



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

January 2024 Newsletter

*****Please note: There will be NO
General Meeting in January*****

See you in February!



Message from the President

Greetings fellow chapter members, and Happy New Year!

I was thrilled to have such a great turnout for the Holiday Banquet. If you enjoyed the great service and food provided by Hoss Talebi please let him know when you stop by for a gourmet hot dog, or leave him a nice online review. Having a restaurant at the airport is a wonderful thing and we all hope he succeeds.

I hope many of you made New Year's resolutions to get more involved with your chapter. The more help we have the more amazing things we'll be able to do in the upcoming year. Your efforts may inspire young (and not so young) people to become excited and involved in aviation.

As you know our January meeting is canceled, but we'll have a great program for you at our February meeting.

I hope you're all able to stay warm and busy as our winter weather finally arrives.

Chris Wallace



HOLIDAY DINNER

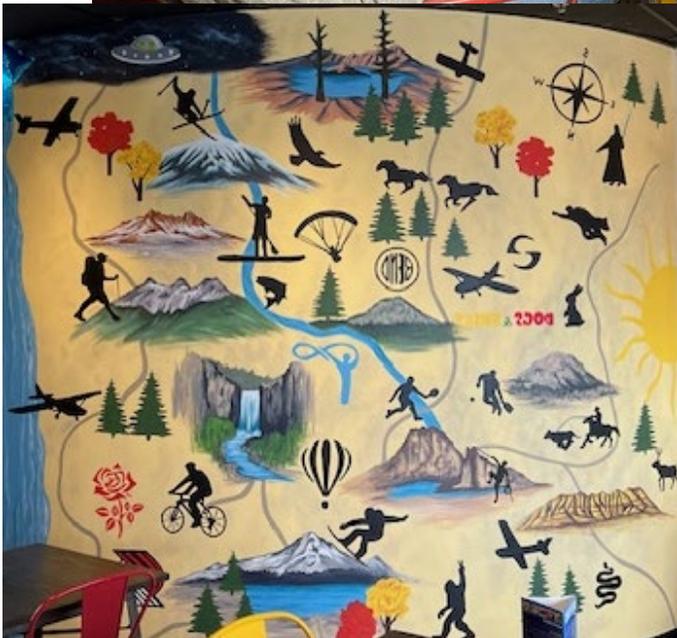
A good time was had by all at our annual Holiday Dinner with 50 people in attendance. We enjoyed the food provided by Hoss Talebi of Dogs and Fries, the holiday decorations put up by our scholarship students, and good conversation. We even collected some donated toys and food for the Santa Express Drive.

Thank you to all who attended for a fun evening!



Thank you to our decorating team led by Kim Muinch: Rob Hardie, Cash Earl, Colton Hardie, Timber, Tobann and Amy Bionda, and Gabriella Favia.





Check out the new hand painted mural at Dogs and Fries Restaurant representing Central Oregon.

January Meeting Agenda

Winter has finally arrived! There will be no chapter meeting in January. We hope to see you at our next meeting on Wednesday, February 14th.



*****Volunteers Needed*****

Please consider volunteering for one of our many chapter events planned for 2024, including Young Eagles, Eagles, student scholarships, and Flying Start. It's a great way to get to know other members and give back to our community.

We are also looking for ideas for speakers/programs for our monthly chapter meetings. If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting to the chapter, please reach out to Chris Wallace at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

2024 Membership Dues Reminder

Annual membership dues are due this month! We are keeping the dues at \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a family. Dues can be paid electronically by credit card or PayPal on our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaal345/yearly-membership-renewal>. If you prefer to pay by check, please make the check payable to "EAA Chapter 1345" and either bring it to the monthly meeting or mail it to:

EAA Chapter 1345
P.O. Box 6732
Bend, OR 97706

We welcome prospective members to attend up to two of our monthly chapter meetings to learn about the group and meet our members. After attending two meetings, we kindly ask that you join the chapter by paying the annual dues to help fund our activities during the year.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Faye Phillips, at Fayephil@gmail.com.

Young Eagles Flights In December!

Thanks to our delayed winter weather, two of our chapter members were able to take three lucky Young Eagles on flights last month.

Flown by member Tom Wright, who is also our Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator:

Luke and his very proud parents



Olivia did a great job flying to Madras, even did the takeoff on our return!



On December 21st of last year, I had the privilege of giving Cash Earl his first Young Eagles flight. Cash is one of the newest, if not the newest young member, of our EAA chapter. Cash is 16 years old and very much interested in earning his private pilot certificate and possibly having a career in aviation.

Since my airplane (RV-7A, N689JL) is hangared in Prineville, I flew from Prineville to Bend to meet Cash at the Skyservice FBO. It was a beautiful sunny day with pleasant temperatures on the ground and aloft. After completing our Young Eagle paperwork, we took off from Bend on runway 16 and proceeded to make right downwind traffic to the north. We were squawking 1237 and monitoring Seattle Center on 126.15 as is recommended in our high traffic environment. Sure enough, as we were heading north the center controller called us up for a traffic advisory since an Alaska Airlines flight was coming in from the east to pass south and west of Bend and then north to RDM for the RNAV Runway 5 GPS approach. We had previously noticed the traffic on the moving map and complied with the controller's heading and altitude suggestions. We then headed to the Lake Billy Chinook and Madras areas to do some maneuvering.

Once we were stabilized, I handed over control to Cash and he did a remarkable job of flying straight and level. After that he did some standard rate and 30 degree bank turns. We also performed some climbs and descents. I took control for a bit and showed him how the autopilot could fly an instrument approach into Madras (we maintained VFR of course, with eyes outside!). Cash then flew us back over Prineville and toward Bend where I took back control for a landing on runway 16.

We both had a great time. It was indeed a perfect day!

Joel Haynes



2024 Young Eagles and Eagles Updates

From Thomas Wright, Young Eagles & Eagles Coordinator



SAVE THE DATE! MADRAS YOUNG EAGLES JUNE 1, 2024

Our Chapter has been invited by the City of Madras airport commission to hold a Young Eagles rally at the airport on Saturday, June 1, 2024. We were the first organization to be invited to what will be called “Madras Airport Day”. Other aviation organizations are also being invited to participate.

We will do this in collaboration with our friends and colleagues in the Prineville EAA Chapter and they are ready to help. Our Chapter will provide the online registration, electronic signatures, as well as Chief Pilot, Chief Marshall, and all EAA National communication. Both Chapters will have pilots, ground escorts, and ground volunteers. With a great location, new airport management, and our crew this will be a memorable day, so stay tuned.

OUR CHAPTER TO HOST INAUGURAL EAA FLYING START PROGRAM APRIL 27, 2024

What is Flying Start? This is an EAA program for chapters to educate and inspire adults in our community who are eager to get into aviation but may not know how or where to take the first steps. So, kind of like Young Eagles for adults.

Like Young Eagles, adults will have to register online for the one morning program on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We will limit this to 20 adults. Mike ‘Cuckoo’ Kloch of Specialized Aero Works has generously offered his hangar and meeting space for this event. I will start with an EAA PowerPoint presentation and video, short Q and A, then our guests will get to meet our Chapter pilots and local CFIs. Interested guests will be offered a complimentary Eagle Flight provided by one of our volunteer pilots at a time convenient for both. Once a flight is completed guests will receive a complimentary 6 month EAA membership.

Why do this? It recruits new Chapter members and engages us in a new program. It helps create new pilots to strengthen the GA community. And, it enhances our Chapter’s position as the local access point to aviation. I will discuss this in more detail at our next meeting.

From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

Happy 2024 New Year! Highlights for a 2023 quick look back follows:

- By January, the runway 16/34 rehabilitation project was completed with a crack fill, resurfacing, re-painting and replacement of all signs with new LED lighting was completed the previous month.
- In February, the Deschutes County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) held a special meeting regarding a solid waste management facility siting initiative. A site near the Bend airport was eliminated from consideration.
- In March, Bend airport users supported the 99's Movie Night at the Madres Airport.
- In April, the Final Bend Airport Site Selection Study was released, proposed as just east of taxiway Bravo 3.
- By May, the City had removed several obstructions to navigable airspace (trees) resulting in Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP) removing "Night Not Authorized" (Night-NA) limitations in place due to approach surface obstructions.
- In June, the City announced a leasing opportunity for the airport café.
- In July, the Environmental Assessment for the air traffic control tower was complete.
- By August, several Airport and Aircraft Familiarization trainings were held with Bend Fire and based aircraft users.
- By September, updated Approached and Departure Procedures were underway by FAA, amending the Area Navigation (RNAV) (Global Positioning System [GPS]) Runway (RWY) 34, the RNAV (GPS) Y RWY 16, the RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 16, the Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME) RWY 16, and the BEND ONE DEPARTURE (OBSTACLE).
- In October, The City requested amendments to Deschutes County Code (DCC) Chapter 18.04, Title, Purpose and Definitions, Chapter 18.76, Airport Development Zone, Chapter 18.80, Airport Safety Combining Zone, and Chapter 18.120, Exceptions. The purpose of the proposed text amendments was to clarify and modify the standards which apply to an air traffic control tower (ATCT). The proposed amendments would modify the DCC to add a definition of an ATCT, establish as a use permitted outright in the Airport Development Zone, and modify the height limit so that an ATCT could be constructed at the Bend Municipal Airport.

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From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager (*cont'd*)

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

- By November, the City hired a fulltime Airport Maintenance Technician, increasing the staff from one full-time Airport Manager and one part-time Maintenance worker to 2.5 full-time equivalents.
- In December, the City held two Airport Open House/Public meetings to solicit comments from stakeholders regarding draft updates to the 2018 Airport Regulation, Policies and Guidelines. The 2018 document was 103 pages, the revised 2025 draft document was reduced to 59 clarifying pages. Comments received on the draft are under consideration for an updated draft to be issued for review by stakeholders by early March 2024.

Thanks for reading, please fly safe, and check NOTAMS.

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

Chapter Member Name Tags

The Chapter is purchasing name tags for all current members who would like one. The name tag will include your name, and a second line of your choice. Maybe your aircraft N number, your nickname, board position, or anything you'd like to say about yourself.

If you would like a name tag, please submit your request to Jeff Stolasz (jstolasz@yahoo.com). We receive a discount on ten or more, so every ten requests we will place an order.

Wear your nametag with pride. You are part of a rapidly growing group!

Here is a sample of the name tag.



Upcoming Local Aircraft Museum Events

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

Upcoming events at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville, home of the Spruce Goose, include:

Saturday, January 13th

The Nighthawk Experience: Desert Storm

In commemoration of Desert Storm, the Museum is hosting a Desert Storm-themed, “The Nighthawk Experience”. If you were not able to make the first “The Nighthawk Experience” or you would like to learn more about Operation Desert Storm, this event is for you. This is the second installment in a series of F-117 events, created to support the restoration process.

The event will feature Major General Gregory Feest, who piloted the F-117 in Operation Desert Storm. Other experts will be available to answer questions about the role played by the F-15 & A-10.

Tickets are \$30 and include Museum admission.

Thursday, February 15th

The Life & Times of Bessie Coleman – The First Black Female and First Native American Pilot

Join us as we explore Bessie Coleman’s pioneering journey to become the first Black woman and first Native American to earn a pilot’s license. Coleman’s inspiring life story, related through a live theatrical performance by her grand-niece Gigi Coleman, encourages individuals to achieve their dreams.

Free to Museum Members. \$10 General Admission

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit their website at www.evergreenmuseum.org.





Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

The WAAAM museum in Hood River has a busy schedule of events planned for 2024. Here is a list from their online calendar:

- January 1 - WAAAM closed for New Years Day
- January 13 - Second Saturday - iSpy Museum Edition
- February 10 - Second Saturday - For the Love of History: Restoration Projects
- March 9 - Second Saturday - March through Time – 1930s
- April 13 - Second Saturday - Pearl Harbor Author Talk
- April 20 - Model T Driving School
- April TBD - Driving Through The Decades
- May 11 - Second Saturday - Anzani Fan Demo
- May 18 - Model T Driving School
- June 8 - Second Saturday - Gliders and the World of Silent Flight
- June 15 - Model T Driving School
- June TBD - WAAAM Camp - Intro to Aviation for Kids
- July 13 - WAAAM Traffic Jam - A Car Show, WAAAM Style
- July TBD - WAAAM Camp - Car Style
- July 20 - Model T Driving School
- August 10 - Second Saturday - Muscle Cars
- August 24 - Model T Driving School
- September 7 & 8 - Annual Hood River Fly-in
- September 14 - Second Saturday - Centenarian Day
- September 28 - Model T Driving School
- October 12 - Second Saturday -Local History Spotlight: Shearer Sprayers' SM8-A
- November 9 - Second Saturday - Military Vehicles
- November 28 - WAAAM closed for Thanksgiving
- December 14 - Second Saturday - Flying Around the World
- December 25 - WAAAM closed for Christmas

To see more details, please visit their website at www.waaamuseum.org.

A NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK AT NORTHWEST OREGON AIRPORTS

Submitted by Steve Gette, Member At Large

While looking for newsletter articles, I came across an interesting site that shows many of northwest Oregon's abandoned and little known airports.

Reading about the article's airports, I was reminded that as a young boy, I lived close to the second Portland airport located along the Columbia River. On many occasions I rode my bike to and played at that airfield. For fun, I would ride the United Airlines terminal escalator up and down with my friends. Of course, there was no security back then!

Although abandoned, the first Portland airport was located on Swan Island (which eventually was replaced by the newer Portland municipal airport, which is now Portland International). When I was employed at Freightliner corporate on Swan Island, part of the west parking lot was developed over the original runways, and parts of which still remain intact today. On occasion when our lot became full, we actually parked on the original runway strip.

Instead of replicating and somewhat plagiarizing the content, simply click on site address below to be taken back in time. It's a bit of a read but I think it's well worth time spent. There are many aerial photos, old sectional charts, and brief history of each noted airport. ENJOY!

Steve Gette
EAA1345 Webmaster

<http://www.airfields-freeman.com/index.htm>



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