



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

April 2025 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

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 and welcome to our April newsletter. We have an interesting and fun meeting planned this month. First, we will proudly announce our 2025 Scholarship award winners. Please take time after our meeting to congratulate these fine young people and offer your advice, relevant or otherwise. Tom Wright will detail our plans for our summer Young Eagles programs, including scheduling some very useful safety training. If you haven't volunteered to help yet, please talk to Tom or another board member. Finally, we will hear an interesting presentation from Michael Power about his very interesting flying career.

By now hopefully everyone has paid their annual dues. I'll be going through our roster and reminding those who have not. Don't make me call you!

Joel Haynes, our treasurer, will be running this month's meeting. Looking forward to seeing you on the 9th.

Tailwinds!

Chris Wallace



April Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to guests Chris Wallace
- Introduction of Presenters Joel Haynes
- Announcement of Ray & Jack Watson Scholarship winners Jeff Stolasz
- 2025 Young Eagles Madras event Tom Wright
- **Guest Speaker: Michael Power**
Michael started flight training in 2015 after his wife bought him a lesson in a flight simulator. Having been interested in aviation since he was a child, that lesson set off a cascade of aviation activities. Michael completed his Private Pilot License and went on to add multiple ratings, certificates and endorsements including: Instrument rating, commercial certificate, multi-instrument rating, seaplane rating, tail wheel endorsement and CFI. He regularly flies for Angel Flight West and last summer he flew 240 hours in a Cessna Caravan for Alaska Seaplanes based in Juneau. He's headed back to Alaska for another summer of flying. We're sure Michael will have lots of fun stories, photos and videos to share.
- Closing remarks Joel Haynes

Update on our 2025 scholarship award process

Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Scholarship Coordinator

The scholarship committee completed their interviews of the short listed candidates for the three 2025 flight training scholarships. We had a great group of candidates this year and as usual the decisions were difficult ones. The results are in and all candidates have been notified. If you want to find out who the awardees are you will have to attend the April chapter meeting. We will do the official award presentation, photo ops, and congratulations at the meeting so stay tuned and hope to see you at the meeting on April 9th.



April Chapter Meeting Dinner Menu

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.

A Plea from your President

We are very fortunate that Hoss (owner of Dogs and Fries) allows us to use his restaurant for our meetings. However, we know this will only continue if it is financially beneficial for him. So we encourage you, if possible, to support the restaurant by buying dinner at our meetings.

The menu will be a Persian or Mexican rice bowl 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. The menu will be limited to the choice of one of the two rice bowls listed below. This will allow Hoss and his team to serve everyone during the 30-minute window before the meeting starts.

Menu

Persian Bowl \$14

- Basmati Rice
- Gheymeh (yellow split pea & beef stew)
- Shirazi Salad
- Mast-o-khiar (cucumber yogurt dips)

Taco Bowl \$14

- Mexican Rice
- Beans
- Choice of (select one):
 - Chicken Tinga
 - Beef Barbacoa
 - Sweet Potato
- Pico
- Cotija Cheese
- Sour Cream



2025 Chapter Events Schedule

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

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
July 5	Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport
TBD	<i>Picnic in the Park</i>
August 13	Chapter Meeting
September 10	Chapter Meeting
Sept TBD	<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.

YOUNG EAGLES RETURNS TO MADRAS ON MAY 31, 2025

Submitted by our Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Last year we accepted the invitation to hold a Young Eagles Rally at the Madras Municipal Airport, and based on that very positive experience we didn't hesitate to accept this year's invitation. So, we will take our YE crew to Madras on Saturday, May 31, 2025. One positive change is our base of operations will be at the FBO and adjoining south hangar, and not separated by a ¼ mile hike from the registration area to the YE planes. The second change is in the staffing of ground marshals and safety escorts. This year ELEVEN Chapter members have signed on to form a new ground safety crew, with Don McLean as Chief Marshal and Amy Bionda as Chief Safety Escort. Mary Verry provided an introduction to a colleague who does ground safety training and has generously offered to do a one day training session to this ground crew prior to Madras. So, with all that, what do we still need?

- Volunteer(s) willing to pick up snack food at COSTCO
- Pilots, with current Youth Protection training (big shout out to one of our 2024 scholars, Cash, now with his PPL, has already said yes!)
- Drivers willing to provide ride sharing to Madras
- Photographer/videographer for the event

As always, nothing happens without your support.

If you are interested, please contact me by text at (717) 724-7139 or by emailing me at Wright.thomas@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Thomas Wright



Local Aviation Museum Highlights



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

2025 scheduled events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

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



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.

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Submitted by Chris and Debbie Wallace, Chapter Members

On our annual winter road trip to California in our RV, we stopped at the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles. Named after the World War II *Estrella Army Air Force Base*, which is now the Paso Robles Municipal Airport, the museum opened in 1992 and was approved to receive surplus aircraft and other government properties. It contains a collection of military aircraft, jeeps and a large collection of WWII artifacts. We were impressed with the largest collection of various instrument panels saved from WWII aircraft.

The museum's mission is truly reflected in the exhibits:

"We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft, military vehicles, and memorabilia to those who flew and worked on military aircraft. Our approach, however, is not to glorify conflict but rather to make a future generation aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice".

In 2009, a new building was added to house the Woodland Automobile Display, containing a large collection of classic autos and race cars. Most of the vehicles have been lovingly restored.

If you find yourself in Paso Robles one day, we recommend a stop here. You can see it in 2 hours, though you could spend a lot more time if you do a more thorough look at all the small displays.





2025 Membership Dues

Annual membership dues for 2025 are due! Member dues helps us to cover our operating expenses. Annual dues are \$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.

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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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>.