



**High Desert Flyers**

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

## November 2023 Newsletter



### **Next General Meeting**

Wednesday, November 8

6:00pm

Dinner of chicken croissant sandwiches, salad and cookies 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 fellow Chapter 1345 members and welcome to our November newsletter. As we near the end of the year, I've been reflecting on all of our accomplishments in 2023. We held two successful Young Eagles events and assisted the Prineville chapter in two more, we found and are mentoring two highly qualified scholarship candidates, and the membership has increased. I'm excited to see what we will accomplish next year! Your board has been meeting to brainstorm new activities for next year. We welcome all members who would like to participate in the process.

We have another great meeting planned this month. Ed Weiser from Deschutes County Search and Rescue will be presenting on being prepared should you find yourself in need of rescue. In a related subject, Jeff Stolasz will also share with us what he's learned about personal locator technology. Kim Muinch, our election committee chair, will hold our annual board election where we will vote for Treasurer during the meeting.

I am excited to announce some changes to our holiday party this year. Instead of a potluck, this year's event will be catered at a reduced cost to members, with most of the expense being covered by your chapter. This will be a special event as a thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped our chapter fly 49 Young Eagles over the past summer. The dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, in lieu of our December chapter meeting. We have a room capacity limit of 50 attendees, so make sure to RSVP early. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

*Chris Wallace*



*\* Note on dinner: We apologize for running out of salad and cookies last month. We didn't expect such a great turnout and will do our best to better estimate attendance in the future.*

## November Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Election of Chapter Officers
- Student scholarship updates
- Holiday Party in December
- 2024 Planning
- Personal Locator Technology – Jeff Stolasz
- **Guest Speakers from Deschutes County Search and Rescue:**  
Given the Central Oregon terrain and climate, it's no wonder search and rescue operations (SAR) are a vital resource to us pilots when things don't go as planned. At the November Chapter meeting we will get to meet and learn from Deschutes County SAR crew members Ed Weiser, Assistant Coordinator for helicopter and fixed wing operations, and Dan Dawson, SAR Team Coordinator. In addition to his SAR duties, Dan is also a cofounder of the Deschutes Flying Club.

## Membership Update

We have 51 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Bob Clayton  
Zach, Angie and Isaac Boettner

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

## Election of Chapter Officers

Our annual election of officers will be held during the general meeting on November 8th. The nominating committee members are Kim Muinch, Steve Gette and Debbie Wallace. The only open position this year is Treasurer and Joel Haynes has kindly volunteered to fill this position. Although there is only one candidate, we encourage you to participate in the election to support the intent of our chapter bylaws.

The new officer will be installed at the December holiday party meeting and begin their duties on January 1, 2024.

## ***HOLIDAY DINNER***

*Instead of a potluck this year, we will be hosting a Holiday Dinner on **Wednesday, December 13th**, at the newly opened restaurant, Dogs and Fries, at Bend Airport, just down the street from the BBA hangar at 63136 Powell Butte Rd. (If you haven't checked out the new restaurant yet, we highly recommend it!)*

*Hoss Talebi, owner of Dogs and Fries, will be preparing a menu of beef, chicken and vegetable skewers, Persian rice, and shirazi and green salads. Soft drinks and water will be available, and the chapter will provide some holiday desserts. Attendees may bring their own wine or beer if desired. Dinner will be offered to paid members at a reduced price as a thank you for all of your volunteer time in 2023. Cost is \$15 per member (who may bring one guest who is not a member for \$15), or \$20 per non-member.*

*An email invitation will be sent via SignUpGenius to all paid chapter members on November 3rd. You will be able to RSVP and pay for your dinner via credit card through the SignUpGenius website. You may also pay by cash or check at the November 8th chapter meeting only. Be sure to RSVP by November 19th as reservations will open to non-members after that date. Due to space limitations, attendance is limited to the first 50 paid RSVPs.*

*There will be no formal meeting during the party, but we will announce and install the newly elected chapter Treasurer.*

*We hope you can join us for a fun and festive evening!*

## **Ray Aviation Scholarship Update**

*From Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Jeff Stolasz*

Timber Bionda has 48 hours of flight training under his belt. He completed his night cross country and is working on flight planning, solos, and will do his solo cross country soon. That check ride is looming much closer now. Definitely before the end of the year...No pressure.

## **EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Notes October 2023**

Mike Robertson grilled hamburgers and salmon burgers for dinner before the meeting. We were excited to have 31 attendees this month!

Our President, Chris Wallace, welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

Kim Muinch, Election Committee Chair, explained the annual officer election process and asked if there were any additional nominations for Treasurer, the only position open for election this year. No nominations were received during the meeting, so Joel Haynes is the only candidate running for the position. The election will be held during the November chapter meeting.

Thomas Wright presented a review of the 2023 Young Eagles events and the plan to host 2-3 events next year. He also proposed that the chapter consider additional events in 2024 to support and encourage young people to consider a career in aviation. The chapter already gives scholarships for private pilot licenses, but he would like us to consider scholarships for other aspects of aviation, such as Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) mechanics and avionics technicians.

Chris Wallace reminded members that the chapter will be buying name tags for all interested members. The due date to order is November 1st. Additional orders may be placed in the future when we reach a quantity of 10 or more.

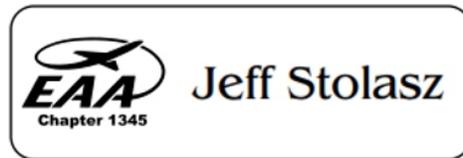
Guest speaker and chapter member, MJ Harris, gave a presentation on pilots experiencing mental health issues or addiction. She shared her experiences working with pilots to diagnose their issues and suggest proper treatment to help get them back to flying. The key message was to be honest if you feel you have a reportable issue and do not be afraid to ask for treatment, both for your own wellbeing and to get you back to flying safely. The FAA and aviation companies are much more supportive than previous perceptions. There were many questions and good discussions from the group.

## Chapter Member Name Tags

We've placed our first order for member name tags and expect to receive them soon. The Chapter Board approved the purchase of name tags for all current members since the group is growing and it makes it more welcoming to new members. 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.

For those of you who would like a name tag and are a new member or you missed the order deadline, please submit your request to Jeff Stolasz ([jstolasz@yahoo.com](mailto: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 and changing group! Here is a sample of the name tag, though the background will be blue.



## EAA Flight Training Scholarships!

The EAA National organization sent the following email to all members on October 27<sup>th</sup> to announce that scholarship applications open soon. These are in addition to the scholarships offered by our local chapter.

Do you or someone you know dream of becoming a pilot or pursuing an aviation-related career? EAA offers scholarships to students ages 16 and older to encourage them to pursue careers in the world of aviation!

With the help of our generous donors, EAA gives out more than \$1 million in scholarship money yearly, supporting flight training and aviation focused post-secondary education, such as aerospace or aeronautical engineering, aviation business administration, air traffic control, aviation maintenance, professional flight, or any aviation-related STEM field.

Application opens **NOVEMBER 1, 2023!**

For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.eaa.org/eaal/learn-to-fly/scholarships>

## Compass Rose Repainting Project

Member Faye Phillips has pointed out that Bend's compass rose is faded and cracked. It is at the south end of the airport near where the gliders park. We're looking for a few volunteers to repaint this with chapter provided supplies. Contact Chris Wallace if you're interested at [highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com).



## **New Moon Aviation Extends its Reach to Prineville and Sisters!**

In a momentous leap, New Moon Aviation, headquartered in Madras, is spreading its wings to encompass two more destinations, Prineville and Sisters. This expansion marks an exciting chapter in the company's journey, driven by an unwavering commitment to ethical practices, a treasure trove of aviation experience, and a steadfast dedication to getting the job done right the first time. But that's not all this exceptional aviation company has in store for its ever-growing clientele. Are you in need of aircraft maintenance services? Look no further! A few clicks on their website (<https://www.newmoonaviation.com/>) will allow you to effortlessly schedule your service, putting your aircraft in the capable hands of our expert team, ensuring it remains in top-notch condition. And that's just the beginning. New Moon offers IFR and VFR 24-month recertification, adding an extra layer of safety and reliability to your aviation journey. Wherever you're based, be it Prineville, Sisters, or Madras, rest assured that New Moon Aviation is here to elevate your flying experience to new heights.



*Editor's Note: Julian Doran and Melanie Coffman, owners of New Moon Aviation, supported our chapter's Young Eagles event in July as volunteers during the event. We look forward to collaborating with them in the future.*

## Upcoming Local Aircraft Museum Events

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### Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

The WAAAM museum in Hood River will host the following Second Saturday events in November and December:

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Military vehicles

December 10 – Christmas in Wartime

Second Saturday events will be held indoors during winter and are open from 10:00-2:00, with lunch available between 11:00-1:00.

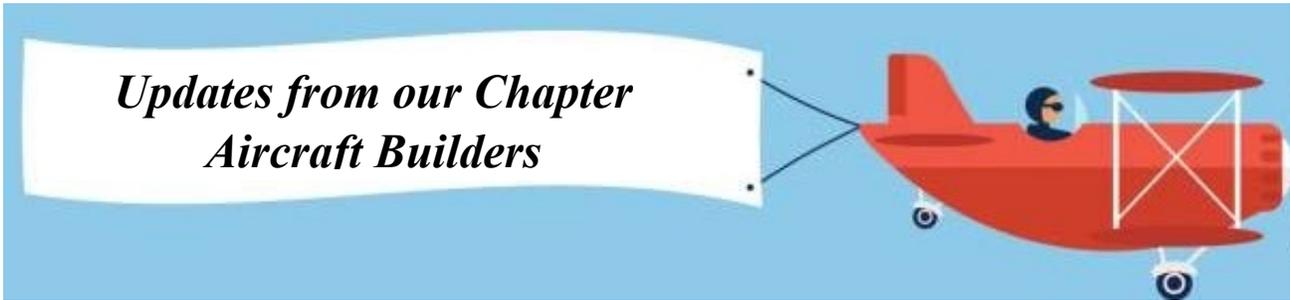
### Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

The Evergreen museum in McMinnville, home of the Spruce Goose, presents the Holidays at the Hangar, or “HATH,” event December. This is an all-encompassing, interactive light spectacle in the Aviation Museum. Businesses and community members come together to sponsor and decorate a plane of their choosing. The community collaboration helps create a dramatic light show experience like no other.

#### **EAA National Free Webinars in November and early December**

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

- Nov 8: Cloudy With A Chance of PIREPs
- Nov 14: The DC-3 (*museum webinar series*)
- Nov 16: Hosting a Young Eagles Rally – Advanced Best Practices
- Nov 29: Three Strikes and You’re Out: A Practical Strategy for Stopping the Accident Chain
- Dec 6: Deadly Switches



Our chapter has several members currently building experimental kit planes in varying stages. 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.

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**Chapter Member: Gary Hood**  
**Kit: RV12**

Gary has been waiting quite a while to get parts out of the paint shop. Here he is finally installing his stabilator. Wings are still in process with no estimate of completion.



**Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz**

**Kit: Just Highlander**

My Just Aircraft Highlander project is moving along, albeit slower than I imagined. All the pre-assembly is complete. That means door frames, control surfaces landing gear, fuel tanks, wing wiring, and wing tips. The wing tips took longer than I expected. I made my own nav light mounts instead of using the ones that came with the kit because new nav lights are so much smaller than previous versions. I added custom door seals since the doors don't actually seal on a Highlander. These mods are small but they take up a lot of time. The wiring in the wings is routed along with the pneumatic plumbing for the pitot/AOA probe. Last week I removed the wings and disassembled the empennage in preparation for covering. The next time the wings are on they should be covered and painted. This week I finally started covering. I'm using the poly fiber method. The first surface I covered was the left aileron and it took me about 8 hours over three days. It's not hard but there is a steep learning curve so I am hoping subsequent surfaces go faster. I have 476 hours of construction time logged so far.



**Chapter Member: Chris Wallace**

**Kit: Sonex Waix**

I've been trying to enjoy the last few days of summer. But now that cooler weather is here, I'm back at it. Lately I've been assembling the tail surfaces and attaching flight controls. Here's a picture of me and our newsletter editor trying out the seating accommodations. Definitely a cozy cockpit!



## **In case you didn't know....**

*Submitted by Steve Gette, Member At Large*

What did the pony express, stagecoaches, and early airplane flights have in common?

Each were contracted to carry the US mail.

However, as more efficient methods of transportation proved out, eventually the pony express was replaced with stagecoach carriers, which then was replaced with aircraft transportation. Efficiency was key to timely receipts of mail, especially from coast to coast. In the early days of flying, instruments were limited and of course there was no radar, gps, or other instruments we take for granted today.

Nighttime navigation was impossible for early mail transport pilots because they couldn't see where they were going. Ingeniously, the US Postal Service came up with a method to “guide” these pilots to their destinations. Would you believe giant concrete arrows constructed on the ground to designate a path to follow? Normally, these arrows were only viewable during daylight. So, for night flights, lighted beacons similar to what we have today at many smaller airports were constructed next to the arrows. Alas, transcontinental mail service could run around the clock.

Some of you “seasoned” pilots may be familiar with the story, but for you younger pilots not so much. Please continue reading as this is not only informational but also educational.

Click on the following link to access the story, and happy reading!

<https://sometimes-interesting.com/concrete-arrows-and-the-u-s-airmail-beacon-system>



## 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](mailto:Fayephil@gmail.com).

### Chapter Board

<b>President</b>	Chris Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>	<b>Vice President</b>	Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>
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