

# Tanker 61 Memorial

Fall Newsletter



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## Memorial Moves Along

Another fire season has come and almost gone. Very little activity has been generated at the Klamath Falls Airtanker Base which also affects the memorial. The runway under construction impacted the season to a degree as the National Guard was moved to Boise, Idaho until completion. It's sad to admit that many visitors come to the Memorial not for airtankers but to see the Guard.

"That's OK, we like them too!", and the good news is that we are very close to re-establishing non-profit status. After a year of phone calls, forms filing, re-sending information and reading the non profit corporation handbook this board president called our local non profit lawyer. Like magic the IRS is responding appropriately. Our wish is finalization by November of this year.

We continue to hold board meetings and minutes are always available on request. Some latest topics:

### Meeting Minutes:

#### 1. Liability Issues

The liability issue is no longer an issue. As a non profit volunteer association we are protected under the Federal Volunteer Protection Act as well as the Oregon Non Profit Corporation Act.

## Thank You's

We would like to thank the following people for their assistance this past year:

**Thomas Romig, CPA** For generously contributing his time and expertise.

**Chuck Bath** For outdoor maintenance needs and support.

#### 2. Use Agreement

We are fine tuning an agreement to utilize the building with the Forest Service and as soon as this and the non profit status finalizes we can open the doors once again.

#### Recently we were asked, why non profit?

This is a really good question. The original idea worked and the building / Memorial was completed. Now the Memorial has potential to expand and actually become something more. As a non profit you can obtain grants and help to this end.

#### Some Objectives

- Seek out interested persons for volunteer services.
- Create interactive educational tools, displays, memorabilia in regard to aerial and ground fire-fighting.
- Provide tours, (especially to the young folk).
- Finish landscaping, gravel, tables and shade.

#### Contacts

Any questions may be directed to myself through the Klamath Falls airtanker base or any of the board members at the contact numbers listed below.

Sincerely.....*Marcia Cavin*

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