



# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

## April 2023 Newsletter



### **Next General Meeting**

Wednesday, April 12

6:00pm

Dinner of chicken croissant sandwiches, 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 members! I know many of us have been traveling to avoid the last gloomy days of winter, myself included. I welcome you all back to Bend to enjoy another glorious summer.

I hope you all enjoyed our last meeting and presentation, brought to you by board members Jeff Stolasz and Thomas Wright. I would like to point out that they volunteered to make the meeting a success, and take a moment to highlight the importance of volunteering to help our organization. To those who have already stepped up to help I thank you greatly, but to those who are still waiting for a chance to assist, we have plenty of opportunities for you. We have two Young Eagles events, our first one on May 6th. We still have many open positions, and I highly encourage you to come spend a few hours at the event to ensure its success. Please remember that more help makes the job easier for everyone. Previous volunteers have all stated how much they enjoyed the event and how rewarding it was to see so many smiling young faces. I would like to see us become an EAA chapter that is active and appealing to a broader community to inspire future aviators.

In this newsletter please note our included Ray Scholarship information. If you know of any suitable candidates please get this information to them. Also, Thomas Wright has included a list of open positions at our Young Eagles event.

I look forward to seeing you all next week, and please raise your hand to help!

*Chris Wallace*

## April Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Ray Aviation Scholarship Application Deadline April 17th
- Young Eagles Event on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Possible Summer Potluck
- **Guest Speaker:** Mike Kloch of Specialized Aero Works (SAW) here in Bend will be giving a presentation on the flight training services offered by SAW, which include aerobatics, upset recovery, spin training, and tail wheel endorsements. Mike is the CEO and Chief Instructor Pilot for SAW. He is a Master CFI-Aerobatic (MCFI-A), a former Marine Corps F/A-18 pilot, combat veteran, and school-trained Aviation Safety Office (Naval Postgraduate School).

## EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

Food was served at 6pm. Sandwiches from Costco subbed in for burgers during the cold weather months.

Tom started the meeting at 6:30pm with a welcome to new members and a nod to our Ray scholars who were in attendance. He also mentioned the sign in roster and reminded folks to pay their dues.

Jeff Stolasz briefed the chapter on the FAA rescinding the Letter of Deviation Authority (LODA) for flight training in Experimental aircraft. The full text can be found on EAAs website at [here](#). Jeff also gave us an update on the Ray Scholarship program for 2023.

Tom went through the dates and staff for this year's Young Eagles events.

The main program of the evening was a safety panel and discussion by Tom, Jeff and Mike "Cuckoo" Kloch, CEO of Specialized Aero Works, with participation from members in the audience. Topics were personal minimums and Aeronautical decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Stolasz  
EAA Chapter 1345 Chapter Secretary

## **Ray Aviation Scholarship Announcement**

*From Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Jeff Stolasz*

Our chapter has been granted a Ray Aviation Scholarship to award to a young potential aviator/scholar for 2023.

The EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship is a scholarship program that is funded by the Ray Foundation, managed by the EAA national organization, and administered through the EAA Chapter network. Through the generous support of the Ray Foundation, EAA provides up to \$11,000 to deserving youths to help cover their flight training expenses, totaling \$1,800,000 in annual scholarship funding.

Local candidates must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of age 15 for glider training
- Age 16-19 for powered flight training
- Possession of a student pilot certificate
- Possession of FAA medical certificate (private pilot students)
- Be able to begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award

Additional consideration will be given to candidates who are former Young Eagles, EAA student members, and actively participating in the EAA Flight Plan, specifically the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course.

Once selected by the chapter, the candidate will also be screened by EAA through an application process. If approved by EAA, the scholarship recipient will have to comply with the following requirements:

- Partake in two hours of chapter volunteer service per month, such as:
  - Young Eagles rally volunteering
  - Volunteer at pancake breakfast/fly-ins
  - Chapter build project support
  - Chapter gathering participation
  - Chapter social media and website maintenance
- Submit regular progress reports during monthly check-ins
- Reach designated flight training milestones, as outlined by EAA's training timeline

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## Ray Aviation Scholarship Announcement (*continued*)

Scholars interested in flight training should contact EAA Chapter 1345 at [Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com).

To formally apply for the program please submit the following via email with the subject Ray Scholar application.

- Name
- Address
- Email address
- Phone number
- Age
- If the applicant is a minor, parent or legal guardian's name, address, email, and phone.

Questions to answer:

1. What Pilot certification do you desire? (glider, sport pilot, or private pilot)
2. What is your experience and desires with aviation in your past, present and any plans for the future?
3. If awarded the Scholarship, how do you plan to stay engaged with the chapter?
4. In your own words write a 150-200 word explanation of why you should be selected for the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

Timeline

- Submit your application to the chapter by April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Chapter will notify the nominee of chapter acceptance by April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Obtain FAA 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical and student pilot license
- Apply to EAA National via online form
- EAA notifies the scholar of final acceptance by 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month



## YOUNG EAGLES NEED YOU ON MAY 6TH!

As your YE Coordinator I have been on the road meeting with a variety of community groups that serve our youth in the High Desert:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Cascade Youth and Family Center
- Oregon Department of Child Welfare/Foster kids
- The Fathers Group
- Bend La Pine School District
- Bend Home Schoolers
- Boys and Girls Club
- Boys and Girls Scouts
- Latino Association



Once these groups learned what our High Desert Flyers Chapter was offering with our Young Eagles Rally on May 6th the response was uniformly positive. One group responded within days: ten kids!

In summary; it looks very likely we will meet and exceed our goal of 25 kids, and rather than turn kids away, I'm asking for your help to make 30 kids a possibility. To do this we need more hands on deck. Specifically we need:

1. At least **two more EAA pilots**. We have 7 now. If-like last year-one of our pilots has an issue that day and can't fly, we're really hurting.
2. At least **2 yellow vested Escorts** to make sure we keep civilians from self-directed excursions onto the flight line.
3. At least **two yellow vested Ground Crew** to help prevent our guests from self-directed excursions into the Bend Builders areas. Even well intended kids or adults can cause damage.

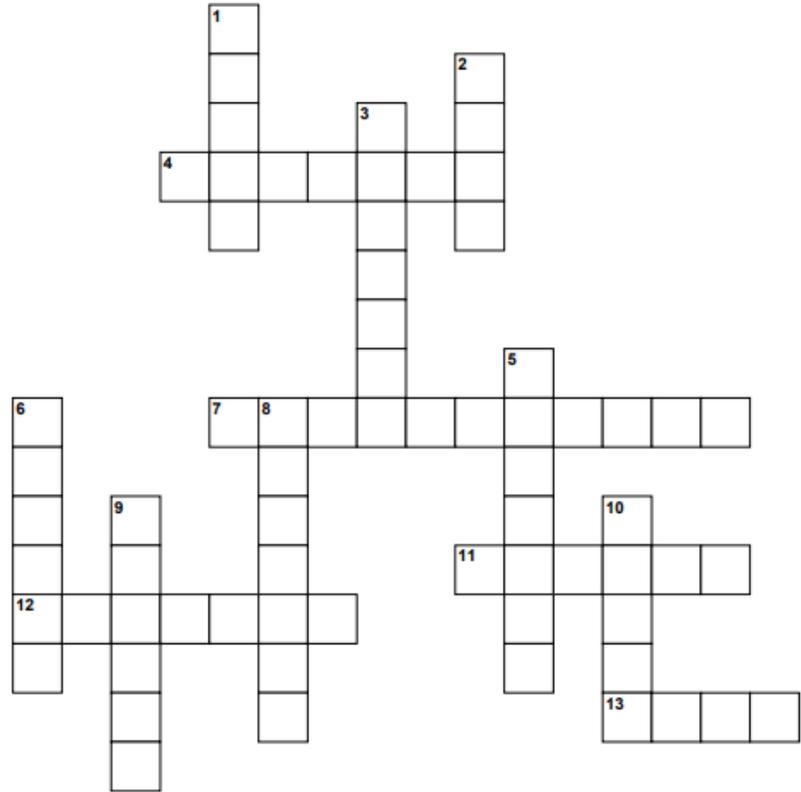
So, thanks to all the pilots, ground marshals, registration crew who have already volunteered. Now we need to lend a hand so May 6th is safe, fun, rewarding.

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# Airplane Crossword Puzzle

*Submitted by Steve Gette*

**Challenge:** Email the answer to clue 10 Down to [Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:Highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com) before April 11<sup>th</sup> to be entered in a drawing for a FREE dinner at the April 12<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting (a \$7 Value!).



## ACROSS

4. Where you go for your flights
7. Where is the final point for a plane?
11. A main company that supplies planes
12. What the plane does to get back on the ground after being in the air
13. Where does a passenger sit?

## DOWN

1. Area on the plane where passengers sit
2. Where passengers present their tickets and board the plane
3. Where the pilots sit
5. What happens at the end of the runway?
6. What helps the plane move smoothly on the ground?
8. What helps the plane fly?
9. Where the plane goes to take-off
10. What helps the plane take-off?

*Solution to the puzzle can be found on the last page.*

## **From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager**

### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER UPDATE**

As indicated in the March Airport Newsletter, the proposed Bend ATCT is required to pass an Operational Readiness Inspection by October 2025 in order to remain a candidate for the Federal Contract Tower Program. Barring no unforeseen circumstances (like funding), the City is on target to meet this deadline. If you would like to read the FAA approved site selection report, here is a link to the [Air Traffic Control Tower Site Selection Final Report](#). For more information, please stand by.

### **LIMITATIONS ON NIGHT APPROACH PROCEDURES UPDATE**

As indicated in the February Airport Newsletter, the City recently removed several obstructions (trees) to navigable airspace. This was done because over the past several years, several of the Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP) have had “Night Not Authorized” (Night-NA) limitations in place due to approach surface obstructions identified in the FAA Flight Procedures Team (FPT) obstacle database. I and consultants have been working with the FAA and Airport neighbors to mitigate the necessary obstructions to remove the “Night-NA” limitations in the IAPs. In a recent meeting, the FAA-FPT verified that the identified obstructions have been addressed and the “Night-NA” limitations will be removed from the relevant procedures during the June 2023 publication period.

Thanks for reading, check NOTAMs and please fly safe!

*Tracy Williams, Airport Manager*

### **EAA National Free Webinars in April**

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered in April for *free* by EAA National to members. They are also offering several sessions related to ultralights 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.

- April 4: Task-Based Phase I Flight Testing
- April 11: The History of Steve Wittman (*museum series*)
- April 19: VNAV and Visual Approaches: Helpful or Hidden Dangers?

## *Updates from our Chapter Aircraft Builders*

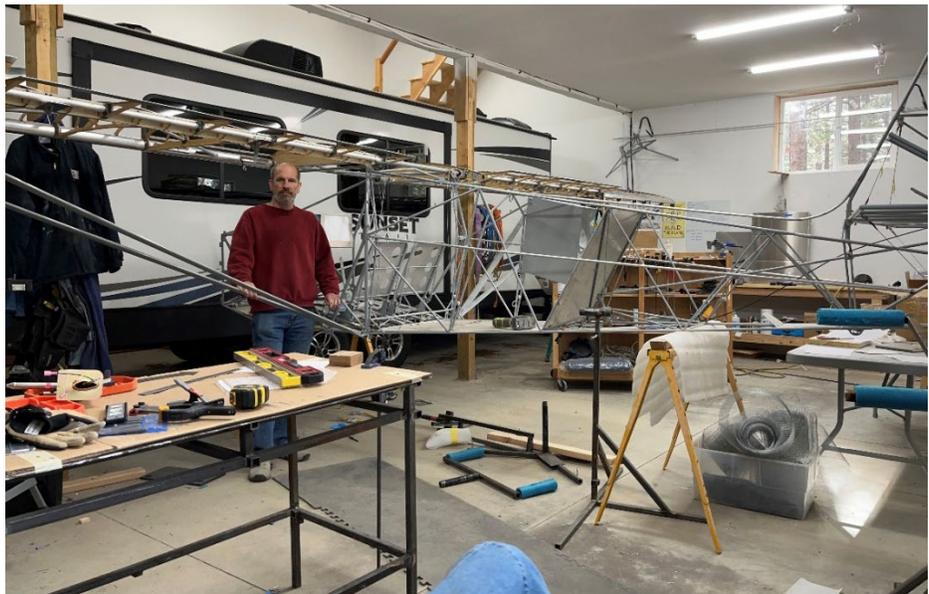


Our chapter has several members currently building experimental kit planes in varying stages. We shared some of their stories in our November newsletter. The builders have been busy and below are updates on some of their projects. If you are building a kit, we would love to include your update in a future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

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### **Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz** **Kit: Just Highlander**

Recently on the Highlander I assembled the right wing flap and aileron to match what I previously did on the left wing. The control surfaces were attached and I installed the pulleys for the control cables along with all the fabric backing plates around the openings. I reattached both wings hopefully for the last time before I take them off for fabric. I ran flap and aileron control cables in the wings and fuselage. I am currently working on a custom mount for the Dynon heated pitot probe which has a built in AOA sensor.



### **Chapter Member: Gary Hood** **Kit: RV12**

His plane is still at the paint shop, and he's still awaiting his instrument panel from Van's Aircraft. He is however greatly enjoying completing his honey-do list.

## 2023 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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# Solution to Airplane Crossword Puzzle on page 6

