

# WAAAM hosts Second Saturday event Feb. 14

The Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum officials said thanks go to Consolidated Aircraft Coatings for their donation of polyfiber aircraft covering materials to help complete its most recent airplane restoration project. WAAAM's 1938 Rearwin Speedster is part of a larger trend in iconic 1930s art deco style design, making the type of airplane one of the most popular scale model airplanes ever. "As far as we know, this is only one of four remaining in existence," says WAAAM's Aircraft Restoration Specialist Jay Matson Bell. "Once the project is completed it will be the only Rearwin Speedster flying in the United States."

To see this project and some of the other things WAAAM is working on, visit the museum during one of our Second Saturday events like the one coming up on Feb. 14. The shop tour starts at 1 p.m. The restoration crew would love to show everyone their progress. Consolidated Aircraft Coatings has previously donated material to help WAAAM finish the 1910 Parker-Curtiss Pusher which has flown numerous times for the public as well as our 1930 WACO Primary Glider which is scheduled to fly in the spring.

Open 9-5 daily, the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum collects, restores, preserves and exhibits airplanes from the Dawn of Flight through the Golden Age of Flight and historically significant cars and trucks from the first half of the 20th century. Located on the Hood River Airport at 1600 Air Museum Road.

Admission for adults is \$14, 65+ is \$12, kids between 5 and 18 are \$6, under 4 is free.



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**VOLUNTEERS HELP** Consolidated Coatings with the Rearwin Speedster project. Get a close look Saturday at WAAAM.

## Education Foundation announces teacher grants

*Science, reading, math and 'realia': grants help with varied projects*

The Hood River County Education Foundation has awarded more than \$12,000 in grants to Hood River County School District educators to fund innovative approaches to education. Hood River Valley High School was the big winner with seven grants selected for funding. Those grants will provide microscopes, a ceramics kiln, videography equipment, art supplies, and classroom library books.

Two innovative teaching ideas at Hood River Middle will pair ornithology with

art in one grant, and create a permanent display for historical realia (artifacts and physical objects) from the 1865 founding of the Hood River City School District in a second grant. Students will be involved in collecting and documenting the historic objects, as well as interviewing residents about the changes in the school district over time.

Grants at Wy'east Middle School will purchase books for the Oregon Battle of the Books, and materials on dyslexia. New wall maps and student maps, as well as a Grade 3 Science kit, were funded at Westside Elementary.

"These grants provide funding for innovative teaching ideas, as well as supplies and equipment needs that cannot be met by the current funding level of

our schools," said Foundation President Chuck Bugge.

Funding for the Educator Grants comes from earmarked donations and fundraising events sponsored by the Foundation. One or two rounds of Teachers Grants are offered annually depending on the amount of proceeds. Applications are scored by the HRCEF Board members.

Grants for 2015 included:

**Hood River Valley High School:** David Clarkson, Amy Foley, and Joe Kelly, Biology Department, 6 compound light microscopes and 3 dissecting microscopes; Kathryn Davis, Student materials for Plant Genetics, Biology, HRVHS; Matthew Gerlick, Art print-making supplies; Gabrielle Iversen, ceramics kiln;

Amirra Malak, 3D scanner and software for art; Shawn Meyle, videography equipment for student videos; Mandy Webster, English classroom library of leveled reading for students.

**Hood River Middle School:** Sarah Segal and Brent Emmons, Display of historic realia; Adam Smith, Art and Ornithology.

**Wy'east Middle School:** Sally Prichett, Calligraphy supplies, David Saquety, student materials and reference books on dyslexia; Dodie Sims, purchase of Oregon Battle of the Books volumes.

**Westside Elementary:** Megan Farrell, FOSS science kit (water module for grade 3); Carolyn Welty-Fick, purchase of wall maps and student maps, grade 5, Westside Elementary.

## AAA: average gas price rises to \$2.19 per gallon

Many drivers are noticing spikes in gas prices for the first time in months. The national average for regular unleaded jumps 12 cents this week to \$2.19 a gallon.

Oregon's average shoots up 13 cents to \$2.26 a gallon. The national average had fallen for a record 123 days before beginning to rise again on Jan. 27. Oregon's average fell for 69 consecutive days before increasing again on Feb. 3," said AAA Oregon/Idaho Public Affairs Director Marie Dodds. "Refinery issues and higher crude oil prices mean gas at \$2 a gallon is quickly moving into the rearview mirror. Still, prices remain near

six-year lows with the national and Oregon averages at their cheapest prices since May 2009."

February typically marks the start of seasonal refinery maintenance in preparation for the busy summer driving season. Refineries usually schedule maintenance during the first several months of the year when demand is relatively low, which can lead to decreased production and supplies. Retail pump prices typically increase 30 to 50 cents during the spring run-up. Over the last five years, gas prices in February have risen by an average of 22 cents per gallon.

# Happy Valentines Day

## Dos Enamorados...

# \$39.95

Saturday  
February 14  
4 to 9 p.m.

*Dos Dinner Buffets, Dos Margaritas, Limon o fresa rocks or blended, includes our excellent dessert table featuring a chocolate fountain.*



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