



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

March 2025 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

6:00pm - Dinner will be available for purchase before the meeting. Please see the menu on page 3.

6:30-7:30pm
General meeting

Location:

Dogs and Fries Restaurant
63136 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 members, and welcome to our March newsletter. This will be our third meeting of the year, and it's time for me to start my annual pleas for dues. Just a friendly reminder to please pay this month. Membership dues help to cover our operating costs so we can use our donated funds for Young Eagles events and scholarships. Please see box on page 8 for information on how to submit your dues.

I attended an excellent seminar on avoiding conflicts in the Bend local area put on by our own Kim Muinch. He's provided a brief write up later in this newsletter and promises to make the slide presentation available. I learned quite a bit, mostly about how much information is available about proper procedures. Hopefully most of you were able to attend.

I had a productive conversation with Steve Bateman of the Prineville chapter, and we are discussing possible collaboration on future events. They have an excellent club hangar, and we have many excellent motivated volunteers. It seems likely that we could benefit each other's chapter. If you have any ideas for this process, please let me know.

Summer flying weather should be heading our way shortly and we are all making plans to take advantage of it!

Tailwinds!

Chris Wallace

March Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to guests Chris Wallace
- Ray Scholarship update Jeff Stolasz
- 2025 Young Eagles update Tom Wright

- **Guest Speaker: Simeon Gough, USFS**

Presentation: Forest Service Flying in Central Oregon

Simeon started in aviation getting airplane ratings here in Bend at Professional Air followed by his helicopter ratings at Leading Edge while instructing at Pro Air. From instruction, he moved on to flying for an aircraft manufacturer, the corporate world, and then airlines. Since then, Simeon has settled back into central Oregon with mission orientated flying primarily in the Smoke Jumper, and Forest Health Protection missions

- Closing remarks Chris Wallace

YOUNG EAGLES DAY at MADRAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT Saturday, May 31

Submitted by our Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Building on last year's successful YOUNG EAGLES RALLY in Madras we will return on May 31, 2025 to host another Young Eagles event as part of the Madras Airport Day. Save the date and think about how you can be part of this great event. Details to follow, but if you already know you're interested, please contact me by text at (717) 724-7139 or by emailing me at Wright.thomas@yahoo.com.

Thanks,
Thomas Wright



March Chapter Meeting Dinner Options

We will be meeting at Dogs and Fries Restaurant located upstairs in the Bend Airport FBO building. Attendees will be able to buy dinner directly from the restaurant prior to the meeting if they choose. The menu will be a Mexican theme this month. You do not need to order in advance, but please try to arrive no later than 6:00pm to allow time to eat before the meeting begins at 6:30pm.

Menu

3 Tacos \$9

Topped with Cotija Cheese, diced onions, cilantro, Salsa Verde or Salsa Roja, and Avocado Salsa

Burrito \$12

Rice, refried beans, Cotija Cheese, Pico, Salsa Verde or Sala Roja

Taco Bowl \$14

*Rice, Beans, Chips,
Avocado Salsa
Cotija Cheese,
Salsa Verde or Salsa Roja
Sweet potato
Onions, Cilantro*

Chips and salsa or chips and bean dip \$5

3 protein options:

1. Chicken Tinga
2. Beef Barbacoa
3. Sweet Potato (Veggie)



Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Scholarship Coordinator



For those who weren't able to attend the February meeting, please join me in congratulating Cash Earl, who successfully completed his private pilot checkride just hours before our meeting. Cash is one of our chapter's 2024 Ray Scholarship recipients, and his dedication and hard work have truly paid off.

Cash began his flight training in August 2024 with Bend Aircraft Mechanics, and despite the challenges posed by winter weather affecting his training schedule, he remained determined, flexible, and focused on his goal. His perseverance throughout the process has been impressive, and we are all proud to see him reach this significant milestone.

Please take a moment to celebrate with us as we congratulate Cash Earl, the newest private pilot in our chapter!



2025 Flight Training Scholarship Deadline Looms

A reminder to all our aspiring young pilots that this year's aviation scholarship deadline is coming up on March 14th. All applications are due then. After that the scholarship committee will be hard at work sorting and setting up interviews. The committee will shoot to have the whole process completed by the end of the month. Anyone with questions or desiring more information should contact Jeff Stolasz, the scholarship coordinator.



2025 Chapter Events Schedule

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month unless noted otherwise below.

March 12	Chapter Meeting
April 9	Chapter Meeting
May 14	Chapter Meeting
May 31 (Sat)	Young Eagles Day at Madras Airport
June 11	Chapter Meeting
July 9	Chapter Meeting
<i>Date TBD</i>	<i>Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Picnic in the Park</i>
August 13	Chapter Meeting
September 10	Chapter Meeting
<i>Sept TBD</i>	<i>Young Eagles Day (Location TBD)</i>
October 8	Chapter Meeting
November 12	Chapter Meeting or Group Volunteer Event
December 10	Holiday Party

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering for one of our many chapter events. It's a great way to get to know other members and give back to our community.

And we are always 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.

Member Submissions

We would love to include thoughts, travels, and flying experiences of our members in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to share, please send your articles and photos to Debbie Wallace at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

February Chapter Meeting ODART Presentation

Submitted by Kim Muinch, Chapter Member

Many thanks to the 18 people who showed interest at the February chapter meeting to get more information about ODART, and the Whale Run 2025 state-wide exercise, June 7th and 14th. An ODART information meeting date and location will be announced at our March chapter meeting.

Collision Avoidance Panel Seminar Summary

Submitted by Kim Muinch, Chapter Member

Many thanks to chapter members who volunteered to make light work of staging a “Collision Avoidance Panel Discussion” on March 1st. Nearly 90 student pilots, private pilots, professional pilots and CFI’s attended the sold-out event. 8 panelists made presentations on how the flight schools, US Forest Service, the glider club, and Epic Aircraft use the airport and the surrounding airspace. The Bend Airport became a little safer that day. Next steps are to publish the presentations along with our own Jeff Stolasz’ notes. More details at our March meeting.



Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) Communications Support Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted by Steve Gette



Supporting state-wide Oregon communities during times of crisis is what this organization is all about. ODART is an organization that has prepared a team of volunteers consisting of private pilots and their aircraft, and ground based operations and communications personnel for disaster support. The support teams are currently centered around Oregon airports located at Bend, Creswell, Aurora, and Albany. EAA Chapter 1345 in Bend has begun efforts to seek local personnel to provide support for ODART operations.

One key functional area that is critical to this operation is communications. To overcome the potential loss of ground-based communications, amateur radio (HAM) operators utilizing radio equipment that transmits on high frequency (HF) have been established. Each of the above mentioned airports have been setup with a communication “station” consisting of both internet and HF capabilities. A software product called WINLINK, and when combined with an HF ham radio, allows messages to be sent to other locations via either a Telnet (internet session) or over the airwaves via ham radio.

To operate the ham radio will require an FCC (Federal Communications Commission) license. There are three levels of licenses, each level allowing more privileges as you progress upward. These categories are Technician Class, General Class, and Extra Class. The Technician class is essentially an entry-level that limits operations on certain frequencies. An ODART operator should possess at least a General class license as certain voice communication may occur on frequencies that Technician levels do not permit. HOWEVER, a ham license is not required to send messages via the internet (TelNet).

The good news is that there are exceptions to the “rules” noted above and this is why the Chapter is seeking additional hams and non-hams for the Bend area ODART communications support. A Technician class ham and/or a non licensed person may operate and send messages via HF as long as a General class or Extra class licensed operator is “at the controls”. This essentially means the operation is viewed and supervised by the higher level ham operator.

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WinLink is very easy to understand and use. It follows an email type format and can contain attachments and forms that make it ideal for sending updates on activities such as cargo disbursements, weather conditions, pilot departures and arrivals, etc. Anyone with brief training will be capable of operating WinLink, whether messaging via TelNet or HF radio.

So, here's the pitch, to see an overview of ODART please go to: www.odart.org

To get involved, EASY... please contact the Bend ODART Director Kim Muinch at (541) 848-3600 Or, email at: kmuinch@hotmail.com

Your time is valuable, but in time of need the support you can give is priceless.

2025 Membership Dues

Annual membership dues for 2025 are due! In order to continue offering our scholarship and Young Eagles programs, we are implementing a slight increase in the annual dues to ensure they cover our operating expenses. 2025 membership dues are now \$35 for individuals and \$50 for a family. Dues can be paid electronically by credit card through PayPal on our website. 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 send an email to highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

Appreciating Ernest K. Gann

Submitted by Chris Wallace, Chapter President

I see that on March 11 the EAA is presenting a webinar on the Ernest Gann Collection (EAA Museum Series). Long ago when starting my pursuit of aviation I stumbled across “Fate is the Hunter” written by Ernest Gann published in 1961. Ernie was an airline and cargo pilot who did most of his flying in the 1940s and 1950s. The book is an amazing compilation of flying stories, all beautifully told. So much of the information we take now for granted had to evolve during these early days. What was significant for me was how easily I could relate all of this to my flying career. I flew with all the same guys he flew with, only the names, years and planes had changed. If I ever had a moment of doubt about my choice Ernie made me fall in love with flying all over again. I’ve probably read this every other year or so for the last 40 years. There is no better description of the mind of a career pilot. I would highly recommend everyone spend some time with this wonderful book.



EAA National Free Webinars

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered for free by EAA National to members this 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.

- Mar 5: Engine Temps Gone Wild?
- Mar 11: Ernest Gann Collection (*EAA Museum Series*)
- Mar 26: Aircraft Engine Compression Testing

Local Aviation Museum Highlights



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

2025 scheduled events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

March 8 - Second Saturday - March Through Time: The Fabulous 1950s

April 12 - Second Saturday - Anzani Fan Engine Demonstration

April 26 - Model T Driving School

May 10 - Second Saturday - Studebaker Spotlight

May 24 - Driving Through The Decades

May 31 - Model T Driving School

June 14 - Second Saturday - Gliders and the World of Silent Flight

June 28 - Model T Driving School

June TBD - WAAAM Camp - Car Style

July 12 - WAAAM Traffic Jam - A Car Show, WAAAM Style

July TBD - WAAAM Camp - Intro to Aviation for Kids

July 26 - Model T Driving School

August 9 - Second Saturday - Oregon Road Trips Author Talk

August 23 - Model T Driving School

September 6 & 7 - Annual Hood River Fly-in

September 13 - Second Saturday - International Model A Day

September 27 - Model T Driving School

October 11 - Second Saturday - V-8 Engines

November 8 - Second Saturday - Military Vehicles

December 13 - Second Saturday - Special Delivery

Each month we fly and drive the exhibits. Come and enjoy the fun!

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

Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

2025 Airshows

May 16-18	Oregon International Airshow	Hillsboro, OR
May 30-31	Oregon Trail STOL	Ontario, OR
June 7	Yakima Aviation Day	Yakima, WA
June 14-15	Olympic Airshow	Olympia, WA
June 20-21	Moses Lake Airshow	Grant County Intl Airport, WA
June 20-21	Pangborn's Festival of Flight	East Wenatchee, WA
June 28	Skagit Skies Airshow	Skagit, WA
July 11-13	Bremerton Airshow	Bremerton, WA
July 19-20	Wings and Eagles Airshow	Klamath Falls, OR
July 21-27	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
July 25-27	STCU Over-the-River Air Show	Kennewick, WA
August 16	Tacoma Narrows Airshow	Gig Harbor, WA
August 1-3	Boeing Seafair Airshow	Seattle, WA
August 22-23	Airshow of the Cascades	Madras, OR
Sept 26-28	Oregon International Airshow	McMinnville, OR
Sept 6-7	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	Hood River, Or
Oct 10-12	Fleet Week	San Francisco, CA

Chapter Member Name Tags

The Chapter purchases 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.



Chapter Board

President	Chris Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025</i>	Vice President	Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025</i>
Secretary	Jeff Stolasz Jstolasz@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2026</i>	Treasurer	Joel Haynes Joelroberthaynes@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2024-Dec 2025</i>

Chapter Committee Chairpersons

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Term: Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025

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Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025

For those of you who are new to the chapter....

Young Eagles events offer free introductory flights to local youth aged 8-17. Flying Start is a program for adults to inspire and educate aspiring aviators. Both events are made possible by the generosity of chapter member volunteers.

The Ray Aviation Scholarship program provides up to \$12,000 to local deserving youths to help cover their flight training expenses. The scholarships are partially funded by the EAA National Ray Foundation and partially by our chapter.

For more information on EAA and our local chapter 1345, and to view previous monthly chapter newsletters, please visit our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaal345/newsletters>.