



# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

## February 2025 Newsletter

### **Next General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 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**

We had a great meeting in January. 40 people, which is probably a record for a midwinter meeting. Dan Eilers gave us a great talk on his time flying for NOAA, including some hair raising stories about flying P-3s through hurricanes to gather weather data.

Our own famous Ray scholar Timber Bionda talked about his first year as an engineering student at Purdue. Hopefully this was highly inspirational for other future scholars in our chapter.

It seemed like our new dinner program worked well. Hoss is preparing an order-your-own Mexican menu this month.

We are seeking ideas for chapter activities, and in February, Jim Origliosso will talk to us about the possibility of having us assist with ODART missions. Their flyer is at the end of this newsletter. Please let your board know what you think about this!

Tailwinds!

*Chris Wallace*



## February Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to new members Chris Wallace
- Ray Scholarship update Jeff Stolasz

- **Guest Speaker: Jim Origliosso**, President of ODART  
*Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team*



Jim will talk about our chapter becoming more involved with this Oregon-based nonprofit that organizes disaster relief operations using private pilots, HAM radio operators, ground and logistics crews-all volunteer. A number of our Chapter members are already involved with ODART and have participated in past disaster drills.

KBDN has been identified as a key Depot airport, and ODART wants to build on the success it has had with our local Chapter members. This presentation will describe ODART 2025 activities and how as a Chapter we might participate.

- Closing remarks Chris Wallace

*For more information about ODART, please see the brochure attached to the end of this newsletter.*

## New Moon Aviation Lands in Bend!

New Moon Aviation has opened a new location on the east side of the Bend Airport, offering full support for general aviation needs. The Bend shop provides services for piston aircraft, turboprops, and light jets. They specialize in troubleshooting, annual inspections, major modifications, oxygen and nitrogen servicing, oil changes, and more.

Stop by and meet Dan and Michelle, the on-site mechanics. EAA members can enjoy a **5% discount** on services with proof of membership. New Moon is excited to be part of the KBND field.



## February Chapter Meeting Dinner Options

As we did in January, 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 Salsa 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)



*Editor's Note: For those of you who haven't tried Dogs and Fries Restaurant yet, I highly recommend stopping by for breakfast or lunch. The menu is creative and yummy. For more information, check out Hoss' website at <https://dogsandfries.com/>.*

## Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

*Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Scholarship Coordinator*

I am thrilled to share some exciting news about one of our current scholarship recipients. Please join me in congratulating Katie Ryan on passing her check ride last month—she is officially a newly minted private pilot! Katie was one of the 2024 recipients of the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship, and her journey has been inspiring.

Katie began her flight training as part of the Sisters High School Flight Science program, where she first discovered her passion for aviation. From there, she was determined to make flying a part of her future, enrolling in the COCC aviation program right after graduating in the summer of 2024. Through hard work, dedication, and with the support of the EAA Ray Scholarship, Katie achieved her Private Pilot's License in just seven months—a great accomplishment.

Along the way, Katie actively participated in chapter events, including marshaling planes at the Young Eagles Rally, volunteering at the Bend Food Pantry, and helping make our holiday party a success. Her engagement and positive spirit have truly been appreciated by all of us.

We're excited to see what's next for Katie, and we look forward to watching her soar as she continues her aviation journey. We're hopeful that we'll even see her on the pilot side of Young Eagles this summer! On behalf of the entire chapter, congratulations, Katie, on this incredible achievement. We can't wait to follow your future successes!



## Aviation Scholarship Season is Here!

It's that time of year again—Scholarship season is here! We're excited to continue our efforts to engage and inspire the next generation of aviation enthusiasts. While our Young Eagles program offers a great introduction to flight, our scholarship opportunities are designed for those who are truly passionate about aviation and ready to take their flying dreams to the next level. If you or someone you know has the aviation bug, this could be the perfect opportunity! Check out the flyer on the next page for more details.

And here's a fun personal goal of mine: One day receive flight instruction from one of our scholarship winners. No pressure on this year's recipients...but previous year's winners on their way. Stay tuned for more updates!



### From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

#### AIRPORT APPRAISAL

The City of Bend awarded the contract for appraisal services to Airport Business Solutions (“ABS”), a national firm with 35 years of experience conducting airport appraisals, and recent experience in the Pacific Northwest. ABS will provide a final appraisal report by the end of March 2025. In keeping with Airport self-sufficiency goals, lease rates will be adjusted per the appraisal report recommendations effective July 1, 2025.

For more information, please refer to “4 Things to Know About Re-Establishment of Airport Rental Rates on July 1st of Years’ Ending in 0 or 5” handout, available at: [Re-Establishment of Airport Rental Rates](#).

Thanks for reading, please safe and check NOTAMS.

*Tracy Williams, Airport Manager*





# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

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Dear Aviators,

The Experimental Aircraft Association(EAA) chapter 1345 based in Bend, Oregon Is offering three flight training scholarships for 2025. **The chapter is seeking high potential young aviators for this year's scholarship opportunity.** We are reaching out to Central Oregon flying organizations that may be aware of young aviators/potential aviators that would be interested in applying for the scholarships. Ideal candidates have a strong demonstrated interest in flying and aviation. Our chapter has successfully mentored three scholars to their PPL and three more are in progress.

The Bend Chapter is offering two EAA Ray Aviation Scholarships and one Jack Watson Memorial Scholarship. Each scholarship is **up to \$12,000** to deserving youths to help cover their flight training expenses. The programs are funded by the Ray Foundation and the Bend Oregon Jack Watson Memorial Fund, managed by EAA, and administered through the EAA Chapter network. Through this generous support, last year the foundation and EAA awarded over \$2,250,000 in scholarship funding.

A scholarship recipient would start flight training in early 2025 under either 14 CFR part 61 or part 141. Scholarship dollars are awarded in stages with the first stage being scholarship award. The second on achieving first solo and the third on passing the FAA written test. The scholarship has a requirement that the candidate complete their flight training within 12 months from award.

Local candidates must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of age 15 for glider training
- Age 16-19 for powered flight training
- Possession of a student pilot certificate
- Possession of FAA medical certificate (private pilot students)
- Begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award

Once selected the scholarship recipient will have to comply with the following requirements:

- Partake in two hours of chapter volunteer service per month, such as:
  - Young Eagles rally volunteering.
  - Volunteer at chapter events/fly-ins
  - Chapter build project support
  - Chapter gathering participation
  - Chapter social media and website maintenance
- Submit regular progress reports during monthly check-ins
- Reach designated flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline

Interested candidates should contact EAA Chapter 1345 Scholarship coordinator below with copy to [Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com) in order to get their name on the prospective candidate list by February 28. We will begin interviewing candidates in early March.

Best Regards,

Jeff Stolasz

EAA Chapter 1345 Ray Scholarship Coordinator

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## 2025 Chapter Events Schedule

*Chapter meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month unless noted otherwise below*

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

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### 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](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com).

# EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Photos

January 2025





## Notes from Members

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](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com).

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### A DAY AT THE SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM ANNEX

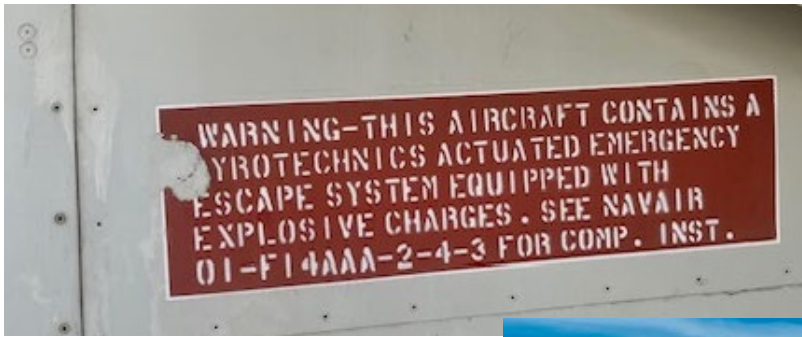
*Submitted by Tom Wright, Chapter Vice President and Young Eagles Coordinator*

In early January, I found myself with a free day in San Diego, with my daughter and her Danish family off to the wineries. With the temperatures in the 60s it looked like a good day to visit the San Diego Air and Space Museum Annex out in El Centro, CA at the Gillespie Field Airport. This is the indoor/outdoor annex of the big museum in Balboa Park.

This unique museum is staffed by volunteers and is the home to quite a variety of aircraft, most of which are former military. Where else can you wander at will outside with Harrier jump jets, Phantom F4s from Vietnam, Korean war jets. Just to keep things interesting they also have a very small one person EAA jet, as well as actual military drones. I've included a few photos but they don't do justice to all that's there. One personal highlight was inside the museum they had an actual F4 ejection seat. Years ago I had a job building the pyrotechnic devices wired into this seat, as well as the explosive lines built into the wings and tail to disable the aircraft post ejection. In all a day well spent, and highly recommended should you find yourself as did I with a free day in San Diego.



*EAA Jet ~ just needs wings*



*While still in college, I had a job making the explosive rigging for the ejection seat and the Phantom F4*

*The French just keep trying*



*The Skyshark, now that's a tail dragger!*



*Charles Lindbergh as a boy and adult*

## *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.

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### **Prineville Chapter Member: Craig Sleight**

**Kit: RV-14**

**Build Location: Bend Builder's Assist**

Hello folks from EAA1345 Chapter: My name is Craig Sleight, member of EAA 617 in Prineville. First off - you all are invited to attend our Chapter breakfast, third Saturday of every month, 0800 at the EAA chapter building at the Prineville airport, \$7 buck donation encouraged. Most breakfasts are followed by a FAAST Wings seminar (1hr usually starting at 0900) presented by Steve Bateman.

I am currently building an RV-14, with help from Bend Builder's Assist - I'm sure some of you have probably seen my project. I squeezed the first rivet in March 2022 and at this point I'm starting to see the potential for actually finishing this bucket list item sometime this year. Specs: Vans RV-14, Engine - 215hp Lycoming 119 EXP (experimental engine), and Advanced/Dynon avionics. Unsure on final paint, but thinking about a Military style paint job. Here are some pics.

Cheers and Happy flying!  
Craig Sleight







**Chapter Member: Chris Wallace**  
**Kit: Sonex Waix**  
**Build Location: Bend Builder's Assist**

Still working on small projects heading towards flying, hopefully in late spring. My panel is done and should be arriving soon. I've hired Fred Warenskjold from Bend Builder's Assist to help get the cowling completed. My interior has been ordered and prop should be on its way. Getting closer!





**Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz**  
**Kit: Just Highlander**  
**Build Location: Jeff's Home Shop**

Progress on the Highlander continues. Over the past few months, I attached the wings and empennage, rigged up the control surfaces, installed the engine, and received the propeller. This is the point where we say 90% done and 90% to go. I also completed almost all of the fuel system. I upgraded my fuel plumbing from rubber hose with hose clamps to AN fittings and screw together hose. The diameter increase on the fittings proved to be a challenge that took me quite a while to get the fit and finish worked out with the folding wings. The cowl and windshield are fitted and need little more than final paint. The dimensions of the fuselage changed ever so slightly with the shrinking of the fabric. This causes headaches when fitting the prefitted sheet metal and fiberglass parts but I'm working through it. Now all those little issues that were left for later need to be sorted. One aileron cable too short, bent spring on the flaps, order new flap gap seals because I made the first set wrong, etc....

This week I start the wiring. Installing antennas is the first step. There are still a decent amount of mechanical bits left to sort out but I am leaving this as fill in work because I am sure I will be ordering and waiting for electrical connectors multiple times. I have a goal of being ready for airworthiness inspection this spring. That means ground runs next month!

Anyone can look at the builder's log details at the below link.

<https://eaabuilderslog.org/?blproject&proj=7lGJP8cVV>

Until next time...back to work!

-Jeff Stolasz



## **BEND BUILDER'S ASSIST**

### **A Leading Service for Experimental Aircraft Construction and Maintenance**

Building an experimental aircraft is an ambitious and rewarding endeavor, but it comes with numerous challenges. Bend Builder's Assist (BBA) has emerged as a premier resource for aviation enthusiasts, offering expert guidance and technical support to help builders successfully complete their projects.

Now under new management, BBA is owned and operated by Andy Buller, who brings a fresh vision while maintaining the company's dedication to excellence. BBA boasts a team of seasoned professionals who provide assistance in airframe construction, avionics installation, composite fabrication, interior design, and aircraft maintenance. Their specialists, including experts in each of these fields, work closely with builders to ensure precision, quality, and compliance with industry standards.

Aircraft maintenance is a critical aspect of ensuring safety and longevity. BBA offers services that help builders and owners maintain their experimental aircraft, including inspections, repairs, and routine upkeep. By working with experienced professionals, builders can keep their aircraft in peak condition and ensure ongoing airworthiness.

One of BBA's key strengths is its collaborative environment. Builders gain not only technical expertise but also mentorship and problem-solving support. The facility serves as a hub where knowledge is shared, fostering a sense of community among aviation enthusiasts. From assembling fuselages to selecting premium interior materials such as leather and sheepskin, BBA helps builders at every step of the construction process.

For those considering an experimental aircraft project, Bend Builder's Assist provides the knowledge, tools, and support necessary to turn aviation dreams into reality.

Whether working on their first build, seeking specialized assistance, or ensuring their aircraft remains well-maintained, builders can rely on BBA as a trusted partner in the exciting journey of aircraft construction and maintenance.

Bend Builder's Assist is located in Bend, Oregon. For more information about their services or to get in touch with Andy Buller, visit their website at [www.bendbuildersassist.com](http://www.bendbuildersassist.com) or contact him directly at [andysbuller5@gmail.com](mailto:andysbuller5@gmail.com).









## Year End 2024 Financial Summary

*Submitted by Joel Haynes, Chapter Treasurer*

The Bend High Desert Flyers had a very good year in 2024. We supported three new aviation scholars and conducted several Young Eagle and Flying Start events. The biggest news financially was our completion and sale of the RV-12 project which significantly improved our bottom line for funding aviation scholarships for several more years into the future. With our increased funds we opened a Fidelity business investment account at the end of the year which will allow us to earn a significantly higher rate of return going forward. Below is a summary of the finances for 2024.

- Income in 2024 totaled **\$56,907**
  - \$55,000 Sale of RV-12
  - \$ 1,133 Dues
  - \$ 624 Interest Income (see below)
  - \$ 150 Cash Donation
- Expenses in 2024 totaled **\$7,272**
  - Major items included:
    - RV-12 completion
    - RV-14 repair
    - Audio/visual equipment
  - Young Eagle and chapter expenses including:
    - Tax filing, chapter insurance, holiday party
- Scholarship net cash flow was: **-\$13,145**
  - Chapter distributed **\$34,800** for scholar flight training
  - Chapter received **\$18,500** from EAA Ray Scholarship program
  - Chapter received **\$3,154** reimbursement from Bend Aircraft
- Year-end combined bank account balance:
  - 2024 year end: **\$120,430**
- Change in investment strategy in 2024
  - Deposited **\$100,000** in new Fidelity money market account near the end of 2024
  - Significantly higher interest rate over what we were earning from the low interest-bearing credit union account





## Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

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### 2025 Airshows

May 16-18	Oregon International Airshow	Hillsboro, OR
June 20-21	Moses Lake Airshow	Grant County Intl Airport, WA
June 20-21	Pangborn's Festival of Flight	East Wenatchee, WA
July 11-13	Bremerton Airshow	Bremerton, WA
July 19-20	Wings and Eagles Airshow	Klamath Falls, OR
<b>July 21-27</b>	<b>EAA AirVenture</b>	<b>Oshkosh, WI</b>
July 25-27	STCU Over-the-River Air Show	Kennewick, WA
August TBD	Tacoma Narrows Airshow	Tacoma, 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

### Local Aviation Museum Highlights

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The museum located at the Skagit Regional Airport in Burlington WA is hosting a series of monthly Fly Days from April through September. The full schedule is still pending, but so far they have announced events on April 26 and May 24.

Heritage Flight Museum is now one of the very few places in our area to see the breathtaking spectacle of vintage warbirds in flight. From a single-ship fighter to a formation of T-6's, there's always something exciting going on. We feature aircraft from our own historic collection, which are joined on particular dates by aircraft from other local organizations.

To see more details, please visit their website at <https://heritageflight.org/hfm-events/fly-days/>



## Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

2025 scheduled events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

*February 8 - Second Saturday - The Jeep and WWII - A History Talk with Bill Leslie*

*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](http://www.waaamuseum.org).

## 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-webinars>. If you miss the live webinar, you can still watch the video at a later date.

- Feb 4: Become a Better Chapter Leader – Secretary - Treasurer 2025
- Feb 5: Data-Driven Diagnosis
- Feb 12: Risk Assessment: Tips, Strategies and Techniques
- Feb 26: Stick and Rudder Flying Skills

*EAA Ultralight Days from February 18-20. Visit the EAA webinar site for a list of classes offered*

# Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Affiliate Program

Just a reminder that the chapter has been accepted into the Lightspeed Affiliate Program. If you are in the market for a headset please consider Lightspeed Aviation's product line, especially their flagship product the Delta Zulu ANR Headset. If you make a purchase using the link below our Chapter will get a commission from your purchase.

Lightspeed is a fantastic company, especially their program that gives Ray scholarship recipients a free headset after meeting certain milestones in their training. A fantastic benefit that would be great to support.

Follow this link or use the QR code below if you are in the market for a headset.

<https://www.lightspeedaviation.com/?ref=97>



## 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](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com).

## 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](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 group!

Here is a sample of the name tag.





## **Chapter Board**

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

## **Chapter Committee Chairpersons**

<b>Membership</b> Justin Earl highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2025-Dec 2026</i>	<b>Young Eagles &amp; Eagles Coordinator</b> Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025</i>
<b>Webmaster</b> JoAnna Richards highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2025-Dec 2026</i>	<b>Scholarship Coordinator</b> Jeff Stolasz Jstolasz@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2026</i>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Debbie Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2025</i>	

### ***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>.



## An Overview of ODART

- Statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit entity organized as a Volunteer Organization Active in Disasters (VOAD).
- Comprised of volunteer pilots, ground crews, communications, and logistics personnel based at airfields around the state.
- Pilots fly their own aircraft under 14 CFR Part 91 and must meet minimum training and experience qualifications to participate in exercises and disaster response.
- Subscribes to NIMS/ICS protocols and, except for pre-arranged exceptions, must be activated by a governmental authority (federal, tribal, state, local).



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Albany, OR 97322



## An Aviation Resource which can Assist Your Community

Suddenly, a disaster or large emergency strikes your community! Normal travel and supply routes are impassable. In emergency management terminology, your community is now an island. However,

- Some community members need shelter,
- Medical supplies need replenishment, and
- Everyone is short of food after the shelves in stores and food banks are quickly emptied.

Yes, federal help may eventually arrive, but how can local disaster needs be met until those supplies become available? In the interim, what if the needed food, temporary shelters, and urgent medical supplies could be flown to you by general aviation volunteers?

**Assisting communities like yours in times of need is what ODART is all about!**



## ODART Operations

- **AIRCRAFT:** A variety of payload and performance capabilities including fixed wing, rotor wing, and seaplane.



- **GROUND:** Safe marshaling and positioning of aircraft, assistance in loading and unloading aircraft cargo and passengers.
- **COMMUNICATIONS:** Disaster-resilient amateur radio communications between depots, DART airfields, impact areas, and a global email system.



- **LOGISTICS:** Cargo inventory management at airfields or through offsite arrangements.

## ODART Contact

Jim Origliosso  
President  
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## Disaster Preparation

- ODART is configured to respond to the aftermath of a “megathrust” rupture in the Cascadia Subduction Zone event, and also to adapt its operations to lesser events.
- Depot airports (currently at Walla Walla, WA, and Bend, OR) receive bulk cargo drops for further distribution.
- Staging airports (currently at Aurora, Albany, and Creswell) provide short-term storage and create smaller cargo packages for distribution to impact areas.
- Surviving airfields and landing zones in impact areas receive cargo and responders and may evacuate ambulatory victims determined by medical personnel to be capable of flight in small aircraft.
- Portable HF radio stations establish communications with nodes in the Winlink global email system which are located outside impact areas.



## Can I Help?

ODART is always looking for volunteers, so if you are a pilot, a ham radio operator, an aircraft enthusiast, an advocate for community preparedness, or just want to be prepared to help your neighbors when they need it the most, please consider becoming part of our team.

If your service club, medical reserve corps, amateur radio club, faith-based organization, food bank, scouting group, or other civic-minded organization would like affiliate with ODART to provide ground support and local cargo delivery during exercises and actual events, please contact us.

