

INDEPENDENCE AIRPARK NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2011

ISAS Board Meeting - 2011

EAA Hangar, Monday, April 11, 2011, 7PM

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You don't need to be a board member to attend!

April Message from Independence Airpark President Gary Van Horn

It is good to be moving into Spring and looking forward to milder weather for outdoor activities, especially flying. Here's hoping that warmer, dryer weather arrives sooner rather than later.

In January, the Oregon Legislature was presented with a Governor's Recommended Budget that would merge the Department of Aviation with the Department of Transportation. We learned about the proposal in the first part of March and have done some follow-up with the Governor's Budget and Management staff, the Legislative Fiscal Office and we also received a response from Representative Vicki Berger. While the proposal has been placed on the table by the Governor, as of this writing there has been little detail available on the issue and as yet there is no clear indication of where the Legislature will go with the proposal.

There have been some issues with Aviation over the past few years, and the revenue available to the Department from jet fuel taxes has declined by more than 60% according to the Department's last annual report. There was also a management study performed which highlighted a number of internal issues, some of which were due to loosing long-term institutional memory as well as the loss of skilled staff due to turnover. This created issues in contracting and accounting/budgeting as well as some other areas – all exacerbated by declining funding.

The Department's annual report highlights a number of steps taken to address the issues and live within the expected level of available revenues. The Aviation

Board has also taken a more active posture in reviewing the agency's projects and budget details during each meeting. New staff have also brought skills and energy to the Department. So, while the ultimate disposition for the recommendation is not yet clear, it is of some concern that Aviation's mission might be diluted in an agency that has a focus on other priorities. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

Gail Boyle has done a great job for the Airpark as the editor of our Loud and Clear newsletter for two years now and it has been sincerely appreciated by everyone. *Gail is now looking for someone else to wear the hat* and will be available to train and support that person as needed. If you are interested in an adventure that supports our community, please give her a call to learn more about the challenges and rewards of editorship. \$\infty\$503-838-4734

On a different note, it has been several years since the City discontinued the Neighborhood Watch program. In earlier times we had an active Neighborhood Watch component and had more than one visit from local officers who helped us learn more about retaining a secure community. One of the keys to that effort was maintaining lighting both in front of and behind our homes. I've noticed that many porch lights aren't lit at night and that there isn't much light on the taxiway sides in many areas as well.

What reminded me to mention the neighborhood watch process is that recently one of our residents casually mentioned that the lock box in their pickup had been worked on with pry bars but hadn't been opened. While this may be an isolated incident, it is worth a reminder that we all should be aware of our surroundings and might benefit from some increased lighting and vigilance.

The next scheduled meeting of the IAHA Board of Directors is scheduled for April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the EAA Hangar. Hope to see you there.

Gary Van Horn, IAHA President

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♦ Finally, FINALLY, thanks to Andy Duncan's persistent detective work!!...

Andy discovered a way to stop a seemingly unstoppable irritation (to many folks) - those pink plastic bag ads found on the driveway, welcome or not.

Well, Andy's been a bit frustrated by the "Polk Today" coupon tabloid in its pink plastic bag being thrown on his driveway each week – he simply recycles it without even looking at it – but -- he knows it's a waste of paper and plastic and a burden on the County recycling program.

So Andy set out and found out how to be "greener" and stop this delivery.

He found that it could be stopped simply by calling the Statesman Journal contact person "Kelly" at \$\infty\$503 399 6829.

Similarly, "Polk Plus" the advertising tabloid from the Itemizer Observer that arrives in the mailbox each week can be stopped by calling "Dawn" at \$\infty\$503 623 2373.

You're a hero Andy Duncan!

♦ Walk, don't Run, for Shelter!

This past blustery weekend we discovered a television station with "real time" doppler vs. the delay in presentation of local news stations. Channel 46.1 (KGWZ-LD) made it fun and interesting to track and watch the weather approach from the West and move onshore, allowing us time to check the tie downs and avoid the usual surprises. Thanks for this tip submitted by Twyla Poppleton.

♦ Know your contractors

When you leave your house key with a trusted contractor, they have access to your home, proceed with their task, lock up and drive off - with your key. Yes, they will return the key to you upon completion of the job, but into whose hands might land, a duplicate key?

It may take months, but it happens - the "other" person with your key doesn't have good intentions . . . you know the rest of the story.

An experienced locksmith points out that changing the lock(s) upon completion of a job is something you should seriously consider. *The editor*

♦ The editor finally "gottago" to Roberts Crossing, fairly new restaurant in SE Salem at 3635 River Road S. The restaurant opened in November with a dining room, bistro and lounge. Food was excellent (watch out Pink House Cafe!) and according to the newspaper, it is beginning a transition to a lighter menu for spring with more salad varieties and vegetarian options. \$\alpha\$503-584-1035; closed Tuesdays.

♦ Independence Airpark 9th Arts & Carfts Faire, slated for November 4-6, features quality crafts handmade by local artists. Priority will be given to airpark residents up until July 31st, then we will open it to community artists. A planning meeting will take place mid to late July. If you are interested or have questions, call Shirley Horn \$\infty 503-838-4554\$ or Eileen Krummel \$\infty 503-837-0152\$.

♦ Oregon is long overdue for a major earthquake.

This is an abbreviated version of an article on the "Triangle of Life" written by Doug Copp. Doug is the Rescue Chief and Disaster Manager of the American Rescue Team International (ARTI), the world's most experienced rescue team.

Doug Copp knows that following some simple procedures, can and does save lives in the event of an earthquake.

When buildings collapse, the weight of the ceilings falling upon the objects or furniture inside crushes these objects, leaving a space or void next to them. This space is called the "triangle of life."

The larger the object, the stronger, the less it will compact. The less the object compacts, the larger the void, the greater the probability that the person who is using this void for safety will not be injured. The next time you watch collapsed buildings on television, count the "triangles" you see formed. They are everywhere. It is the most common shape you will see, in a collapsed building.

- Get next to a bulky object such as a sofa, that will compress slightly but leave a void next to it.
- If you are in bed during the night and an earthquake occurs, simply roll off the bed. A safe void will exist around the bed.
- If you cannot escape an earthquake by getting out a door or window, lie down and curl up in the fetal position next to a sofa or large chair.
- Most everyone who gets under a doorway when a building collapses, is killed. How? If you stand under a doorway and the doorjamb falls forward or backward you will be crushed by the ceiling above. If the doorjamb falls sideways you will be cut in half. In either case, you will be killed!
- Never go to the stairs. Stairs have a different "moment of frequency," (they swing separately from the main part of the building) and are a likely part of the building to be damaged.
- Get near the outer walls of buildings or outside the building if possible. The farther you are from the outside perimeter of the building, the greater the probability your escape route will be blocked.
- People inside their vehicles when the road above collapses, are crushed if they do not get out and sit or lie next to their vehicle. Large voids 3 feet high have been found next to these vehicles.
- Paper does not compact therefore large voids are found surrounding stacks of paper.



It was easy to tell who it was The yellow and blue paint job Was a dead give away. "Excuse me Šir! Aren't you a Little low for base?" Yeah For guys like me But not this one. You could tell He was having fun *Curving into the runway* From 500 feet With total confidence. *No hint of correction* To widen or tighten The prefect spiral

That bought him
To level wings
Just above the fence
As smooth
As a gum ball in a slot machine
Touching down almost silently
With just the right amount of
room
For the taxiway home
Like a acrobat
The synthesis of
Muscle and bone
Mind and machine
Guided by the spirit of joy
To create

The magic of flight.

- ◆ Stay in the know: To review notes from the ISAS (Independence State Airport Support Group) Board Meeting (1/10/11, 8PM), go to www.isasg7s5.org/
- ♦ Pinochle Men's Pinochle happens every Wednesday evening at 7PM in the EAA hangar. Bob Severance is the contact at ☎838-5387. Other players gather EVERY Monday. Call Phyllis Upright ☎838-4274 or Linda Anglin ☎606-2868 for info.

isasmeetings.html where they are posted.

♦ Bowling - The "Hits & Mrs" league is a sanctioned bowling league. Shirley Horn ☎838-4554 is in charge of ladies' league on Thursday mornings, 9am. Included are No-Tap Tournaments in Corvallis and McMinnville and a mixed league on Monday nights. Call Pioneer Lanes ☎838-1733 in Independence for information.



Ice Cream Social Host - Please step up!

Planning is already taking place for this savory social event. But first and foremost, a location needs to be pinpointed.

The date has not yet been set in concrete but most likely will be mid to late August.

If you are willing to host this summer fun in your hangar, contact Eleanor Cowles at cowles@frys.com or ☎838-4773.

- ♦ Nondenominational Bible Study Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) meets once a week from Sept. through May; women's and men's class on Monday nights, a women's day class on Tuesdays. There are also classes for children. Please call Eileen Krummel \$37-0152 for more information.
- ♦ **Bunko** Currently, two groups play, one on the second and one on the third Tuesday evening of each month. Call Shirley Horn for more info! \$\alpha 838-4554
- ♦ **SO** & **SO**'s This lively women's social group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1PM. Shirley Horn is at the helm in April.
- ♦ **Book Club** The club meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 3:00-4:30pm. Call Mary Brown \$\approx 606-9709 or any book club member for info.

FOR SALE, FREE, & OTHERWISE

- \$995 Upright Everett piano for sale; made by Yamaha. Call Cindy Prince \$\sime 503-917-9275.
- \$495 Brunswick professional quality pool table, with slate bed and oak finish. In "like new" condition. Call Ron Parks \$\frac{1}{2}\$503-472-2666 or rparks \$\frac{1}{2}\$03-472-2666 or rparks \$\frac{1}{2}\$04-472-2666 or rparks
- \$375 Matching Sofa & Loveseat, Traditional/Transitional Style, Tan, La-Z-Boy. Excellent condition, excellent quality. Call Nancy Larson \$\alpha\$503-838-2222 or 541-991-3393.
- Small glass pieces for projects like mosiacs. Call Eilenn Krummel 2503-387-0152.

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Want to include an item in the next Loud & Clear? Send it to me (or the new editor) anytime before **June 30**, 2011. No reason to wait. You can edit or change your mind along the way!

