



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

September 2024 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

****Please Note LOCATION CHANGE Below****

Wednesday, September 11

6:00pm

Dinner of gourmet hamburgers (regular or vegan hot dogs upon request), house made potato salad, green salad and chocolate chip cookies available for \$10. Water provided. Sodas \$2 each.

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 September newsletter. Hoping you all had a fantastic summer and were able to enjoy our amazing weather. Hard to believe fall is already here.

We have a couple events this month, first is our Young Eagles event at the Bend airport on September 14th. If you haven't volunteered yet, please contact me or our Young Eagles Coordinator Tom Wright. Next, we are having a combined fly-out and Young Eagles event in Condon, Oregon on September 28th. We'll give you more details of this at our meeting.

Speaking of meetings, this and all subsequent meetings will be held at Dogs and Fries in the Bend Airport FBO. We had very good feedback from our last meeting there, and frankly we have just outgrown Mike Robertson's hangar. I will miss the backdrop of airplanes being built, but you are all free to stop by anytime and see what is going on there. And a big thanks to Mike for all his years of hosting our meetings.

This month we will have Lisa Shipman, head of the COCC aviation program, as our featured speaker. She will tell us about the college and its offerings for future aviators. Be sure to bring everyone who may be interested in this program. It should be very informative.

Tailwinds!

Chris Wallace



September Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to new members Chris Wallace
- Young Eagles Day on September 14 Tom Wright
- Scholarship update Jeff Stolasz
- Newsletter survey Debbie Wallace
- **Guest Speaker: Lisa Shipman**
Program Director/Fixed-Wing Advisor
COCC Aviation Department
Lisa will discuss the Aviation program at COCC. Please see her bio below.
- Closing remarks Chris Wallace

Guest Speaker: Lisa Shipman

After working in the aviation industry for 25 years, Lisa enjoys sharing her knowledge and experience with students as they train to become professional aviators. In particular, she likes helping students as they explore potential career options in the field of aviation. Early in her career, Lisa owned a flight school and charter service and later went on to fly jet airplanes in the corporate and charter industry for over 20 years before coming to COCC. She has extensive experience with flight instruction and ground instruction at all levels of aviation training and teaches a variety of classes in the Aviation curriculum.

Lisa continues to work part-time in the industry, flying a corporate jet for a local company and serving as a flight instructor at the Bend Airport.



2024 Chapter Events Schedule

September 11	Chapter Meeting
September 14 (Sat)	Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport
September 28 (Sat)	Fall Fly Out and Young Eagles Event at Condon State Airport-Pauling Field
October 9	Chapter Meeting
November 13	Chapter Meeting
December 11	Holiday Party

If you have any ideas, please let us know!

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.

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 \$11,000 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>.

YOUNG EAGLES DAY at BEND AIRPORT

Saturday, September 14

Submitted by our Chapter VP and Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Our Young Eagles (YE) event up in Madras had just finished and our Chapter was getting requests more locally to hold a rally. So we will! The key points:

WHERE: Bend Municipal Airport, at our EAA chapter hangar
(thanks...again, Mike!)

WHEN: Saturday September 14, 2024, 8:00-12:00
(all crew briefing at 7:30, first sortie 8:30)

WHO: You + usual suspects

We have a good number of pilots from our Chapter and Prineville, so we can fly 30 Young Eagles.

If you want to be part of rally, and haven't spoken to me already, please contact me by email at wright.thomas@yahoo.com or on my mobile 717.724.7139. All are welcome!

Details about the online registration for Young Eagles are available online at <https://youngeaglesday.org/>. Online registration will open on Sunday, September 1, at 1:00am.



FALL FLY-OUT Plus YOUNG EAGLES DAY
at CONDON STATE AIRPORT – PAULING FIELD

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Submitted by our Chapter VP and Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Here we go! Our FALL FLY-OUT is set, we're going to Condon Pauling Field (3S9) led by Chief Pilot Ken Fayal. For the few who have not been there, Condon is about 97 NM northeast of us. We fly by the Painted Hills of John Day. We are being hosted by a local wheat farmer and pilot Sam Bates. He has 8,000 acres plus a C182 with quite a story on how that plane came to him. To add to the whole experience we are going to offer the parents of our scholars a seat in a Fly Out plane so they can experience what their kids have been doing. Specifics and logistics will be discussed by Ken and me at our September 11 chapter meeting.

Yes, you saw Young Eagles (YE) in the title. When fellow chapter pilot Tom Thomson and I first flew together to Condon we met a local pilot/farmer Sam Bates, along with a high school student. Thompson, being from Wichita KS, talked farming. The teen and I talked about YE and he was keen but said there was nothing available locally.

So in discussions with Ken and Chris Wallace we decided to offer the Condon community a YE rally. Our local pilot Sam has been very supportive and introduced me to the local high school (total student body=42). I've registered the event with EAA and sent information to the high school.

Next we need to recruit pilots. So please stand by.



Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Secretary and Scholarship Coordinator

Our scholars continue to move toward the goal of their private certificates. This month we get updates from Katie Ryan and Cash Earl. Katie has been really working on her phase one flying. She just passed her written test with a whopping 97%, and on top of that, she completed her first solo this week. It's a lot going on in a short period of time. Join me in congratulating her on these amazing accomplishments!

After a busy summer Cash has finally started flying. He's had three lessons and is really enjoying the experience. He's working on landing the airplane without help from the instructor, working on pattern skills, and making radio calls.





*Updates from our Chapter
Aircraft Builders*

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

Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz

Kit: Just Highlander

I'm still working slowly but steadily on the airplane when time allows. This summer has been the summer of fabric. Covering and reinforcement tapes are fixed to all nine control surfaces, the wings and the fuselage. The only significant covering left is the landing gear and that is a bit tricky so I left it for last. Recently I made some fixtures to be able to hold surfaces flat so there is minimal chance for runs during the sealing and painting steps. The process is four coats of fabric sealer, three cross coats of UV blocker then color coats. Control surfaces and wings are coated through the UV stage. The fuselage has the fabric sealer on it and UV protectant is next. I'm really looking forward to getting some color on it for that wow factor. I have one of those inflatable paint booths set up in my shop and I'm pretty happy with it. For my paint setup I'm using a borrowed HVLP turbine coupled with a new Apollo 7700 spray gun. I estimate another 10 or so days of painting before main surfaces are complete. That should take the next month or so. The pressure is on to get that complete before the cold weather arrives.

(see photos on next page)



Chapter Member: Chris Wallace

Kit: Sonex Waix

Still moving along. I recently mounted the engine and have begun sourcing the components I need to hook up all the systems. A bit of imagination will be required. My avionics will be delivered soon, and that will be another fun project.



Membership Update

We have 52 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Delilah, JoAnna and Paul Richards
Vivien Hight and Mason Drumwright

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

Donated Aircraft Update

As many of you know by now, we recently sold our donated RV-12. The plane was purchased by local CFI Steve Bateman who plans on using it in his Prineville based flying club. So you may see our plane flying around the local area!



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/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications](https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications/eaanews-and-publications). If you miss the live webinar, you can still watch the video at a later date.

- Sep 11: The Airborne Law Enforcement Response
- Sep 17: 1927 Fairchild FC-2 (*museum webinar series*)
- Sep 18: Safe Aircraft Ground Operations
- Oct 2: Why Annual Inspections?

Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

2024 Airshows

September 6-7 Oregon Trail STOL Ontario, OR
September 7-8 WAAAM Hood River Fly-In Hood River, OR

Local Aviation Museum Highlights



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

Upcoming events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

Sept 7-8 Annual Hood River Fly-In
Sept 14 Second Saturday – Centenarian Day
Sept 28 Model T Driving School (*advance reservations required*)

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.

2024 Membership Dues

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 send an email to highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

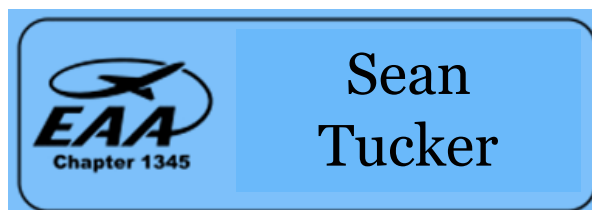
Chapter Member Name Tags

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.



Chapter Board

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

Chapter Committee Chairpersons

Membership Chairperson	Faye Phillips Fayephil@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>	Young Eagles & Eagles Coordinator	Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>
Member At Large and Webmaster	Steve Gette Sgetteman@q.com <i>Term: Jan 2022-Dec 2024</i>	Newsletter Editor	Debbie Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>