



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

Our Monthly Newsletter for April, 2022

MEETING AGENDA CHAPTER 1345

**April 13, 2022
6:30 PM**

In person meeting at:

**ROBERTSON HANGAR Bend Builders Assist
63030 POWELL BUTTE HWY.
BEND, OR 97701**

Announcements:

- President's Welcome and Updates
- The keeper of the money coffer, our treasurer Faye Phillips, is back in town and is looking for payment of dues from any stragglers. For those of you who have not yet paid, please either pay at the April meeting or make a check to EAA Chapter 1345 and mail to the club at High Desert Flyers PO Box 6732, Bend, OR 97706. Thank You.

Program:

- Kim Muinch has prepared a proposal for new chapter activities and member involvement. He is planning a formal presentation during our meeting. PLEASE attend to see what's on the horizon and what we can do to improve our club! Your input and feedback will determine much of the future direction, types of activities, and educational development. Wishful thinking is allowed, so please bring your questions.

Committee Reports and Updates:

- Committee Updates below

Let's Eat!:

- As always, fresh BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs will be cooked and served by Mike Robertson. Your meal is cooked to order per Mike! A donation of \$5.00 is greatly appreciated. "Dinner Service" begins at 6 PM. A drink is included. Bring your appetite and enjoy the short social service!

Out and about:

- Oregon Pilot Association members are usually on-site to answer questions about the monthly fly-outs. Read about Gary and the gang in the March Fly-Out Group adventure below.

Around the Pattern:

- This month's commentary from our local BDN airport manager Tracy Williams provides information about the future of BDN airport, improvements and/or construction, and current operations. See her report below.

Odds and Ends:

- Informational contributions from members can be found in this titled section below. Newsworthy articles and/or events regarding club interest may be submitted for posting in the newsletter.

Coming Soon:

- A new **Chapter Items For Sale** section will soon be added to the newsletter and our chapter website. Articles will be limited to aircraft and parts, accessories, and services. Postings will be verified and edited, if needed, prior to publishing in the newsletter. Limited to club members only.

Club Member Photos:

- The chapter web site now has a member photo section. If you will send me an email with a cell phone photo attachment of you standing next to your airplane, I will post this on our website.
- If you don't have an airplane, we can do individual or group photos shots at our events or hangar meetings.
- Email to Steve Gette, Chapter1345 Webmaster sgetteman@q.com

Next Meeting:

- **Wednesday, April 13, 2022 6:30 PM**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

EAA Chapter 1345 Monthly meeting minutes
March 9, 2022

After a gourmet meal service, Mike opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

This month's guest speaker was Jay Bunning, chief instructor at Leading Edge. Jay gave a detailed presentation on helicopter training in Bend. He talked about their students, the school, and how they operate in the BDN traffic pattern. It was very informative and gave us all a better perspective on what we might expect while flying in the area.

We had updates from our two Ray Scholarship recipients Gabriella and Preston. Each is progressing in their own way and as time permits. Read more about them below.

Club officers were again introduced and each provided comments about their respective areas.

Miles Lundgren gave us a detailed heads-up on the upcoming Young Eagles events. Two events are planned for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted in absence of Jeff Stolatz, Chapter Secretary

Steve Gette
Chapter Webmaster

TREASURER'S REPORT

I'm in process of setting up our new bank accounts. We changed banks and accounts, officers, authorities, check books, and will need to prepare new supporting forms as needed. I was traveling during the winter and have just returned. I'll prepare a detailed statement for inclusion in our next newsletter.

Faye Phillips, Treasurer

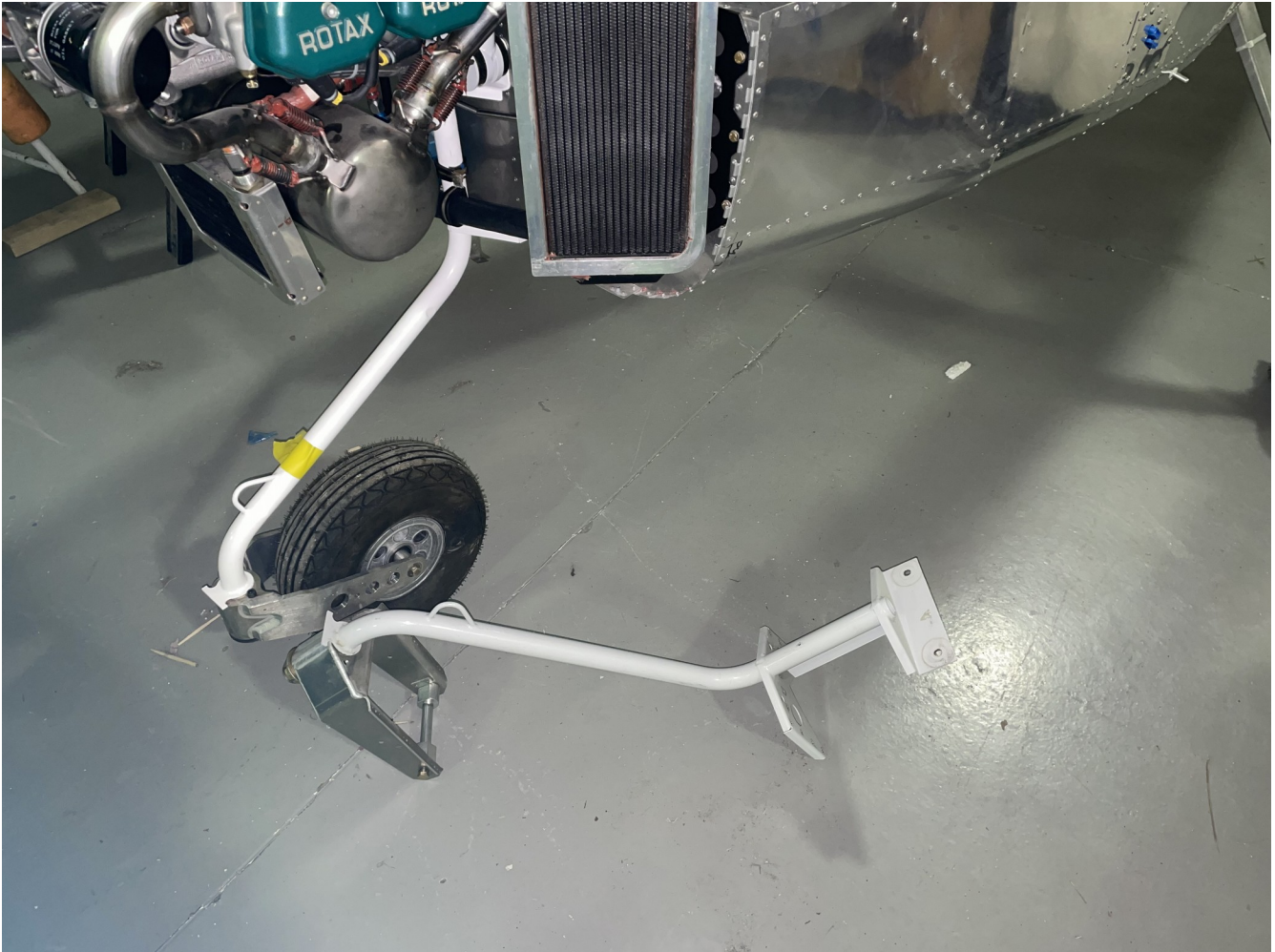
COMMITTEE/GROUP REPORTS

Program Committee

- Featured speaker Kim Muinch on club activities.

Chris Wallace, Program Committee Chair/VP

Builders Group



As for chapter build projects, parts have begun arriving for the RV12, so Terry has rekindled progress on priority service bulletins. Mike Robertson has a draft ad for the Kitfox and will be posting it soon to Barnstormers.

Terry Riessen, Builder's Group

Scholarship Committee

- Our two Ray Scholarship award recipients Gabriella Favia and Preston Garibay continue on their flight training journey. Congratulations on their progress thus far. Following are updates in their own words:

Gabriella:

I haven't really had a lot of time to fly this month. Overall, I've gone up once since the 1st and it was on a day where the cloud cover was nearly pattern altitude and the sky decided to pour down rain. The wind was a little feisty, but nothing I couldn't handle. I don't often get to fly in more unique weather conditions, so I really appreciated being able to have that experience. The pattern is basic procedure at this point, so I go around a few laps, minding the lower

clouds and crabbing into the wind. Each time I came around to land, the clouds got lower and lower, to the point I was nearly flying through them. I took that as my signal to make my final stop, easy on the brakes to avoid hydroplaning. For the short amount of time I was able to fly, I noticed that I had learned a lot from my practice, and had definitely improved in my routine as well as noticing my mistakes.

Preston:

I haven't flown much this past month. Although, I did do my last required dual cross country up to The Dalles. We were going to fly out to Burns but the winds were high so we decided to go up to The Dalles. The flight up was great and seeing new scenery was really fun. When we got there it was warm and sunny with calm winds. My instructor also taught me how to pump my own gas while we were there. On the way back down we did a touch and go at Lake Billy Chinook Airport and practiced some slips then flew back into Bend. As of now, I am focusing on getting my written test done. My goal is to get it done before the end of the month.

Chapter Membership Report

- We added two new members to the chapter last month.
- If you have not yet paid your 2022 club dues **PLEASE** submit a check to me via our club postal address or you may pay with a check or cash at the monthly meeting.
- **DUES:** \$25 for individual membership \$40 for family membership.

Make checks out to: EAA Chapter 1345
Mail to: PO Box 6732 Bend, OR 97706

Faye Phillips, Membership Chair (C) 541-480-2945 fayephil@gmail.com

Young Eagles/Eagles

Planning for the Young Eagles and Eagles event is progressing. EAA1345's YE/E event has been scheduled for **June 18, 2022 at 8:00am**. Feel free to tell young people and adults in your life who are interested in aviation to save the date and look forward to forthcoming information. You are welcome to share my contact information with community members as well.

As mentioned at the March meeting, I need support to help plan this event. I need 1 volunteer to handle each of 3 aspects of this event:

- national EAA lead (complete the insurance application form, get logbooks and certificates for passengers)
- local EAA chapter lead (making a list of pilot volunteers and planes, event planning such as tents, tables, whiteboard)
- passenger/guardian lead (creating a passenger list, directing people to online registration, printing/distributing paper registrations)

Please contact me if you have interest in helping out with one of these 3 positions.

Also, please contact me ASAP if you'd like to volunteer to fly passengers. Airworthy planes in the experimental and certified category are both allowed. The event is 11 weeks from the publishing of this newsletter. At the chapter meeting on [April 13th](#), I would like to have a solid list of planes and pilots that will be involved in the event and have the 3 volunteer positions filled. I'll tackle as many of the long lead-time tasks as I can before the meeting.

This should be a great event which can really make a difference in people's lives! I'm looking forward to expanding aviation opportunities for our community in Central Oregon.

My contact information is:
Miles Lundgren
miles.lundgren@gmail.com
(415) 720-6407

Fly-Out Group

March was filled with good flying weather, but not for our Fly-out day. It was about 4,000 overcast in Bend, and lower in all quadrants. So four of us decided to stay firmly on the ground, and headed over to Jake's Diner for breakfast. As always, the food was good, the company of fellow pilots great. Upon heading out, after stuffing ourselves, it was observed that the weather had continued to degrade, so we congratulated ourselves on our excellent decision making. Hopefully April goes better...

Regards,
Gary

Around The Pattern...by Tracy Williams

I recently met with the Redmond Air Traffic Control Tower Manager. One of the subjects we discussed was the congested airspace in the area. Although many local users are aware of the Seattle Center Notice to Pilots Letter dated 9/24/21, some may not. We agreed it could be useful to remind those that are, and inform those that are not.

Following is an excerpt from the Letter:

The Central Oregon airspace and the airports of Redmond Roberts Field (RDM), Bend Municipal (BDN), Prineville(S39) and Madras Municipal (S33) have experienced tremendous growth in traffic over the past few years. The flying community is a diverse mix of flight schools (helicopter and light aircraft), high performance turboprops, firefighting aircraft and a variety of commercial aircraft. Much of the congestion is the result of the number of practice approaches flown on conflicting approaches in VFR and IFR conditions.

Pilots are encouraged to consider use of the following practices:

1. When operating within 15NM of the DSD VORTAC, aircraft should exercise caution

and use extra vigilance. Consider using landing lights, rotating beacon and/or navigation lights to be more visible. In VFR conditions, this is an added measure of safety; in marginal VFR conditions (haze and smoke), this could be the difference between a controlled aircraft avoidance and near mid-air collision.

2. VFR flight following services.
3. For ADS-B equipped aircraft flying VFR within 25 miles of the DSD VORTAC, Seattle Center encourages pilots to broadcast ADS-B Flight ID at all times, squawk 1237 and monitor frequency 126.15. Squawking 1237 while broadcasting Flight ID will force the display of your call sign onto the controller's radar display. This allows ATC to potentially call traffic in the blind or ask your intentions when you are maneuvering in the area.
4. VFR aircraft should maintain an appropriate VFR altitude for direction of flight. Use caution changing altitudes and use clearing turns prior to maneuvering your aircraft.
5. Consider practice holds on radials away from congested areas and particularly away from the DSD VOR.
6. Remain aware of the runway in use at the Redmond Airport. ATIS on 119.025. Aircraft operating in the vicinity of final approach courses, have led to numerous aircraft having to execute a missed approach.

Thanks for reading and please fly safe!

Tracy Williams, A.A.E. Bend Municipal Airport Manager

Flying Club



The Deschutes Flying Club is in final stages of formation. I just got to fly the Club plane for the second time this week, with Matthew Phillips CFI II. Matt's been a big help in my transitioning to this newer and more powerful Cessna. This Skyhawk 172N has several nice upgrades to improve the flying experience: two G5 panels, fully functioning Garmin 435 GPS, and the upgraded 180 HP. The plane is hangared in Bend and the planes' owner, Marc, takes great care of this plane. For example, the day I flew Marc came out to check on several bulbs, which he removed and cleaned the contacts.

The three of us working to form the club: Marc, Dan, and myself; have all been pilots for Young Eagles and we all want to continue YE with this plane. We are finalizing the lease agreement and look forward to a public meeting of interested pilots in the near future. In the interim text me at [717 724 7139](tel:7177247139).

Thomas Wright

Odds and Ends

Chapter 1345 members answer the call!

On March 18, Thomas Blanton of Atlanta, GA posted on the EAA Chapter 1345 Facebook page a request for help with disassembling a Glastar for transport in a trailer back to Georgia. It was an impromptu request as Thomas needed to remove the wings and tail in order to fit into the trailer. He bought the airplane off Craigslist, flew to Bend on Friday, rented a moving van, and planned to drive back to Georgia on Sunday. Unfortunately, he didn't have any help. So, after a suggestion by the previous local owner, Thomas posted a request for help on our Facebook site. Turns out the aircraft was located at the Bend airport just a few hangars south of the restaurant. Luckily for Thomas, club members Chris Wallace and Steve Gette were available to offer a hand for the disassembly. It was a great experience especially for Chris who recently ordered a new kit plane.

Air Traffic Control – Customer Service Survey

Serco Inc. is a federal government contractor providing air traffic control services at 60 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Contract Towers (FCTs), a Remote Air Traffic Control Tower and Ramp Control Tower. In fact, Serco Inc. along with our parent company Serco Group is the largest non-government provider of Air Traffic Control (ATC) services in the world. It is our goal to promote the development of aviation and provide safe, efficient and courteous service to our customers and users of our services (pilots, airports, FBOs, etc.).

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve service delivery, we are asking you to provide us with feedback by completing our online survey. **Your responses are very important to us.** They will assist us in evaluating the job we are doing, allowing us to acknowledge employees who are doing an excellent job, and giving us the opportunity to address areas that need improvement. I appreciate your feedback and thank you in advance for your time and effort.

David J. McCann
Director of Aviation

Take the survey at: <https://towersurvey.serco-na.com>

VFR Pilots Take Note:

How's your navigation skills? Instruments have come a long way, but way back when.....Check this out! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DfzbnW2DTI>

Bend Airport KBDN Web Cam:

Check out the courtesy views from the Friends of the Bend Airport cameras:
<https://friendsofbendairport.com/web-cams/>

58th



June 3-6
2022

HAYWARD AIR RALLY



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Sport Pilots Welcome!

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- The 58th annual Hayward Air Rally is a day of skill, aviation & fun!

- The Rally is a ~500-mile VFR cross-country challenge, flown in two legs. It is NOT a speed event; fuel management and navigation skills determine your score.

- After a day of Bend's Sunday activities, pilots enjoy an awards party with great food, trophies and awards.

- All types of piston aircraft are accepted. All certificated pilots and guests are welcome. A great opportunity to test your flying skills for prizes and trophies or just have fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

- Rally proceeds fund up to three EAA Air Academy Scholarships for deserving students.

For more information visit:

www.hwdairrally.org



or call 530-621-1049

Proceeds Support EAA Youth Scholarships