



# The Bend High Desert Flyer of Chapter 1345

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## PREZ SEZ:

On April 10, John (Jack) Watson completed his BFR with Brian Lansburgh and his Super Cruiser at the Sisters Airport. On their way back to the airport, a strong gust put them upside down upon landing. Brian and Jack had some cuts and bruises, but the Piper suffered some serious damages. (See photo.) Later Jack received some stitches for a cut on his head and while leaving the hospital his heart stopped. He received CPR which damaged some ribs and was put back into the hospital. He was transported by ambulance to Portland for surgery on Friday April 26. Jack will be returning for rehab in Bend very soon (today?).

It is certainly good to hear he is recovering from a rather serious condition. His daughter Marlow has kept us posted thus far. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jack. Safe recovery for our "loyal treasurer", (He always describes himself that way.)



This month we have the Ford Tri-Motor Adventures. We have lots of celebrities invited. We have many serious volunteers working to make this the best event our chapter can produce.

Please help spread the information and book a flight on-line while they are still available.

Saturday, May 18, a week after the Ford is "Learn to fly day". EAA headquarters is urging that all chapters have a "Flying Start Day". We can do that. We need to rally some pilots and planes to fly some Eagles and Young Eagles and introduce them to what is involved in aviation and meet some CFI's. I have applied for all the materials to make it work.

On July 11 we have a very special aviation opportunity – up to 45 antique aircraft will be flying into Bend. The Puget Sound Antique Airplane Club is visiting us before flying home on the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be some bi-plane rides raffled off and it will certainly be a lot of unique airplanes to inspect. We need volunteers to give rides to the River House where they will be staying.

Airventure in Oshkosh Wisconsin is July 22 through 28. Lynn & I are doing the usual drive to visit relatives on the way and camp there for most of the week. We will be getting together with everyone who can make it there to do a memorial get-together at the "Brown Arch" for Tom. Tom's BD-5 has a tentative new owner (Rich Finley).

The Airshow of the Cascades in Madras will be August 23-24. We usually have a crew there to recruit interested aviators and to teach people how to "hangar talk". Now we need a different Prop for that kind of show (we used the BD-5 for those "curiosity" appearances).

Redmond Parks and Rec has invited us to participate in "Aviation Days" on Sunday, September 29.

Our chapter should participate as we have introduced lots of kids, as well as parents, to aviation and Young Eagles opportunities.

I believe we could join with Prineville and Sisters chapters to have a table and some sort of demo experience. Tom's BD-5 was a big hit 2 years ago. Last year we handed out foam gliders (which were kind of boring). If anyone has an idea, I would like to hear it. If you would like to help out at this event let me know. Have tent, will travel!

**Tentative Agenda: EAA Chapter 1345 High Desert Flyers Meetings Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

- 3 PM Builders group
- 5:30 Board Meeting – Old Business / New Business Agenda
- 6 PM Pizza & burgers
- 6:30 Chapter Meeting
- Introductions:
- Announcements:
  - Airport Master Plan -
  - “Flying Start” on Saturday May 18
  - Early get-together, overview, ground school, Eagle & Young Eagle flights.
  - Volunteers for taxiing the PSAAC Fly-in, Thursday, July 11 & Friday, July 12. Bi-plane ride raffles -
  - Ford Tri-motor- More volunteers needed.
  - Working committee reports
  - Area distribution leaders reports

**Dale Anderson**  
*President*

**April meeting minutes**

Minutes of a regular meeting of The Chapter held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the “Bend Builders Assist”/Robertson Hangar at the Bend Municipal Airport. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

**ATTENDEES**

There were 16 in attendance who signed the roster.

**Treasurer's Report**

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Latest Financial report is for period 1/1/19 through 3/31/19

TOTAL INCOME	\$812.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$1757.20
NET INCOME <loss>	< \$945.20>
<b>TOTAL CASH IN BANK</b>	<b>\$10146.07</b>

**PAYMENTS OUTSTANDING** NONE

Note: Payment made to EAA for Tom's Brick

*Jack Watson, Treasurer*

***The last pages of this newsletter show the press release Lynn sent out to TV, radio and print media in Central Oregon. You can get high quality photos on the EAA website - see info at end of press release.***

at this meeting

**DINNER**

In Mike Robertson's absence, Kim Muinch cooked grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and arranged for pizza from Costco.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Dale Anderson.

## PROGRAM

During dinner and before officially beginning the meeting, we went over to the hanger across from us to see Alan Smith's Zeniar's Zodiac 601XL-B, which is a light sport experimental aircraft. He started the build in March of 2007 and received it air worthiness certification in June 2007.

When the meeting got under way, Dale told us he had just received a call from our beloved Treasurer, Jack Watson. He had been involved in an airplane accident at the Sisters Airport; the airplane was flipped over on its top by a wind gust. Dale had us go around the room and quickly introduce ourselves. There were a couple of visitors from the Leading Edge flying club; they stayed for a short visit, then had to get to another meeting.

We will be doing a Flying Start Program on May 18th, which is the National Learn to Fly Day. It is also the weekend after the Ford Tri-Motor is here. We plan to promote the Flying Start Program during the Ford Tri-Motor visit.

Dale passed around a sign-up sheet for members

willing to help drive the Antique Flying Club of Puget Sound to their hotel and back on July 11th and 12th. We will be able to raffle off bi-plane rides when the airplanes are in town.

Kim brought us up to speed on the plans for the Ford Tri-Motor Event. We need volunteers for the days of the event. There will be an All Hands on Deck meeting at 5:30 PM on Monday May 6th; the Ford should have arrived by that time. There will also be a Chapter meeting on May 8th, as usual. There will be a Volunteer Sign-up meeting at 10 AM Saturday April 27th at the Starbuck's across from Fred Meyer. Please plan to attend and sign up for the role(s) you want to take on for this event! Some of the positions needing filled include: Cooks, Bussers, etc., for the Burger Buffet on Fri & Sat, Flight Opps, Merchandise Sales, Cashier, Event Mgmt, Man the EAA Table, etc.

At 7:40 PM the meeting was . . . ADJOURNED

*Faye Phillips, Secretary*

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## EARLY DAYS OF FLIGHT COME TO CENTRAL OREGON DURING EAA'S 1928 FORD TRI-MOTOR TOUR

### *Experience aviation history aboard commercial air travel pioneer*

While many people may be taking Mom out to brunch or having backyard barbecues this Mother's Day weekend, vintage airplane lovers can head to Bend's airport to sample a unique part of our aviation history.

May 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> (Thursday through Sunday), the Bend Municipal Airport is home to an American treasure. The Ford Tri-Motor airplane, built in 1928, is one of the world's first mass-produced airliners.

"It was the first airplane built to hold people and not mail," explained Dale Anderson, the president of Bend's Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1345, the High Desert Flyers. "The original airlines, the first airlines, almost all of them started with this airplane."

Henry Ford had brought mobility to millions of Americans in the early 1900's with his Model T and

Model A cars. But he recognized that airline travel was a growing market. So in the late 1920's he started building these 50-foot-long, 74-foot wide planes with an engine on each wing and in the center. The Ford Tri-Motor became known as the "Tin Goose." Only 199 Ford Tri-Motors were produced, and only eight remain air-worthy today.

The vintage airplane visiting Bend is the Ford Tri-Motor 5-AT-B, serial No. 8. It flew its first flight on December 1, 1928. It was sold to Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT, the logo that graces the aircraft's fuselage today) in January 1929, when it inaugurated westbound transcontinental commercial air service..

"A transcontinental trip in the Tri-Motor took 48 hours, a vast improvement in time over other travel in that era," Anderson said. "The trip entailed several stops for fuel, and at night, the passengers were transferred to train sleeper cars. They would re-board the Tri-Motor each morning."

Owned now by the Liberty Air Museum, the "Tin Goose" once had its home in Oregon at the Evergreen Museum. In its history, besides being the first passenger aircraft, the Ford Tri-Motor flew the first smoke-jumpers, did barn-storming tours in places like the Grand Canyon, served in the war, and was used as a crop-duster. The "Tin Goose" still has the decorative woodwork from its early days. Inside its loud but comfortable, and you're about two-feet from the pilot in an airliner that was one of the first to have an enclosed cockpit. You'll enjoy watching the pilot fly the plane with the iconic steering wheel controls, not seen in any other planes. Even though it holds only nine passengers, there were flight attendants. The flight attendant would pass out a box lunch and cotton for you to stick in your ears because of the loud engines. And the plane had something most houses in 1929 didn't. An indoor toilet.

Thursday through Sunday you can take a ride on this piece of history and enjoy a trip back in time. "This airplane was pivotal in airline history," Anderson explained. "And to be able to fly one is like living the dream."

The High Desert Flyers, a chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, is hosting the event at the Bend Municipal Airport. Each day of the Ford Tri-Motor Tour features a different theme and many other aviation. Kim Muinch, EAA Chapter 1345 Tri-Motor Tour Coordinator  
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Correction on the date: August 16-18 2019. The poster is correct, my last email is not.

Please share the following and the attached poster.

EAA 292 is hosting their annual Fly-In and STOL Expo on August 17-19 2019 at the Independence Oregon Airport (7S5).

Saturday features Van's Homecoming, aviation forums, mid-Willamette Valley wine tours and other aviation activities.

activities. Thursday is local media and celebrity day, Friday is innovation in aviation day, Saturday is a celebration of commercial and civil aviation. And Sunday, Mother's Day, is women in aviation day. On Sunday, the first 50 moms to fly in the Ford Tri-Motor receive a free rose. Each day is jam packed with VIP speakers, exhibits, car, motorcycle, fire truck, and airplane displays, barbeque lunch, pancake breakfast, a cocktail hour, a fly-market aviation flea market, and more. Check the High Desert Flyer's website for a detailed schedule: [www.1345.eaachapter.org](http://www.1345.eaachapter.org).

To ride in the Ford Tri-Motor, public flight hours are from 2pm to 5pm on Thursday, then 9am to 5pm Friday through Sunday. You can purchase tickets in advance at [FlyTheFord.org](http://FlyTheFord.org). Ticket prices are \$72 in advance for adults and \$52 for children (17 & under). Walk-up tickets are \$77 for adults. More information is available at [www.flytheford.org](http://www.flytheford.org)

EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 170,000 members and 1,000 local chapters enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or go to [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org).

(541) 848-3600

Sunday is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual STOL Expo with a full STOL event.

Our sponsors for these events are Van's, Lightspeed and CubCrafters. Attached is a poster. More details are posted on our web site [www.EAA292.org](http://www.EAA292.org) as they develop. Registration is now open.

David G. Ullman

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**Wings Over the Willamette**

**Fly-in & STOL Expo**

**Aug 16-18** *Van's Homecoming*



**Independence, OR 7S5**

**EAA 292** for info go to: [eaa292.org/fly-in](http://eaa292.org/fly-in)

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## Bend Municipal Airport May 9-12, 2019

**ADVANCE ONLINE PRICING:** ADULT: \$72 • CHILD (17 & UNDER): \$52  
**WALK UP PRICING:** \$77 • **RIDES:** THURS 2-5PM • FRI-SUN 9AM-5PM

**FOR MORE INFO:** [FLYTHEFORD.ORG](http://FLYTHEFORD.ORG)



**OR CALL:** 1-877-952-5395



# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon



## Every Day of the Ford Tri-Motor Event is Action-Packed!

- **Every Day**                      **Ford Tri-Motor Antique Airplane Rides**
- **Thursday, May 9**            **Media and Celebrity Day**
- **Friday, May 10**              **Innovation in Aviation Day**
- **Saturday, May 11**          **Celebration of Commercial and Civil Aviation Day**
- **Sunday, May 12**            **Mother's Day! Women in Aviation Day**

- VIPs every day for talks, meet-n-greets, autographs, exhibits and more
- Antique auto and airplane displays
- BBQ lunch on Friday and Saturday
- Cocktail hour on Saturday
- Fly Market (aviator flea market) on Saturday
- Sunday only: Flowers to the first 50 moms who fly on the Ford Tri-Motor!
- Motorcycle displays
- Pancake breakfast on Sunday
- Young Eagle flights for youth
- Aviation exhibits of all sorts



**FOR MORE INFO: [www.1345.eeachapter.org](http://www.1345.eeachapter.org)**

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