletter that brings together news, notices, and items of interest each quarter. It is an important tool for creating a sense of community and shared purpose.

"Baton Receiver" by and about Gail Boyle

New England was home, precisely Connecticut; graduated from the University of Connecticut in ’69 with a middle year in Paris to learn French, culture, the Latin Quarter, (not necessarily in that order). Taught in public schools, worked in private industry, and migrated to Olympia, WA in 1975 where the national forests became the backdrop for my career focus in graphic design/public education. Moved south to Portland and after 24 years, to Independence Airpark in 2006. Scattered throughout those years, relearned how to play piano, ran a couple of marathons, ran off a few supervisors, quit smoking, rescued some animals, grew a garden, suffered through painfully long bike rides, fiddled with the guitar, watercolors, stained glass and needle and thread, tried to cook, and received my pilot’s license.

Currently busy with moss control and tracking RV12 progress while getting in the way as much as possible. A conservationist/environmentalist 95% of the time and always a workaholic New Englander.

Welcome to the Richmonds

Curt and Georgia Richmond moved many of their belongings into their new home at 614 Cessna in January 2009. They continue to grow corn and soybeans on their farmland near Peoria, Illinois and still reside in the home in which Curt was born some 59 years ago.

They are near completion of their RV-8 and plan to fly it to their new airpark home come July.

Their son Jason, his wife Stephanie, and one year old grandson Sam, reside in Portland and the real reason behind their decision to move west.

Currently, they are waiting for cooperative Peoria weather to plant corn and beans and looking forward to their return to 614 Cessna in the next few months, leaving the corn and beans to fend for themselves.
IAHA Board Meetings - 2009
Thursday evenings, 7 pm in Gabel’s hangar: April 23, July 23, and October 22 unless otherwise posted.

Two Homeowners Associations—Why? by Bill Boyle
Since moving to the airpark mid 2006, this question has had me scratching my head.
If there were to be a “threat” to the airpark, it would come from outside our borders, not within. I have the “united we stand” attitude, whereas we face problems as one group. I believed any threat would be from the “urban growth boundary” allowing multifamily dwellings encroach on our runway thresholds or the city or county planning departments, property taxes, etc.
However, a greater threat comes from our “friends,” the FAA and ODA with “through the fence.” Leary airpark residents need to pay close attention to their actions as they are not clear and straightforward.
ODA’s Dan Clem stated at the first meeting that “one of the problems dealing with the airpark is the two homeowners associations and two sets of CCRs.” We responded by hiring a lawyer and merging the CCRs with little or no thought of doing the same with the associations. A consistent face on our side of negotiations would be our strength; an inconsistent face is our weakness.
To continue as two associations in light of current issues is senseless. It is time to unite.
Homeowners, what do you think? Let your association president and board know your pros and cons in writing. An acceptable resolution to the majority of homeowners is tenable.

Just in time for spring planting and . . . . . . . . .
Mother’s Day, Polk County OSU Master Gardeners™ will hold their nineteenth annual plant sale at the fairgrounds in Rickreall. Hours are: Friday, May 8, 9:00-6:00 and Saturday, May 9, 9:00-4:00.
A wide variety of plants and ‘Country Store’ items such as planters and yard art will be offered at good prices. Come early for best selection! For more information contact Lois Martin or Diana Tolle.

Saturday, May 16, 9am-2pm Annual Clean Up Day
Although any day can be a clean up day, May 16 from 9 - 2 pm, is the official day to show your support by beautifying your own property and volunteering for the greater community-wide clean up.

The “command” center for all activities (including lunch for all volunteers!) is adjacent to Riverview Park on C Street. Gloves, bags and safety vests will be provided.
The activities are far more reaching than can be covered here. If you have any questions, please call Project Coordinator Jeanne Flora at City of Independence, (503) 838-1212.
Last year, Shane Hendrick donated a stack of plastic bags and gloves. The Aeronca St. duo, Donna Bartle and Gail B., cleaned up Airport Road and a section of Hoffman in two, fun-to-watch-Donna-work, hours.

Memorial Day Salute, Monday, May 25
A Tribute to Oregon Pilots will be held at Independence Airport, 10:30 - 3:00 pm. Flag ceremony will begin at 11am followed by local and military aircraft fly-over. Lunch will be available at 11:30 ($5.00). Included in the activities will be a Coast Guard rescue demonstration and aircraft and hangar displays.

It’s Garage Sale time again
Time to clean out storage rooms and garages for the annual Airpark Garage Sale. The event is coming soon, June 6 to be exact. Remember, the entry fee is $5 which is used to cover the cost of printing and advertising.
More information will be delivered in May. Any questions may be directed to Margaret Wilson (503) 838-2724 or email: margy9245@msn.com.

Arts & Crafts Faire Info & Meeting Time
The Independence Airpark Arts & Crafts Faire will be held Nov 6, 7, 8, 2009 in Krummel’s hangar. We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 pm at Eileen Krummel’s (744 Stearman).
Those who plan to participate or just want more information are invited to attend this meeting. We will be talking about table cost, advertising and community participation. Airpark residents have priority for a table until July 31st. After that we will open it to community participants.
If you have any questions, please call Eileen (503) 838-4246 or Shirley Horn (503) 838-4554.

From Molly Kinyon to Airpark Friends & Neighbors
Thank you so much for your cards, prayers, flowers and wonderful food. I will enjoy your Starduster Café gift certificate.
My surgery went perfectly, my healing is going very well. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
Sincerely, Molly
Everything new for Derryl and Merilyn Franz:
658 Luscombe, Independence, OR 97351; 503-837-0534
franz4266@msn.com; merilynfranz@gmail.com

Alan and Diana Tolle’s new email address:
alantolle@earthlink.net.

Bob and Dorothy Gillett’s new email address:
dotbob@minetfiber.com

Dennis and Eileen Krummel’s new email address:
flykrummelair@minetfiber.com

Another tax year over and done!
Congratulations to Jimmy Ashford and Bill Boyle for
another successful year preparing taxes for anyone
who wishes the assistance.
For 2 1/2 months, two days a week, Jimmy and Bill
could be found with their computers networked at the
Monmouth Senior Center helping the folks with their
taxes. These two along with Mary Loveless, also from
Independence, are unsung heroes for giving their time
and putting their training to good use.
This year marked Jimmy’s 25th preparing taxes hav-
ing started in 1984 in Hawaii...WOW! This is Bill’s
second year and Mary’s fourth. You three deserve a
huge THANK YOU from all those you assisted and for
the extra dimension your work brings to the airpark.

Congratulations Gary!
Starting in early March, Gary McCormick attended
Radio Boot Camp, plowed through the Technical and
General Manual, and focused on obtaining his Certifi-
cation of Successful Completion of Exam for “General
Class” Ham Radio License.
On April 4, Gary took the test and passed! Currently
he is burning the midnight oil to prepare for the
“Extra Class License.”
Once Gary finds the radio of his dreams, he will be a
top-notch radio operator, call sign KF7BRA!

Bunko
A great way to have fun that requires no skill! We
currently have two groups, one plays on the 2nd and
one on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. We
also have about 6 women who would like to get a
third group started but we need 6 more!
If you don’t want to be in a regular group, but would
like to substitute, we can use you as well! Please call
Eileen Krummel for more info! 838-4246

Looking for Work/Storage Space?
Hangar Space for projects, flying aircraft, or RV/boat
storage. Contact Joe Dubner. 837-0560

Bring the grand kids along for the visit!
No need to worry about all those bulky items kids
need: crib, high chair, play pen, stroller, car seat, etc.
All are available for airpark homeowners to borrow, thanks to Carole Krieg.
If you expect guests with little ones for a visit of days
or weeks, contact Carole, 784 Stearman St.

Looking for another Bicycle Rider?
For sure, it’s neither fun nor safe to ride alone. Two
of us ride once a week and weather dictates. We
shoot for Tuesdays; depart the Boyle hangar or
another location, between 9:30 and 10 depending on
anticipated route. Call Gail if interested. 838-4734

Free Glass Pieces
Eileen Krummel has a large assortment of smaller
glass pieces free to anyone who wants them. Just give
Eileen a call! Great for mosaic projects! 838-4246

Step Right Up
Loud and Clear is looking for a quarterly distributor.
What is that you ask? Four times a year, Gail, your
humble editor, will divide the L & C into bundles
such that every household on each airpark street will
receive a copy. Gail will get these copies to you or to
a substitute in case you choose to vacation instead.
Your task, should you decide to accept, would be
to deliver these bundles to each Block Herald who
would take over the house to house distribution four
or five days prior to the IAHA Board Meeting.
That’s it. Let me know if you are interested in
volunteering to be the L & C quarterly distributor.
838-4734

E-cycling - lots of good stuff in ‘old’ stuff
Copper, gold, and aluminum can be extracted from
‘old’ electronics (computers, monitors, TVs), and used
in new products without using virgin materials. Keep
toxics out of the landfill and incinerators - everyone
benefits.
For a list of participating collection services and sites:
www.oregonecycles.org or 1-888-5-ECYCLE.