

The Bend High Desert Flyer of Chapter 1345

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## Prez Sez

Back to basics: Pizza is on the menu for our before meeting meal this month. We miss our cooks, but some of us eat before coming to the meeting, others want a reasonable bite to eat, so let's vary the munchies, or bring your own favorite snack. Let us know your preferences and we will accommodate.

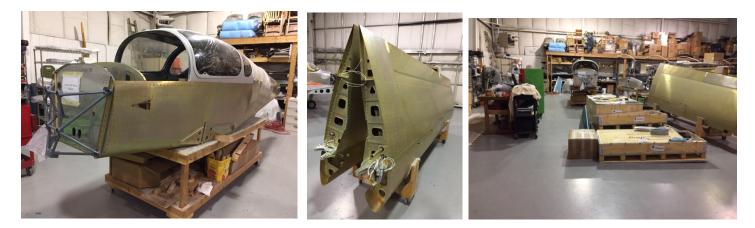
Great news! Our chapter has been selected to offer the Ray Scholarship to a young aspiring pilot, specifically for flight instruction. A candidate was selected last year, but our chapter was not awarded the opportunity by EAA. This year we have it, so our scholarship committee has recommended a candidate. Come to the meeting to meet the candidate.

More good news! Our chapter received a partial RV-9 kit as a donation. It consists of wings and some tail components. Some work has been done, but many more components are needed for an airplane to come together. Anyone got a fuselage?





Mike Nichols is building a quick build Sling TSI here in the hangar. It's a 4-place with a Rotax and some very good performance characteristics. C'mon out to see it getting started. I've invited Mike to come to the meeting. Maybe he can show us around?



### MEETING AGENDA MARCH 11, 2020 5:30PM



### 5:30

Check-in, name tags, dues, dinner donation, help set up tables and chairs AOPA monthly video, EAA monthly video

6:00 Pizza and beverages



### 6:30

Fun Moment – Drawing for donated headsets; must be present to win! Opening remarks, introductions Announcements: Airport manager hiring status, RV-9 donation, what's a Sling?

Committee/group reports – program, fly-outs, builder's, scholarship

### 7:10

Member Spotlight – Alan Smith Special Program: Civil Air Patrol

• What it is, how does it work, who is involved, what does it do?

Meet the Ray Scholarship candidate

### 8:00

New Business:

Flying Start Program, tentative May 16, 2020, discussion and planning session

Committee meetings

Other business

Help clean-up

Question: Should we host a "Flying Start" program May 16, like EAA suggests (see article later in the newsletter)? If so, we need to get right on it. It could be a fun combination of Young Eagle/Eagle flights plus a mix of ground school type presentations, simulators, and whatever we can contrive to get people connected to flight opportunities.

Next month Kim is planning a visit to the Samson Switchblade factory in Prineville. Stay tuned!

New airport manager? Haven't heard yet, but hope to have an update by the meeting on March 11.

### **Dale Anderson**

President

## Meeting Minutes February 2020

Minutes of a regular meeting of The Chapter held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at the "Bend Builders Assist"/Robertson Hangar at the Bend Municipal Airport. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

### ATTENDEES

There were 24 in attendance for this meeting. This included new members who signed up tonight.

### DINNER

Before the formal meeting, everyone ate Chili! There were three pots cooked by Lynn, Jeff, and Fred, as well as a variety of cornbread, cookies, and more.



### MEETING

The meeting kicked off at 6:30. The CAP program on for this meeting was moved to next month.

Announcements:

Shirts are available for 25 dollars.
Jerry Wilken is selling his VANS RV-6A. Jerry is quite a special guy Vietnam veteran, Purple Heart, bronze star, Armor battalion type.



Chili Judging: Lynn Anderson won the chili cook-off, but competition was stiff.

FUNNY/FUN MOMENT Dale showed the Red Bull "Catching a Plane" video (https://youtu.be/Qh06wlg9RmU).

### PROGRAM

Flying Start: We viewed a Charlie Becker video presentation on the Flying Start event. It is a turnkey program to be done in conjunction with a Young Eagles event and is designed to get new folks interested in flight training. EAA will print the promotional material for us free of charge. We agreed would like to do a flying start event.

Webinars: In February and March, there are various webinars. The secretary/treasury webinar is in March. We watched the EAA safety wire video during the meeting.

Website: Alan Smith gave an update on the website. Please send him any pictures of your aviation exploits especially from the different committees of the chapter.

Newsletter: Lynn Anderson talked about the newsletter and asked for submissions from members.

Around the Room Introduction: Several new members - 5 ish people who have been members for one month or less.

Young Eagles: Chuck Rosenfeld, the Young Eagles coordinator for EAA Chapter 617 in Prineville, stated they plan to do a Young Eagles flight in May, end of June, and sometime in August.

Airport Manager Search: Dale gave an update on the airport manager search. It is now narrowed down to three candidates from hundreds of applicants and all are excellent candidates (and pilots themselves).

Instrument Flying Group: There was talk of starting an instrument flying committee or group. Frank Fitzgerald volunteered to be a part of the Instrument Flying Group, but not want to chair the committee.

Member spotlight on Fred Bernardo: Fred got his license at age 24 in Southern California. See article below on more about Fred. Fred regularly helps with the build of the GlasStar, and he just got his medical back after 9 months and is looking forward to getting back in the seat. Congratulations Fred!

Committees and groups then met during the meeting. Here are the reports.

COMMITTEE/GROUP REPORTS AT MEETING

### Program Committee

Program committee is chaired by Kim Muinch, who is traveling this month. Dale recommended we hold the Flying Start event. EAA Webinar on Flying Start is scheduled for February 18. The March meeting will feature the Civil Air Patrol. See updated program report from Kim later in the newsletter.



### Builders Group - 10 members working on the GlassStar

Before the official chapter meeting, there was an Ad Hoc builder's group discussion. Several items were discussed in relation to costs and logistics of finishing the Glastar project.

### Flying Club

There is a lot of interest in the Flying Club. Should we start a flying club committee? Jeff, Nathalie, and Fred discussed the following:

Insurance - there would be a policy for the club and each pilot would carry their own.

Airplane options - general aviation aircraft are expensive. EAB airplanes have their own restrictions. Airplane rental/ownership is not a money making opportunity. If we used the GlasStar, we still need around \$50K to finish the airplane. We need to put together a spreadsheet laying out the costs and find an airplane. Getting the airplane into the club is the most difficult thing

Training - EAA has a webinar on donating aircraft to EAA/club. There was a lot of discussion around how to structure the club if we had an EAB airplane in the club.

### Scholarship Committee

Last year we applied for and did not get the Ray Scholarship. We applied again this year and have a candidate identified. Decision will be made by EAA this coming month.

### Young Eagles

Mike Wissing is the chair/coordinator – no report.

### Fly-Out Group

This group works in conjunction with Oregon Pilot's Association. The Central Oregon Chapter confirms the fly-out destination at the monthly meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, and the fly-out is the following Saturday. We keep a tentative list of fly-out destinations for the next 3 rolling months, weather permitting.

- Saturday, February 22 Albany Muni (S12) EAA chapter BBQ lunch (note: the fly-out was changed to Klamath Falls due to weather in the valley; see below for photos from the fly-out)
- Saturday, March 21 Creswell Hobby Field (77S) EAA Pancake Breakfast.
- o Saturday, April 18 Independence State Airport (7S5) Starduster Airport Cafe

## At 8:30 PM the meeting was . . . ADJOURNED **Jeff Stolasz**, Co-Secretary



## Treasurer's Report

Financial: For period 01/01/	20 to	02/29/2020
Total Income	\$	243.00
Total Expenses	\$	109.94
Net Income (Loss)	\$	133.06
Total Cash on Hand	\$14,141.19	
Payments Outstanding	None	



Jack Watson, Treasurer Emeritus for Nathalie Smith, Treasurer (who is on vacation in Hawaii!)

## **Chapter Membership Report**

Many thanks to the 19 members who have paid dues for the 2020 calendar year.

For those members that still need to renew their chapter membership, an individual "Regular" membership is \$25, and a family membership is \$40.

The easiest way to renew is at the check-in table at our meeting next Wednesday evening. You may also mail a check made out to EAA Chapter 1345 to Kim Muinch, C/O EAA Chapter 1345, 20926 Clearview Ct., Bend, OR 97702.

Your dues support the chapter in many ways, including our Young Eagles.

Kim Muinch, Membership Chair

## **Programs Report**

We have a lineup of presentations and events we're developing and scheduling including a visit to a local flying car factory, a tour of the newly-certified Epic LT Turboprop factory, a day at the WAAAM Museum in Hood River, a fly-in/drive-in campout, and chapter development/fellowship meetings with other EAA chapters.

Do you know of someone we can contact that can present something of interest to our members and prospective members? What about you?

Kim Muinch, Vice President

### Help Wanted at Next Week's Meeting!

We are looking for a volunteer to staff the check-in table at next Wednesday's meeting. We'll have it all set up and all you have to do is show up at 5:45 and greet arriving members and first-time attenders. This is a great opportunity for you to put names to new and familiar faces alike, and to serve your fellow members. Please call, text or e-mail Kim Muinch, our membership secretary at (541) 848-3600 <u>kmuinch@hotmail.com</u>







This month, we feature Fred Berardo, an active chapter member!

1. How did you get started in recreational flying?

A high school friend's dad had a Comanche 180. Jim got his private license at 17 years old, and we used to fly to Catalina, Mammoth Mountain, and Parker, Arizona. I LOVED it the first time.

### 2. What do you love about flying?

I enjoy the peace and relaxation it brings me. Even the long days at work and the traffic on the freeway home, I could go fly for an hour and feel relaxed. I also like the learning and navigation process.



3. Tell us about your own airplane(s)? Any that you built yourself? If yes, how was that experience?

I rented Cessna 150s and 172s, then moved into a Piper 140. I liked the feel of the Piper more. I restored lots of cars in my time so was pretty mechanical (also, the work I was in was mechanical). I looked for a Cessna 182, but they were pretty expensive. So I looked for one that needed work, but they were pretty bad. I had someone give me advice to spend a little more so I can fly and not have to work on a plane all the time. It turned out to be good advice. I found a 1976 Piper Archer II for sale at my home airport. The fellow bought it new and wanted something bigger. I bought the plane in 1980 with 1,200 hours on it. I had that plane for 23 years, then purchased a 1971 Piper PA-260C Comanche and restored it in 13 years of ownership. Great plane! I then salvaged and restored my current plane, a 1979 Grumman Tiger.



4. What is one funny or favorite story you can share from your flying experience?

My favorite story – I flew with a friend and our wives to Louisiana in a Mitsubishi MU-2. Second was a recent flight Kim and I made this year from Arlington, Washington to North Carolina to ferry a 2003 Grumman Tiger.

5. What is the most interesting place you have ever landed?

Sedona, Arizona is the most interesting place I have landed. It's on a plateau and I couldn't see the runway, even when the ATC pointed it out. I was right on top of it! But it is hard to see with all the red rock. The ATC said once you finally see it, you won't forget it – how true.

6. Any advice you would give to aspiring recreational pilots or homebuilders?

Try and fly as many new planes as you can. It's good to fly into



different airports – the terrain and weather are all different and the people are generally very gracious and helpful if needed.

7. What do you find the most rewarding about being a member of the High Desert Flyers and EAA?

As far as our EAA group, it's a great organization with very helpful people. We do lots of things for young and old alike to get involved in all aspects of aviation.

8. Anything else you want to share with our membership?

I just enjoy the people I've met, the learning about building airplanes, and all the knowledge everyone contributes. I hope to be part of this group for many years to come!



1971 Piper PA-260C Comanche



1976 Piper Archer II

## Flying Start Event

What's Our Chapter Doing On May 16, 2020?

EAA's annual Learn to Fly Day is Saturday, May 16, making it a great time to host a Flying Start event and invite the community to our chapter.

EAA's Flying Start program provides adults who have an interest in flying with an easy pathway to achieve their dream through a local EAA chapter. The program is a great way to grow our chapter membership and engage with local aviation enthusiasts in our surrounding community.



What other chapters are saying:

"What an amazing program! So many people have misconceptions about learning to fly. This program shatters the misconceptions, gets people in the air for a first flight, and creates a community of support to help them achieve their dreams of flight."

"It is an excellent opportunity to grow membership in your chapter."

Not only is this a wonderful opportunity, but it's also easy to do. All our chapter needs is:

- A place to meet
- Volunteer pilots to give Eagle Flights
- A CFI from a local flight school or flying club
- Presentation and promotional materials from EAA

Additionally, chapters that host a Flying Start event on EAA Learn to Fly Day — or anytime during the month of May — using the soon-to-be-released online registration will receive...... <mark>two free weekly passes for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2020!</mark>

Watch for details coming soon.



## EAA National Free Webinars in March:

## Use this link to register: <u>https://www.eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars</u>

3/11/20	7 p.m. CDT	Stabilized Approaches and Go-Arounds Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch		
	final approach ar discusses the tw	hat 47 percent of all general aviation accidents, and 40 p nd landing phases of flight. In this FAA Safety Team WIN to best tools to counter such accidents: stabilized approa is webinar to learn how to prevent landing accidents.	IGS Award webinar, Prof. Shuch		
3/17/20	7 p.m. CDT	How to Read and Call an Aerobatic Sequence Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Jim Bourke		
	Ever wonder how to read all those Aresti squiggles that are used to draw aerobatic sequences? It's not as complicated as it seems. Jim Bourke will explain why these diagrams make perfect sense, what terminology we can use to talk about them, and how to read them out loud with ease. This is a great seminar for the budding aerobatic competitor or enthusiastic volunteer.				
3/18/20	7 p.m. CDT	ATC and You: Communicating With Confidence and C Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Clarity Richard Kennington and Bob Obma		
	Communicating with air traffic controllers can be intimidating if you don't know the language. Instead of avoiding it, pilots can learn what they need to know to fly safely and efficiently in controlled airspace. Air traffic controllers Richard Kennington and Bob Obma will give participants the knowledge and insight they need to do just that in this FAA WINGS qualifying webinar.				
3/24/20	7 p.m. CDT	Chapter Chat: Donations and Contributions to Chapte	rs Patti Arthur		
	Tax attorney Patti Arthur discusses the legalities, tax benefits, and the potential pitfalls when accepting donations of cash or property. She will discuss donations of completed aircraft, as well as partially built or unbuilt kit aircraft.				
3/25/20	7 p.m. CDT	Medical Certification Q&A Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Tom Charpentier and Dr. Stephen Leonard		
	EAA government relations director Tom Charpentier and Aeromedical Advisory Council chair Dr. Stephen Leonard will discuss common certification problems, navigating the special issuance process, and BasicMed. After the presentation, remaining time will be spent with a Q&A session answering your questions.				

# Registration in Now Open for AirVenture 2020 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

You never know who you might get to hang out with at AirVenture! Dale and Lynn got to hang with the Wright Brothers one year and even try the Wright Brothers simulator (at the National Park Service exhibit).

Registration is now open for AirVenture 2020, held July 20-26, 2020 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

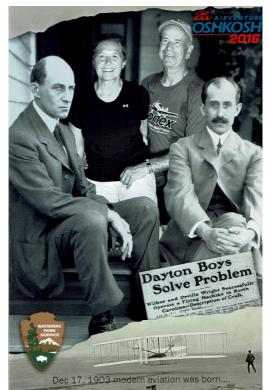
The theme this year will honor the end of World War II, featuring not only historic aircraft, but also the U.S. Air Force Special Operations.

Learn more about AirVenture 2020 here and start planning your trip!

## Fly-In in Arizona

Faye Phillips, our co-secretary, is spending time in Arizona this winter. She sent us notice of this upcoming fly-in:





## McMinnville Wine & Food Classic Sip!

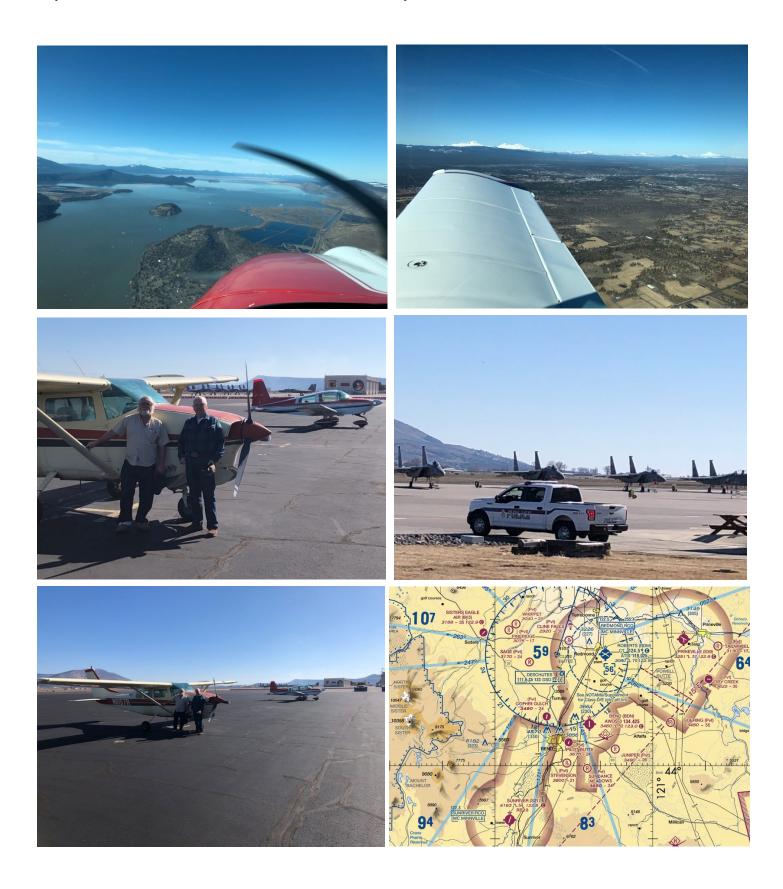
March 14 @ 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum



Learn more here: https://www.oregonwine.org/event/mcminnvil le-wine-food-classic-sip-3/2020-03-14/

## Fly-Out to Klamath Falls on February 22



## **Building Progress on the Glastar Project**





Work progresses! We just finished fitting and mounting the wing struts. In order to do the work, we had to rent a special jig from GlasAir in Arlington, Washington.





## Join in the fun! Learn new skills!

The Builder's Group meets Wednesday late afternoons and most Saturday mornings in the Bend Builders Assist Hangar

## A Look Back.... Redmond Airport



From the Bend Bulletin (February 9, 2020)

In spite of low clouds and cold rain, thousands showed up to sit in the makeshift grandstand to watch United Airlines make its first scheduled passenger flight into Redmond's Robert's Field Oct. 1, 1946.

Originally, a grass landing strip that's now under Fred Meyer's parking lot was Redmond's first airport, serving private planes and barnstorming shows. With growing interest in flight, the airport moved to its present location in the mid-1930s.

In 1942, the airport was leased to the government as a training base for WWII bomber pilots. As many as 100 bombers were stationed at Redmond.

After the war, the base, with all its buildings and landing strips each over a mile long, were sold back to the city of Redmond for \$1 and enthusiastically developed by Redmond's citizens and city officials into today's modern facility.

Redmond is now the 4<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the state, and is expected to exceed Eugene this year in commercial flights.

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Happy Spring 2020! First day of spring is March 20, 2020

