

# OAHS plane finds new home in New York

After roaring over the skies of Cottage Grove for nearly a decade, the 1935 Stinson SR5E that was on display at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society (OAHS) has found a new home just outside Rochester, N.Y.

First received by the Oregon Antique and Classic Aircraft Club as a full project, meaning a bare bones fuselage and a ground up restoration, this aircraft began its journey back to life in 1994.

Spearheaded by former OAHS director Rex Hume, this project was first rebuilt and reassembled in Williams, Ore., and then moved to the Experimental Aviation Association hangar in Grants Pass, where the engine was installed and wings were attached.

It was then sent to Scappoose to Oregon Aero where they donated new interior upholstery. This undertaking was nearly 15 years to completion, and shortly after its first flight in 2009 Rex fell ill and passed in 2011.

Upon restoration and registration with the FAA in 2009, the aircraft was fully donated to OAHS, initially as a flagship for the museum with the understanding that down the line it may be sold to make room and raise funds.

With the recent addition of the OAHS restoration shop



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Cassandra Barrong, Executive Director OAHS & Mr. Jackson, new owner of the Stinson SR5E

and the acquisition of several historical Oregon aircraft that have been and will be restored space was limited and a decision was made to sell the Stinson.

The new owner hails from Penn Yan, N.Y., just outside of Rochester. The Stinson departed Cottage Grove for the last time Saturday June 2, powered by a 300hp, nine cylinder radial R680, using roughly 15 gallons of fuel with a 70-gallon capacity which gave it about a four-

hour fly time.

With stops in Hermiston, Mitchell, SD and Waterloo, IA, the Stinson arrived in Penn Yan, N.Y., Tuesday, June 5.

The OAHS noted that it was a "bittersweet goodbye as this was a project many of our members and fellow local aviators helped bring to life and it continues to be a flying memorial of Rex Hume.

The new addition of space however will allow us to bring the Tex Rankin Great Lakes

biplane back to Cottage Grove where it can be fully completed as one of our flying displays.

The new available space will also allow us to bring several of our Oregon home built aircraft out of storage and on display."

OAHS will be hosting a new exhibit and will continue to host pancake breakfasts the first Saturday of the month through September, as well as fly-in events through the summer.

## Free summer lunches program up and running

The free summer lunch program is offered to children between the ages of two and 18 years old. Children between the ages of 1 and 2 can eat when accompanied by a responsible adult.

To participate in the free lunch program, visit one of the follow sites: Bohemia Elementary School, Cottage Grove High School or Coiner Park between 11:30 a.m. and

12:30 p.m.

Dorena Post Office and the Camas apartments in Creswell will offer lunch between noon and 12:30, Holt Park in Creswell will offer lunch between noon and 1 p.m. and Riverwood Mobile Park in Creswell will offer lunch between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Food for Lane County at 541-343-2822.

### NEWS FROM LORANE

• Summer break has officially begun. Be aware of children of all ages walking or riding alongside or crossing the roads.

• Slow down, especially on Territorial near the Family Store and the deli.

• CAL School Board meets this Thursday, June 21, in Applegate Elementary at 7 p.m.

• The Crow Car Show is getting closer, Saturday, July 14. Early registration can save money. Forms may be downloaded at [www.crowboosterclub.com/crowcarshow](http://www.crowboosterclub.com/crowcarshow).

• Lorane grangers will get together to work on grange booth for the Lane County Fair, on Thursday, June 28, beginning at 7 p.m.

### VANDALISM from AI

son Jacob, who was arrested most recently last January in connection to a stabbing in

Creswell. His previous arrest led to an 11-year prison sentence after he was convicted of throwing rocks with swastikas on them through a synagogue window in Eugene.

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