



# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

## December 2023 Newsletter

### Message from the President

Welcome friends and members to our December newsletter! By now I'm sure you've all heard about the planned changes at our airport, many will negatively affect how our chapter and all local pilots operate. I highly encourage you to comment on the proposed changes, links are available in the article on page 4. Please don't let this pass without your input to protect us from a new and uninformed city program.

On a lighter note, I am looking forward to our Holiday banquet! We have only one open seat left for the event. Details to RSVP are on page 3. It should be a memorable event. Kim Muinch and his posse of highly motivated volunteers are decorating for the event and I do greatly thank them for their efforts.

We have a good year ahead and I'll be happy to have all your help as we plan exciting flying events.

On January 15th we have tentatively scheduled a tour of the factory at Epic Aircraft. Final details will be emailed when we get it sorted out. There will only be spots for 20 members and we will likely use SignUpGenius again. This should be extremely interesting!

Happy holidays!

Chris Wallace

***Reminder: There will be no chapter meeting in December due to the Holiday Dinner***

### **Holiday Dinner**

Wednesday, December 13

5:30-8:30pm

\$15 per member and 1 guest

\$20 per non-member

#### Location:

Dogs and Fries Restaurant  
63136 Powell Butte Hwy  
Bend, OR

*Space is limited, so you must RSVP and prepay for dinner. See page 3 for more details.*



## **December Meeting Agenda**

There will be no chapter meeting in December. Instead, we hope you can join us at the Holiday Dinner (see page 3 for more details).

Happy Holidays!



## **Membership Update**

We have 54 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Earl Cash  
Rick Campbell  
Joel Timmerman

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

## **Election of Chapter Officers**

Our annual election of officers was held during the general meeting in November. The nominating committee members are Kim Muinch, Steve Gette and Debbie Wallace. The only open position this year is Treasurer and Joel Haynes has kindly volunteered to fill this position. The new officer will be installed at the December holiday party meeting and begin their duties on January 1, 2024.

# ***HOLIDAY DINNER***

***Only 1 spot left!!!***

*We are excited to have 49 RSVPs for our Holiday Dinner to be held on **Wednesday, December 13th**, from 5:30-8:30pm at the newly opened restaurant, Dogs and Fries, at Bend Airport, just down the street from the BBA hangar at 63136 Powell Butte Rd.*

*Hoss Talebi, owner of Dogs and Fries, will be preparing a menu of beef, chicken and vegetable skewers, Persian rice, and shirazi and green salads. Soft drinks and water will be available, and the chapter will provide some holiday desserts. Attendees may bring their own wine or beer if desired. Dinner will be offered to paid members at a reduced price as a thank you for all of your volunteer time in 2023. Cost is \$15 per member (who may bring one guest who is not a member for \$15), or \$20 per non-member.*

*Due to space limitations, attendance is limited to the first 50 paid RSVPs. **There is only 1 spot left!** If you would like to attend as a non-member, please email us at [highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com) and we will send you a link to the invitation.*

*There will be no formal meeting during the party, but we will announce and install the newly elected chapter Treasurer.*

*We will also have a collection bin for the annual **Santa Express food and toy drive**. Donations of unwrapped toys or nonperishable food will go directly to those in need in our area.*

*We hope you can join us for a fun and festive evening!*

## **ATTENTION: PROPOSED NEW RULES AT**

### **BEND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

The Bend City Council recently published a draft document called “City of Bend, Oregon, Bend Municipal Airport, Rules and Regulations Minimum Standards and Leasing and Development Policy.” These new rules will have a negative effect on the flying public and by extension many of our chapter members.

The city has given a short 30 day comment period that expires at 5pm on December 8 for the proposed ruling. If you agree with our assessment, we encourage you to comment on the official form expressing your displeasure with the draft. Comments can be submitted through the city website by clicking [here](#). The full text of the proposal is also available through this webpage by clicking on “Rules and Regulations, Minimum Standards, and Development and Leasing Policy”.

Reading through the document, five clauses stand out as being possibly detrimental to our chapter members as well as Bend pilots in general.

**Section III.4.7** specifically prohibits independent flight instruction. If a flight instructor does not lease property at the airport, he/she cannot perform flight instruction. The result would **outlaw most of how pilots get their biannual flight reviews and refresher training.**

**Section III.4.6.1.1** states that all flight schools must lease at least 200 square feet of space from the city. All flight schools must own or lease at least three certified airplanes with one being capable of IFR. All flight schools must operate under 14 CFR 141. (think Leading Edge) and therefore we assume does not allow instruction under Part 61. **This would stop our current Ray Scholarship students.**

**Section III 4.6.1.1.3** only allows flight instruction under part 61 (think Specialized Aero Works and Bend Aircraft) if the airplane is owned by the student and with permission from the city. Why the city would want to be in the approval loop for flight instruction is a great question.

**There are two other sections under III.4.5** that only allow aircraft maintenance at a part 145 repair station. Independent A&Ps and maintenance under part 43 is not allowed. Maintenance under part 43 is probably the majority of maintenance and repair performed at KBDN.

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## **ATTENTION: PROPOSED NEW RULES AT** **BEND MUNICIPAL AIRPORT *(continued)***

This article does not go into the **significant changes to hangar lease arrangements** which could impact members even more than the above issues. The [Friends of the Bend Airport](#) organization can provide information on the changes associated with hangars and leasing.

In addition to commenting on the aforementioned issues via the city website form, opponents of these new prohibitions can attend one or both of the following meetings at the Bend City Council Chambers located at 710 NW Wall Street:

**Wednesday, November 29, from 5-7pm: Open House/Informational Session** hosted by airport manager Tracy Williams and other city staff. They will make a presentation, then open it up for questions.

**Wednesday, December 6, at 7pm: Bend City Council meeting.** There will be an “Open mic” period shortly after the 7pm meeting start. Members of the public who wish to offer public comment may do so in person, by phone or by registering on Zoom prior to the meeting. Speakers will have 2 minutes. 5 persons voiced “Protest” comments during the last council meeting.

### **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.

Our first nametag order should arrive soon. For those of you who missed the first order or are new and 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.



**EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2023**  
*(35 Attendees!)*

Food was served at 6pm and the meeting started promptly at 6:30.

Chris started by introducing new members and guests.

Kim Muinch ran a ballot election for the only office up for election which was the Treasurer. Joel Haynes won the election in a unanimous election. Joel will serve as treasurer for the next two years.

Timber Bionda gave an update on his flying progress. His solo cross country was completed on Sunday.

Chris briefed on the holiday party at Dogs and Fries on December 13 and how to sign up via SignUpGenius. Anyone who wanted to go but was unable to use SignUpGenius could pay cash or check to Debbie today. Cost is \$15 per member and the chapter will subsidize the rest. Kim Muinch is heading up the decorating committee.

Chris briefed the chapter on the plan for 2024 including:

- a. Two Young Eagles events in Bend and one with Prineville in Madras.
- b. Plan for two scholarships.
- c. Painting the airport compass rose. It was mentioned by Mike Robertson that the existing rose is too close to the metal hangars causing interference.
- d. Plea for volunteers to help with various activities
- e. Name tags to be distributed next month.

The feature presentation this month was by the Deschutes County Search and Rescue air operations team.

There was a follow-on presentation by Jeff Stolasz on personal locator beacons and satellite communicators.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Stolasz*  
*EAA 1345 Chapter Secretary*



## From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

### BEND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER UPDATE

On October 4, the Bend City Council approved a contract of nearly \$1.4 million with the architectural and engineering firm of Morrison-Maierle to design a new air traffic control tower for the Bend municipal airport. Bend's airport is one of the busiest in Oregon but has no air traffic control tower. The addition of a control tower is a vital safety improvement. The total project cost for design and construction is estimated to be \$15 million. Funds are expected to come from federal, state, and local sources, including grants. The project has already cleared several important hurdles, including Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and environmental impact reviews. Project completion is anticipated in the fall of 2025. Future ATCT updates will be provided on the airport website throughout the duration of the project.

Thanks for reading, please fly safe, and check NOTAMS.

*Tracy Williams, Airport Manager*

## Members About Town

Chapter member, Major Mike Wissing, representing the High Desert Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, was seen flying a Cessna Stationair above Wall Street in downtown Bend during the Veterans Day Parade.



## *Updates from our Chapter Aircraft Builders*



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

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**Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz**

**Kit: Just Highlander**

Jeff got some help on his Highlander from Timber last month. Together they finished the first stage of the covering process on the empennage. Next up are the wings before moving on to finishing tapes. Just don't look too closely or you'll see that Timber's elevator came out better than Jeff's. Timber helped on a weekend after one of his cross-country flights. He still has a few cross-country hours to log before that milestone is complete.





## Upcoming Local Aircraft Museum Events

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### Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

The WAAAM museum in Hood River will host the following Second Saturday event in December:

December 10 – Christmas in Wartime

Second Saturday events are held indoors during winter and are open from 10:00-2:00, with lunch available between 11:00-1:00.

### Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

The Evergreen Museum in McMinnville, home of the Spruce Goose, presents the Holidays at the Hangar, or “HATH,” event December. This is an all-encompassing, interactive light spectacle in the Aviation Museum. Businesses and community members come together to sponsor and decorate a plane of their choosing. The community collaboration helps create a dramatic light show experience like no other.

### EAA National Free Webinars in December

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

- Dec 6: Deadly Switches
- Dec 12: The Clyde Lee and Earl Iverson Story (*museum webinar series*)
- Dec 20: Start a Flying Club

## Holiday Jingle

*Submitted by Steve Gette, Member At Large*



*The officers and staff of EAA Thirteen Forty-five, have enjoyed another year of comradery alive.*

*Your hard work and devotion is always held dear, and each of us look forward to seeing you in the new year!*

*And as we end another season, here's a little jingle to enlighten your reason.*

*'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,  
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.  
The aircraft were fastened to tie downs with care,  
In hopes that ~ come morning ~ they all would be there.*

*The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,  
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.  
I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,  
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.*

*When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,  
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.  
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,  
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.*

*He barked his transmission so lively and quick,  
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick."  
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,  
The better to welcome this magical flight.*

*He called his position, no room for denial,  
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."  
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a Rutan-built sleigh, with eight Rotax Reindeer!*

*With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,  
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:  
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!  
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?*

*While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their heads,  
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,  
The message they left was both urgent and dour:  
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."*

*He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,  
Then I heard, "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."  
He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh,  
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho-ho..."*

*He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,  
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.  
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost,  
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.*

*His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,  
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.  
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,  
His boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.*

*He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,  
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low-lead."  
He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,  
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.*

*I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,  
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.  
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,  
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.*

*And I thought as he silently scribed in his log,  
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.  
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,  
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"*

*And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,  
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.  
"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,  
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion"*

*He sped down the runway, the best of the best,  
"Your traffic's a Grumman, inbound from the west."  
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed thru the night,  
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."*

## 2024 Membership Dues Information

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 contact our Membership Coordinator, Faye Phillips, at [Fayephil@gmail.com](mailto:Fayephil@gmail.com).

### Chapter Board

<b>President</b>	Chris Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>	<b>Vice President</b>	Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>
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