



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

July 2023 Newsletter



Next General Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

6:00pm

Dinner of hamburgers, potato salad and green salad available for \$7 donation to cover our costs

6:30-7:30pm

General meeting

Location:

Bend Builders Assist
63030 Powell Butte Hwy
Bend, OR

Guests are welcome to attend up to two monthly meetings before becoming a member.

Message from the President

Greetings chapter 1345! Welcome to our July newsletter.

Saturday, July 8th, was our first Young Eagles event of the summer, and I would have to call it an amazing success. We flew 29 Young Eagles, and we all saw 29 huge smiles as they climbed out of their respective planes. I just can't say enough to thank all our volunteers. Everyone stepped up as necessary and did what needed to be done. A special thanks to our Young Eagles coordinator Thomas Wright. Every detail of the event was carefully planned and went without a hitch.

Thanks to all our pilots who generously donated their time and fuel, and our registration team who kept the event flowing smoothly. Also, thank you to Julian Coffman from New Moon Aviation who was able to troubleshoot one of our planes and get it back in the air.

We have another Young Eagles event coming up on August 5th. I look forward to seeing you all again, and if anyone else would like to participate we'll be eager to have you.

At this month's general meeting, member Kim Muinch will give us a briefing on the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) and how general aviation can be of great value in supporting disaster relief efforts. See you all there!

Chris Wallace

July Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Aviation Scholarship Update
- Young Eagles: July 8th Event Recap and August 5th Event Planning
- **Guest Speaker:** Chapter member Kim Muinch will share stories and photos from the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) Whale Run 23 Exercise held July 8-9, 2023.

This month's presentation will introduce us to a relatively new and interesting organization here in Oregon that brings pilots and HAM radio operators together to serve small, remote communities with general aviation airlift services in time of emergency disasters.

The Bend Municipal Airport has been designated as a key supply depot in a state-wide network of depots that will store supplies and equipment that will enable local pilots to fly those supplies to small remote communities all over the state when "The big one" comes, or in other disaster emergency scenarios. Chapter member Kim Muinch, the coordinator for the Bend depot will present the details of Bend's role in a state-wide exercise conducted the weekend of July 8-9, which included flights to bring supplies from the main Walla Walla supply depot, to the Bend depot, and then the outbound flights from Bend to a number of airport destinations in small communities. You'll see photos, and hear stories from other chapter members that flew those "Missions".

July Newsletter Challenge: In April, we asked readers to send in the answer to one of the crossword puzzle clues to get a chance to win a free dinner. Congratulations to the first Newsletter Challenge winner, Faye Phillips, who won a free dinner at our April general meeting!



This month's newsletter challenge question is: What is the penalty for smuggling pygmy monkeys?

Email the answer to Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com by noon on July 12th to be entered in a drawing for a FREE dinner at the July 12th chapter meeting (a \$7 Value!).

Ray Aviation Scholarship Update

From Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Jeff Stolasz

Timber Bionda did his first solo the Friday before the 4th of July in N733MG. He flew a few times around the pattern with his instructor George Chladek then George jumped out and Timber took it from there. He performed two perfect touch-and-goes on Runway 16 then one to a full stop. Timber also passed his FAA written exam with a 93! Congratulations Timber. The Bionda Family will be away for a month so we can congratulate him when we meet next.



EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Notes June 14, 2023

We held a potluck in lieu of our monthly general meeting in June. Thank you to our members who attended and brought so much delicious food. Our next potluck will be in December to celebrate the holiday season.



YOUNG EAGLES DAY A SUCCESS!

Finally, after what seemed like a long wait, the rescheduled YE Day was Saturday, July 8th, from 8-12. We flew 29 Young Eagles with 11 pilots in 9 airplanes, and 12 ground crew. A special thank you to the two pilots from the Prineville EAA chapter, Rich Doyle and Chuck Rosenfeld, who came out to support our event. We heard that Chuck has done just under 300 Young Eagle flights! Prineville is hosting a Young Eagles event on August 19th and would love our help.

It was a busy morning, not just with our YE flights, but also providing ground support to incoming ODART flights who flew in disaster recovery supplies to the adjacent hangar and four HAM radio operators, including our own Steve Gette.

And as if that isn't enough....our next YE Day is August 5. We will be reaching out to our July 8th volunteers to see who would like to help next month. If you would like to join our volunteer team, please contact me (Thomas Wright) at the phone number or email address shown below.

Thomas Wright, YE Coordinator
Mobile: 717-724-7139
Email: Wright.thomas@yahoo.com



A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who came out early Saturday morning to help make our YE Day a success!!!

Alexis Vaughan

Carter Fairchild

Chris Wallace

Chuck Rosenfeld

Colton Hardie

Debbie Wallace

Faye Phillips

Melanie and Julian Coffman (from New Moon Aviation)

Fred Berardo

Jeff Stolasz

Jeff Thompson

Joel Haynes

John Wood

Ken Fayal

Kyle Claggett

Linda Wallon Haynes

Mark Harris

Mike Robertson

Rich Doyle

Rob Hardie

Steve Gette

Thomas Wright

Chapter 1345 Booth at the Sisters Airport Rumble on the Runway

A few of our members setup an EAA display booth on July 4th at the Sisters Airport to share information about our chapter and our Young Eagles events. It was a fun small town July 4th celebration with a pancake breakfast, a 5K run and a large display of classic cars. It ended with runway drag races between an eclectic group of both and old new vehicles, including a Tesla Roadster vs a Nascar race car (the Tesla won).

Our booth generated some member leads and several families interested in future Young Eagles events. Thank you to Joel Haynes for bringing his Vans RV-7A and Jeff Stolasz for displaying his partially completed Just Highlander, as well as Steve Gette, Fred Berardo and Chris Wallace for staffing the booth.



Local Aircraft Museum Highlight



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

If you enjoy airplane museums and haven't visited WAAAM in Hood River, we highly recommend making the trip. The museum has one of the largest collections of still-flying antique aeroplanes and still-driving antique automobiles, including one of the few remaining 1929 Ford 5-AT-C TriMotors. They hold a special event on the 2nd Saturday of every month and offer Model T driving lessons in the summer.

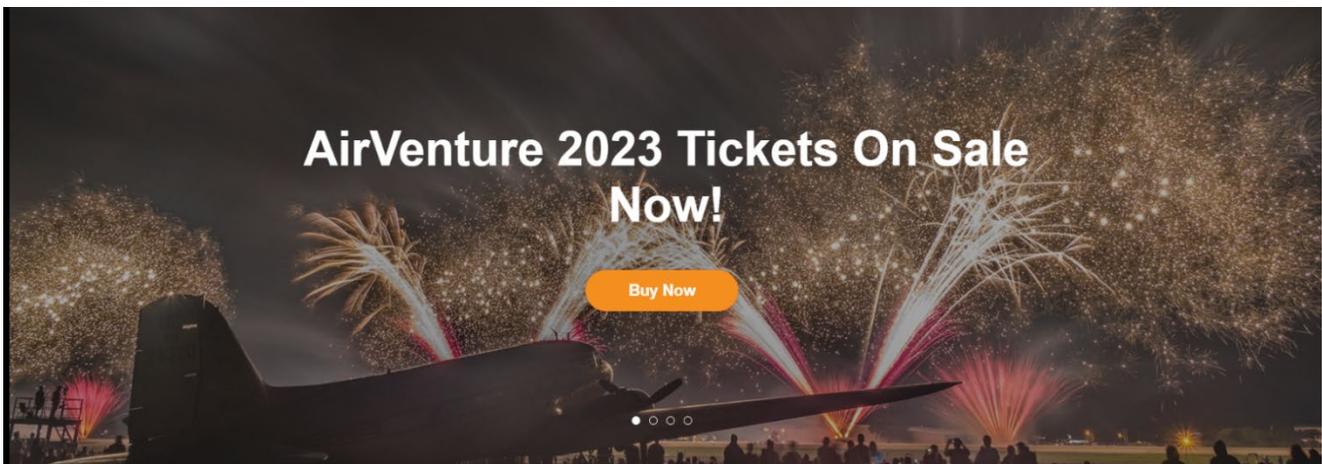
The museum is open daily from 9-5. More information can be found on their website at waaamuseum.org.



EAA National Free Webinars in July

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered in July for *free* by EAA National to members. This month is a little quiet due to the AirVenture Convention at the end of the month. Preregistration is recommended since space is limited. For more information and to preregister, go to <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>. If you miss the live webinar, you can still watch the video at a later date.

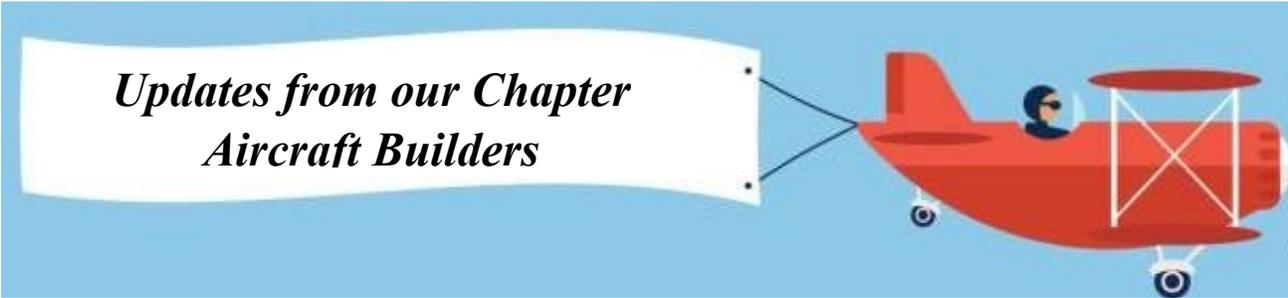
- July 11: 916iS – The New Rotax Engine (*homebuilders series*)
- July 12: How to Ground an Airplane



*EAA AirVenture Fly-In & Convention runs from July 24-30, 2023
in Oshkosh, Wisconsin*

Donated Aircraft Update

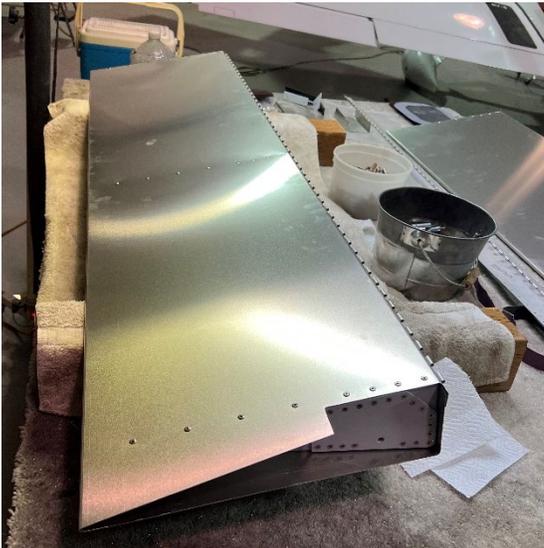
The Chapter RV-12 had its first successful engine run and is now waiting for a final inspection before we can list it for sale.



Our chapter has several members currently building experimental kit planes in varying stages. We shared some of their stories in our November newsletter. The builders have been busy and below are updates on some of their projects. If you are building a kit, we would love to include your update in a future newsletter.

Chapter Member: Chris Wallace
Kit: Sonex Waix

Coming along slowly. There's so much to do in Bend in the summer. I've been getting in a couple build days a week. Finished flaps and ailerons, currently working on flight control pushrods. Have attached the engine mount, at least temporarily. Each of the rudder pedal pivot blocks in the lower right photo took almost a day to make from scratch.



MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD....

Submitted by Steve Gette, Member At Large

- One windshield or window frame of a Boeing 747-400's cockpit costs as much as a BMW.
- Airport control tower windows must be angled at precisely 15 degrees from vertical at the top to decrease reflections from both inside and outside the tower.
- Commercial airport runways are typically 2 to 4 feet thick with layers of asphalt. Taxiways are usually thinner, with around 18 inches of concrete.
- A jet's contrails (or white trails) consist of frozen, crystallized water vapor and carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfate particles, and soot. They can be used to predict the weather. A thin, shorter tail indicates low humidity and fair weather. A thick, longer lasting tail signifies the early indication of a storm.
- The atmosphere in an airplane cabin dries out a person's nose, and the changing air pressure numbs about 1/3 of a person's taste buds. This is one reason for airlines adding lots of spices and salt to their foods. Additionally, tomato juice tastes less acidic in the air.
- About 1 in 5 people have some of fear flying, or "aviophobia."
- Research indicates that people fall in love with flight attendants at first sight more than any other professions (including restaurant servers and strippers).
- A woman tried to smuggle a baby tiger onto an airplane by sedating it and then placing it in a suitcase with stuffed toy tigers. However, her plan was foiled when the X-ray in the security check showed that one of the "stuffed toys" actually had bones.
- In 2002, a man tried to smuggle two pygmy monkeys in his underwear onto a plane. He was sentenced to 57 days in jail.



2023 Membership Dues Information

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. Annual membership dues is \$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

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

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