



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

May 2024 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

6:00pm

Dinner of grilled hamburgers, potato salad and green salad available for \$7 donation to cover our costs

6:30-7:30pm

General meeting

Location:

Bend Builders Assist
63030 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 May newsletter.

We're off to a busy start this summer! We interviewed six amazing scholarship applicants. After a very difficult decision process we picked three who we feel will be fantastic aviators and bring us great pride as we help them through the process of getting their Private Pilot's License. Read on to learn who our happy winners are.

We also just completed our first Flying Start event. We had a very informative briefing by local CFI Steve Bateman, and were able to provide airplane rides to all eight attendees. Thanks to Tom Wright for the considerable time he spent setting up this event, thanks to our volunteer pilots, and of course all our ground volunteers who made this work so well. This event was especially appropriate as EAA Learn To Fly Week is May 13-18. There will be many resources and seminars to help prospective aviators on their way to becoming pilots. Please check it out at [EAA Learn to Fly Week](#).

We have our next Young Eagles event in Madras on June 1st. Please volunteer to help if you can. This will be in conjunction with Madras Airport Day and should be a very busy and well attended event.

Our May meeting will be more of social event as you do all seem to enjoy each other's company. There will be no formal presentation. We will be led this time by Jeff Stolasz, our esteemed Treasurer. We will have two RV-12s on display. Gary Hood will be there to answer questions about his beautifully finished plane, and our chapter plane will be there for members to test-sit and make airplane noises if they see fit.

I'll be back for our June meeting and will look forward to seeing you all there.

Safe Flying!

Chris Wallace



May Meeting Agenda

- Welcome visitors and new members Jeff Stolasz
- Flying Start Update Tom Wright
- Young Eagles June Event Tom Wright
- Student Scholarship Winners Announced Jeff Stolasz

There will be no formal program this month. After the above presentations, enjoy socializing with your fellow aviation enthusiasts. The RV-12 planes owned by the chapter and Gary Hood will also be on display.

Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

Submitted by Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Secretary and Scholarship Coordinator

2024 Scholarships

Early 2024 was a great year for scholarship applicants. We had six formal applicants and granted three \$11,000 flight training scholarships and three \$1,000 awards. This year's applications were all excellent and the scholarship committee had a difficult time making final decisions. The scholarships are graciously funded by recent airplanes donated to the chapter, the EAA, and the Ray Foundation.



This year's award recipients are as follows:

\$11,000 Ray Aviation Flight Training Scholarship to Katie Ryan of Sisters, OR

\$11,000 Ray Aviation Flight Training Scholarship to Cash Earl of Bend, OR

\$11,000 Jack Watson Service Scholarship to Keegan Kroytz of Sisters, OR

\$1,000 High Desert Flyers Merit award for flight training to Isaac Boettner of Bend,
OR

\$1,000 High Desert Flyers Merit award for flight training to Liam Bell of Bend, OR

\$1,000 High Desert Flyers Merit award for flight training to Keenan Duncan of Bend,
OR

Please join us at the May chapter meeting where we will do formal awards presentation with an opportunity to meet the scholars if you have not done so already. We look forward to following the candidates' flight training throughout the year.

Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates *(continued)*

2023 Scholarships

Chapter Member and 2023 Ray Scholarship recipient Timber Bionda gets his wings

Shout Out and Congratulations to Timber Bionda for passing his private pilot check ride on April 5! It's been a long time coming and has been a lot of hard work for Timber over the last 11 months to get to this point. He persevered though the turnover of 5 flight instructors, winter weather and a gap in training. Then mother nature wasn't going to let him win that easily when weather cut his checkride into two parts due to high cross winds and low ceilings. Remember to Congratulate Timber on being Central Oregon's latest private pilot when you see him next. You can read a great article about his journey here. [Nugget News - April 23](#)



Donated Aircraft Update

The building of the Chapter RV-12 is complete and has passed the FAA air worthiness review. We have begun test flying and found a few minor issues to resolve. The RV-12 will then be available for sale. If you know anyone interested in buying it, please contact Chris Wallace at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com

2024 Chapter Events Schedule

May 8	Chapter Meeting
June 1, Saturday	Young Eagles Day in Madras during Madras Airport Day
June 12	Chapter Meeting
July 10	Chapter Meeting
TBD, Saturday	Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport
August 14	Chapter Meeting
September 11	Chapter Meeting
TBD	Fall Fly Out
October 9	Chapter Meeting
November 13	Chapter Meeting
December 11	Holiday Party

More events are in the planning phase. 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>.

FLYING START gets off to a.....Flying Start

Submitted by Thomas Wright, Chapter VP and Eagles Coordinator

On the last Saturday of April, our Chapter hosted a FLYING START event for a great group of 8 adults and teens interested in learning how to become a pilot. They ranged in age from 16 to 62, and from all walks of life. We had high school students, a farmer, a physician, a carpenter, and a number of American Airline employees who work at Redmond airport.

The day started with a dedicated crew of volunteers who came early to set up the room and prepare for our guests. We were lucky, too, as it turned out the Civil Air Patrol had been scheduled to use the same hangar for their introductory flights for new cadets. Alerted by Faye, I contacted Cpt. Bruce McLellan of CAP who very graciously moved his operation to the FBO.

Steve Bateman gave a presentation covering the essentials of the requirements to becoming a pilot and what the local options are for flight training. He concluded with a number of practical suggestions on how best to plan for and successfully train as a pilot. Then it was time to go fly!

The pilots, equipped with flight routes prepared by Fred Berardo and marshalled by Chris and Jeff, flew to either Prineville reservoir or down to Sunriver. And it was no surprise to see so many excited and happy faces upon their return. A day well done. So a BIG shout out to our crew, in no particular order:

- ✚ Mark Harris, who on very short order retrieved the Deschutes Flying Club C172 just out of annual to fly for us
- ✚ Carter Fairchild, who always helps when asked, and flew one of the AA employees
- ✚ Faye Phillips, who flew one of the 16 year olds, and what a smile she had at the end!
- ✚ Jeff Stolasz, who generously rents a plane for these events, and flew 3 people
- ✚ Joel Haynes, who flew the physician and at the end had a convert
- ✚ Mary Verry, who got up really early to fly her Experimental for us
- ✚ Steve Bateman, who sat in the right seat to fly his guest
- ✚ Jeff Thompson, who helped keep order on the flight line and never complains despite what he sees or hears!
- ✚ Steve Gette, who stepped in to deal with the walk-ins and youth who needed separate paperwork, after helping do the set-up
- ✚ Chris Wallace, teamed with Jeff on the flight line to keep us safe

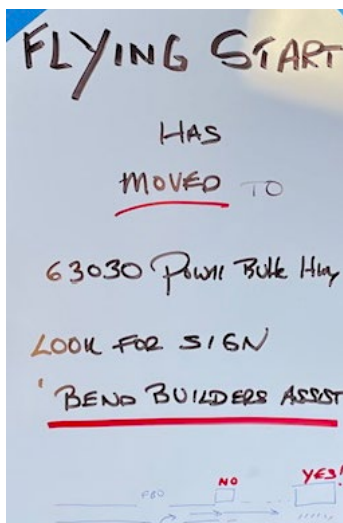
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FLYING START gets off to a.....flying start

- ✚ Debbie Wallace, who did what she does so well and again brainstormed solutions on the fly
- ✚ Linda Haynes, who like Debbie, knows when to step in and keep the wheels turning
- ✚ Drew Morgan, who at some silly hour of the morning went to Back Porch Roasters and brought us a full coffee service!

As with Young Eagles, on this day we supported the EAA mission of increasing public awareness and participation in aviation. And having the seen the look on some of the faces I'm certain we flew a number of future aviators.



*Our engaging presenter,
Steve Bateman*

FLYING START ~ Smiling Faces All Around...

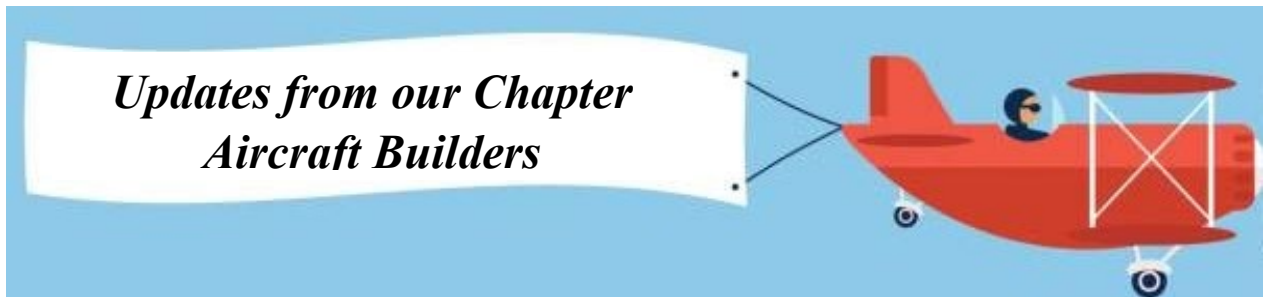


Eagles ready to fly!



Beautiful morning! Lined up and ready to go



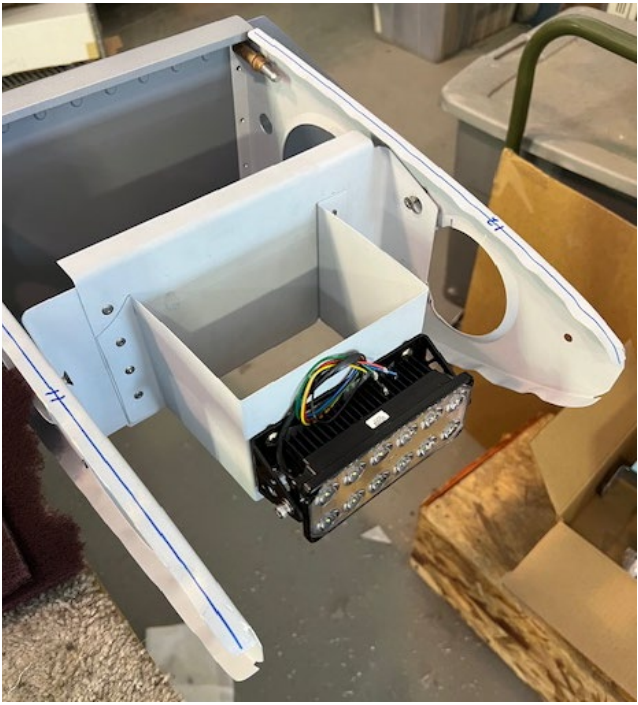
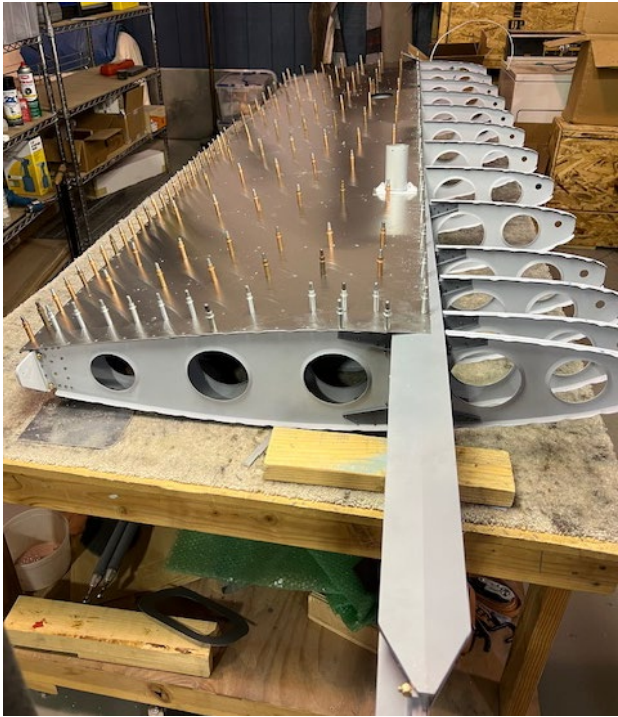


Our chapter has several members currently building experimental kit planes in varying stages. The builders have been busy this winter and below are some updates on their projects. If you are building a kit, we would love to include your update in a future newsletter.

Chapter Member: Chris Wallace
Kit: Sonex Waix

I'm taking a break from building the fuselage and have started working on the wings. The left wing is mostly complete, and I've begun drilling the skin for the right wing. Also working on my landing light installation.

Anyone interested can follow along on the build at [EAA Builders Log - Wallace](#).



Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz

Kit: Just Highlander

A decent amount of work went into the Highlander since the last update. The Instrument panel arrived from Advanced Flight Systems. I can't say enough positive things about the process with Advanced flight Systems and Dynon. They helped me design and layout the panel, supported many revisions and arrangements, and provided all the wiring schematics for the final installation.

I also received my Rotax 912 ULS from the supplier. I didn't find an engine hoist that will lift the engine high enough so I built my own. It was handy when it came time to unload the crate by myself.

Recently completed installs are the Instrument panel, Avionics tray, battery, and baggage door(almost). I seem to be following what some say when working with sheet metal. Cut one for the scrap bin and one for the airplane. This month's goal will be to complete all the tail wiring, drilling, and equipment installs in the body in preparation for covering the fuselage. I want to minimize the generation of cuttings and chips on the inside after the fabric is on.

Anyone interested can follow along on the build at [EAA Builders Log - Stolasz](#).



From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

Air traffic control tower construction update

After a competitive bidding process, five (5) bids were received. An apparent low responsive bidder for construction was identified in the amount of \$9.1M. Contracts and grant applications will be presented to City Council for action on May 15, 2024. Major project components include construction of an access road, utilities to support the 115 foot tall tower, and installation of a backup generator. Work should be underway this summer.

Thanks for reading, please safe and check NOTAMS.

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

EAA National Free Webinars

May 13-18 is EAA's **Learn to Fly week** supported by Sporty's when they offer several *free* courses! Topics covered include how to get started in flight training, tips for saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam and examiner tips for passing the check ride.

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

- May 8: Slip Slidin' Away – All About Uncoordinated Flight
- May 29: Building Your Dream Airport

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.

Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

Airshows

May 17-19	Oregon International Airshow	Hillsboro, OR
June 15-16	Moses Lake Airshow	Grant County Intl Airport, WA
June 15-16	Olympic Airshow	Olympia, WA
June 22-23	Fairchild Skyfest	Spokane, WA
July 22-28	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
August 2-4	Boeing Seafair Airshow	Seattle, WA
August 17-18	Wings Over Washington	Bremerton, WA
August 23-24	Airshow of the Cascades Festival	Madras, OR
Aug 31-Sep 2	Oregon International Airshow	McMinnville, OR
September 6-7	Oregon Trail STOL	Ontario, OR
September 7-8	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	Hood River, OR



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

Upcoming events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

May 11 – Second Saturday – Anzani Fan Demo

May 18 – Model T Driving School (*advance reservations required*)

May 25 – Driving Through the Decades - This class gets you behind the wheel of not one, but eight or more of the classic vehicles from WAAAM's vast collection to drive on your very own. You will feel automotive history come alive right in your hands as you pilot several of our restored treasures.
(*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.

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum



Upcoming events at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville, home of the Spruce Goose, include:

Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18

MCMENAMINS UFO FEST 2024

Join Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in celebrating the 2024 UFO Fest with exclusive extraterrestrial films playing in the Evergreen Giant Screen Theater.

Tuesday, Tuesday, April 16th

STORYTELLERS SERIES: VOYAGER 1'S PALE BLUE DOT AND PERSPECTIVE-CHANGING PHOTOS: "THE FAMILY PORTRAIT"

Presenter: Donn Anderson

There are currently FIVE spacecraft either on their way out of our Solar System, or have already left the influence of our Sun. Voyager 1 was the very first to do so. On its way out, Voyager 1 took a series of photos of six of the planets, pictures that have impacted our awareness of our place in space. Come learn about these wonderful pictures and get an update on Voyager 1 itself, sending data back to Earth for more than 46 years!

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit their website at www.evergreenmuseum.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>
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