



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

January 2025 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, January 8

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

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

Greeting fellow chapter members. Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year!

We had a great turnout for our holiday potluck, and I thank all of you that helped set up and take down, and especially for all the wonderful food that was provided. I hope you all enjoyed this as much as I did. Our venue, Hollinshead Barn, worked fine for our group and you may see events there again.

Our newsletter editor has provided us with a list of upcoming events for the year. If we can all survive until the snow melts it should be a fun summer.

Our chapter board will be meeting in January with members of ODART, the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team. We will be trying to find ways our members can get involved in this highly worthwhile mission. If any member would like to be involved in the planning for this, please let me know. More information will be available soon.

Our January speaker Dan Eilers has had an amazing and enviable flying career. I hope you'll come hear him speak about his mission with NOAA. Also, Timber Bionda, one of our recent Ray Scholars will talk to us about his experiences since leaving Bend. See you on the 8th!

Tailwinds!

Chris Wallace



January Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to new members Chris Wallace
- **Guest Speaker: Dan Eilers**, local career pilot (*see bio below*) will present “Science in the Sky”. He will discuss the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), their aircraft and the science of their missions
- **Guest Speaker: Timber Bionda** one of our 2023 Ray Scholars currently attending Purdue University
- Closing remarks Chris Wallace

Guest Speaker Bio: Dan Eilers

Our January presentation will be brought to us by Dan Eilers, a local pilot with an amazing flying history. Here is just a brief summary of his experience:

- Dan was a Navy carrier pilot from 1967-1972 flying mostly A-4s from the USS Hancock.
- 1973-1980: Worked as a NOAA pilot flying aerial photography in a DHC-5 Buffalo and Rockwell Turbo Commander 690.
- 1981-1984: Flew for NOAA on exchange duty to the Naval Oceanographic squadron flying P-3s to 32 different countries.
- 1984-1989: Flew P-3s for worldwide weather research (35 hurricanes, 3 cyclones) and DHC-3 Twin Otter for Alaska surveys.
- 1989-2002: Flew for American Airlines in numerous aircraft but mostly the 737.
- In 1992 while on furlough, he flew the DHC-5 in Africa (Kenya, Somalia Ethiopia) for Red Cross relief.



NOAA's Mission

To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, ocean, and coasts, to share that knowledge and information with others, and to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

***** PLEASE NOTE: Changes to Chapter Meeting Dinner Options*****

We are trying something a little different for the January chapter meeting. We will still meet at Dogs and Fries Restaurant located upstairs in the Bend Airport FBO building. Instead of the chapter planning the menu and collecting payment, all attendees will be able to buy directly from the restaurant prior to the meeting if they choose.

If ordering dinner, please try to arrive by 6:00pm. Dogs and Fries owner, Hoss, recommends ordering prior to arrival by texting him at (503) 754-0190. Be sure to include your name in the text and he will have your meal ready for you when you arrive. All items from the menu will be available except for breakfast. The menu is below and on the next page. It can also be found at <https://dogsandfries.com/>



BURGERS

Halal Beef Burger

- **Burger** Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato, Onions, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo ▼ 7
- **Cheese Burger** Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato, Onions, Chipotle Mayo, Garlic Aioli, American Cheese ▼ 8
- **Chili Cheese Burger** Cheddar cheese, Chili, Onions ▼ 10
- California Burger** Lettuce, Avocado, Tomato, Onions, Chipotle Mayo
- Mushroom Swiss Burger** Swiss Cheese, Caramelized Mushroom, Grilled Onions, Garlic Aioli
- Patty Melt** Swiss, Sauerkraut, Grilled Onions, Thousand Island Dressing ▼ 11
- **Turkey Bacon Cheddar Burger** Lettuce, Pickles, Tomato, Onions, Chipotle Mayo

FRIES

- **Gluten Free & Vegan Options (substitute with sweet potato fries /+2)** ▼ 4
- **Fresh Cut Fries** ▼ 6
- **Sweet Potato Fries** ▼ 8
- **Chili Cheese Fries** Cheddar Cheese, Homemade (Beef or Vegan) Chili
- Poutine Fries** Mozzarella cheese, homemade (Beef or Vegan) Gravy
- Insane Fries** American Cheese, Grilled Onions, Thousand Island or Blue Cheese Dressing
- Garden Fries** Rosemary Salt, Raw Onion, Tomato, Ranch Dressing
- Garlic Fries** Minced Garlic cooked with Grilled Onions, Tomato, House Garlic Aioli
- Rosemary Parm** Shaved Parmesan Cheese, Rosemary Salt, Grilled Onions

SALADS

- **Sausage or Beef Sausage, Vegan Sausage +3\$/Add Turkey Bacon +2** ▼ 9
- **House Salad** Lettuce, Tomato, Mushrooms, Onions, with choice of Ranch or Thousand Island
- Caesar Salad** Lettuce, Croutons, Shaved Parmesan

2025 Chapter Events Schedule

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

January 8	Chapter Meeting
February 12	Chapter Meeting
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
TBD	<i>Picnic in the Park</i>
August 13	Chapter Meeting
September 10	Chapter Meeting
Sept 13 (Sat)	Young Eagles Day at Grant County Regional Airport in John Day
Date TBD	<i>Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport</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.



Fun Time at our Holiday Potluck!

Submitted by Debbie Wallace, Newsletter Editor

40 chapter members and guests attended our Holiday Potluck on December 9th. We asked for help in setting up and almost every attendee arrived early! Hollinshead Barn transformed from an empty room to a festively decorated holiday scene within minutes.

Our younger agile members teamed up to climb ladders and hang decorations from the rafters and on the walls. The rest of us setup tables and chairs, centerpieces and food tables.





We even had a Christmas tree complete with decorations brought in a suitcase by Mary Verry.

So many wonderful dishes and desserts were brought by all! I think I tried every one and even went back for seconds.



Our Chapter President, Chris Wallace, presented certificates and a big thank you to the board members, chairpersons and coordinators who contributed to all of our successful events in 2024.

Clean up was also amazingly quick thanks to all who stayed afterwards.

FREE SAFETY PRESENTATION ON JANUARY 18th

EAA Prineville Chapter 617 Breakfast and Safety Program What Would You Do?

Topic: GA News - Minimum Required Equipment - Vacuum Failure on Approach -
Local Airspace Conflicts & Recommendations

When: Saturday, January 18th
Breakfast at 0800, Safety Presentation at 0900

Speaker: Steve Bateman, CFI

Location: Prineville Airport
4399 SW Airport Way
EAA Chapter 617 Hangar

What You Will Learn:

1. Lots of GA news, both local and national, that affects our flying
2. What equipment is actually required for a flight - and how do you know?
3. A perfect approach - until the gyros stop spinning. What are the options?
4. More on flying safety around Redmond, Oregon: The RDM "corridors" and being a considerate user of the airspace

Questions and Scenarios: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Follow along on your EFB, and bring your experience, stories and questions—and be ready to engage and participate. All are welcome, but **please register so we can plan for breakfast and seating**. Yes - **participation will earn WINGS credits!**

Only 40 seats available. For more details and to register online, please go to:
https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=134336

From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

IMPORTANT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

There are now two active Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) related to the air traffic control tower currently under construction, further described below:

1. BDN 12/036 OBST CRANE (ASN 2024-ANM-836-NRA)
440535N1211154W (0.1NM SE BDN) 3580FT (150FT AGL) FLAGGED
AND LGTD DLY 1500-0300 2412091500-2503100300.

In plain language, this NOTAM, number 12/036, has been issued for the crane being used to erect the ATCT. It will be located approximately 500 feet off runway centerline at midfield off Bravo 3. The crane maximum height will be up to 150 feet. When in use, the crane will have a checkered flag on top with red obstruction lights and generally operational sunrise to sunset. At night or when not in use, the crane will be lowered. Unless extended or terminated early, this NOTAM will remain in effect thru March 10, 2025.

A little more detail about the project status: Steel columns for the permanent tower structure is currently underway and will increase in height as each floor is added. These columns will be difficult to see when aircraft (both fixed and rotor wing) are near the construction site as the steel columns will blend into the horizon. Per FAA requirements, obstruction lights will be installed on two corners of the structure. There will be two areas of steel construction, and the lights will be adjusted, as necessary. Over the next several months the construction will progress to the full tower height of 115 feet. It is highly recommended that all airport users refrain from flying over the construction site for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

2. BDN 11/052 RWY 16/34 E 500 WIP ADJ 2412070100-2412070759

In plain language, this NOTAM, number 11/052, has been issued as a work in progress for the on-going ATCT construction through February 12, 2025. Prior to expiration, this NOTAM will be extended every 90 days until the project is completed. Project completion is planned for mid - October 2025 and is currently on-time. However, if there are unforeseen circumstances that can't be predicted at this time (such as weather or supply chain delivery issues), project completion may be delayed.

Thanks for reading, please safe and check NOTAMS.

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Secretary and Scholarship Coordinator

The Chapter has two scholars who are closing in on their check rides. Katie Ryan completed all her requirements and is currently going through stage checks with COCC and Leading Edge Flight Academy. After the stage checks are complete all that is left is to schedule the check ride. Cash is studying hard for the oral portion of the exam while keeping his flying skills honed for the practical portion. His check ride is scheduled in January. This is the most difficult time of year for flying. Days are short and weather is dicey so lots of flight training gets moved around. Good luck to the scholars for good weather and great performance.



Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

2025 Airshows

May 16-18	Oregon International Airshow	Hillsboro, OR
June TBD	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 21-27	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
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 Festival	Madras, OR
Sept 26-28	Oregon International Airshow	McMinnville, OR
Sept 6-7	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	Hood River, Or

Local Aviation Museum Highlights



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

2025 scheduled events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

January 11 - Second Saturday - Resolutions & Restorations: Vote for Your Favorite

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.

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.

- Jan 8: The End of Supervised Maintenance?
- Jan 14: WWI Aviation featured in the Museum (*museum series*)
- Jan 15: Build-A-BFR: Designing Your Own Flight Review
- Jan 22: Skybound Chronicles: A Half Century of Aviation Tales for Safer Skies

Homebuilders Week is January 27-31. Visit the EAA webinar site for a list of classes offered

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/ea1345/newsletters>.

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 or PayPal on our website which will be updated with the new rate soon. Please wait to pay until you see the increased amount reflected. 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.

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>
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