

OAHS *from A1*

the brakes.

“Everybody just said, ‘Whoa, hang on here. Can’t do anything quite yet,’” said Talen. “And that ‘quite yet’ is still apparently in Phase One. Or Phase Zero. It’s just not happening.”

Virtually all air shows and other aviation events have been canceled this year throughout the state, including smaller local events.

“And here for our museum, our summertime events are huge revenue generators,” explained Talen.

The events also generate interest and membership in the museum, which is run by OAHS.

Original estimates to financially support plans for the 2021 centennial project were somewhere between \$60,000 and \$75,000, said museum staff, but donations and support from larger entities have dried up.

Besides the lack of donations, the project is now pushing forward without ODA backing as well.

Before the coronavirus outbreak, ODA had fully jumped on board the OAHS vision for a centennial celebration with an enthusiastic marketing campaign which would have included participation with the University of Oregon’s art department.

As the first state aviation department in the nation, the celebration would also provide ODA the opportunity to establish its name and legacy in aviation history.

However, “Everything pretty much evaporated,” said Talen.

Part of the reason stems from ODA’s budget being based largely on fuel tax revenues and the reduction of airline fuel purchase has contributed greatly to the financial dip.

As a stand-alone agency, ODA receives no state funding. Director Betty Stansbury stated in a May 7 presentation that the agency is unlikely to receive any state or federal financial assistance while it has been directed to plan to reduce its expenses to its expected revenues.

The tight financial squeeze virtually ensures an inability for the agency to operate beyond its statutorily mandated services, much less dole out funding for a centennial celebration.

Thus, the OAHS museum is left generating funds on its own, approaching the project from square one in its search for sponsorships.

Talen noted that when OAHS first started coming up with ideas for the project, it was all based on their own ideas anyway.

“So we’re just falling back on what we can do,” he said. “We just won’t be doing as much as we thought we could do.”

Restricted financially and logistically, OAHS is using this year to complete aircraft renovations, fundraise and plan for a limited number of air shows in the state



**OAHS Vice President Tim Talen sits in the pilot seat of the 1928 Stearman C3B he personally restored over 25 years. The now airworthy craft is the last of its kind and represents a historical period in aviation when mail and passenger air routes were being established.**

next year as it takes its mini-museum on tour.

Though initial plans to celebrate the centennial were set for February 2021, OAHS plans to use the entire year to spotlight Oregon’s aviation history in other events such as the Airshow of the Cascades in Madras and Hood River’s Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum fly-in event.

Next June, it’s hoped Cottage Grove’s Wings and Wheels event will commence and OAHS can put on display all its finished renovations as a test run for future events.

The museum is also looking into providing a more virtual experience for visitors, using QR codes for exhibitions so attendees are not forced to gather around signage.

While still working on finding sponsorship, the museum has launched a fundraising campaign selling a limited supply of 100-year anniversary commemorative license plates at \$100 apiece and is encouraging the community to join membership for as low as \$25 a year.

“A membership helps out,” said Talen. “Even at that level, it’s helping

your local community.”

OAHS is also happy to accept volunteers in its aircraft restoration efforts.

**Stearman Restoration**

As a new attraction to the museum, Talen

has recently finished a 25-year restoration on a 1928 Stearman C3B, taking it in the air for the first time last November.

This Montana mailplane carried some of the first airmail for the nation and is the last of

its kind.

“It is the only C3B Special registered in the United States,” said Talen.

The C3B biplane family was designed for both

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Worship: 11:00am  
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