



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

May 2023 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

6:00pm

Dinner of 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! Welcome to our May newsletter. I'm still recovering from the disappointment that resulted from having to cancel our Young Eagles event due to weather. I greatly thank Thomas Wright and all the volunteers that worked so hard to try and make this work. We will be getting together soon to come up with another workable date, and I look forward to seeing all of you at that event

I have an agenda for our upcoming meeting, and I'm happy to announce that hamburger season is with us again. Thanks to Mike Robertson for being willing to slave over a hot grill.

We have some great news about our scholarship program, and I am very grateful to have Jeff Stolasz who is making our program a success.

Our June meeting will be a potluck on our regular meeting date. Watch your email for information and to let us know what you can contribute. Hoping one of you has a killer chili recipe!

Chris Wallace



May Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Aviation Scholarship Update
- Rescheduling of Young Eagles Event
- Summer Potluck in June
- **Guest Speaker:** Major Mike Wissing will give us a briefing on the duties and activities of Civil Air Patrol based here in Bend. Mike is the Aerospace Education Officer and Deputy Commander for senior and cadet members of the High Desert Composite Squadron. He is a mission pilot as well as a check pilot and a check pilot examiner. He is in charge of Cadet Orientation Rides for the Oregon Wing, which is the USAF version of Young Eagles flights.

Summer Potluck in June

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are excited to invite all chapter members and their families to our Summer Potluck! It will be held on our usual monthly meeting date of Wednesday, June 14th, at the Bend Builders Assist hangar. More details to come by email, followed by an invitation sent via SignUpGenius. Please keep an eye on your email inbox. There will be a very brief business meeting before dinner. Miles and his band have also offered to play for us.



EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

Before the official meeting the Chapter leadership coordinated food at 6pm which was sandwiches.

Chris kicked off the official meeting at 6:30pm.

The first speaker was Bill Ole. Bill talked about his new RV-14 that was built with the help of Bend Builders Assist. It is a very impressive looking airplane with an all glass panel with Advanced Panel suite.

Chris announced that next month we will return to summer operations with Mike cooking burgers with the hangar door open.

New members and guests were welcomed.

Chris made an announcement regarding the Young Eagles event on May 6. Fred Berardo will be the chief pilot. Fred led a Young Eagle pilot briefing after the meeting. He handed out two routes for pilots to fly. One route south to Sun River and the second east towards the practice area.

Jeff gave a rundown of the latest Ray scholarship status and went through the application deadline and the potential timeline for award.

Jeff announced the Lightspeed Aviation affiliate program and briefed how the chapter can get a commission on headset sales for anyone purchasing a headset using our link.

The evening's main program was a presentation from Mike Kloch of Specialized Aero Works. Mike discussed upset and recovery training. He discussed the fact that many instructors are hesitant to teach real upset and recovery. He put some emphasis on the statistics and dangers of loss of control. The number one cause of fatalities 2012 to 2020 in both commercial and GA is loss of control.

Mike introduced the various courses available at Specialized Aero Works located here at the airport in Bend.

Chris discussed having a Potluck this summer and Miles said his band will play.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Stolasz

EAA Chapter 1345 Chapter Secretary

Ray Aviation Scholarship Announcement

From Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Jeff Stolasz

Our chapter was fortunate enough this year to have two outstanding young finalists for the Ray Scholarship. Both Colton Hardie and Timber Bionda are current members of the chapter, active in attending meetings and seem motivated to help the chapter in any way they can. After interviewing the candidates, the board came to a decision to fund flight training for both applicants. We are proud to announce that Timber Bionda was nominated for the Ray Scholarship for 2023 and Colton Hardie will be awarded the EAA Chapter 1345 Jack Watson Service scholarship. We are fortunate enough through Jack's airplane donation to be able to use this to give back to the youth of our chapter. We recognize the challenges that come with aspirations in aviation. Getting a pilot's license requires dedication, hard work and considerable financial resources. When the board recognized these young people had the hard work and dedication part, we were excited to be able to help with the financial piece. Both Scholarships will be administered under the same rules and have an award cap of \$11,000 each.

We are awarding the Jack Watson Service Scholarship in conjunction with granting Jack a lifetime membership to Chapter 1345. Please join me in congratulating Timber, Colton, and Jack on these great achievements.



Donated Aircraft Update

GlaStar: Good news! We are in the process of finalizing the sale of the GlaStar kit to EAA Chapter 292 in Independence, OR. They plan to use the kit as a chapter build project. We are excited to know the kit may finally get finished!

YOUNG EAGLES DAY RALLY CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER, BEING RESCHEDULED

After months of preparation Chapter 1345 had 36 kids, 10 pilots, and 13 volunteers ready to go fly on May 6th - Coronation Day, too! We just had to stay within EAA rules: Visual Flight Rules (VFR) flights only.

But Mother Nature had other plans. The day before the rally our Chief Pilot Fred, Kim, Chris and I were in frequent contact with each other as we saw the weather changing. The Outlook briefing from 800WX Brief said the day would start VFR and move to Marginal VFR. Based on what data we collected, Fred and I came to agreement quickly on Friday afternoon to err on the side of caution, and cancel. I sent emails to parents, pilots and volunteers, and called the 7 parents on the walk-in list.

The morning started as predicted, but by midmorning we had precipitation, and Foreflight had that blue dot over Sunriver: Marginal VFR. Yes, we could have launched the first sortie, but that would be it.

Next step is to reschedule our Young Eagles day. I will ask the pilots and volunteers about availability in June. We have our second rally August 5, but that's a long time to wait.

Thank you to all who helped prepare for the May rally. Now we have a solid base to build on for the rescheduled rally.

Thomas Wright, YE Coordinator
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Membership Update

We have 37 current members, which includes the following 10 new members since the beginning of the year.

Amy, Timber and Tobann Bionda
Robert and Colton Hardie
Erik Rustand
Robert Pope
Mary and Jim Verry
David Holmes

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

Submitted by Faye Phillips, Membership Coordinator

Non-Towered Patterns and Communications Seminar

FAA Safety Team (FAAST) Non-Towered Patterns and Communications seminar will be offered at Bend Municipal Airport on Thursday, May 11th, from 6-8pm.

Location: Specialized Aero Works (Red Hangar)
63120 Powell Butte Road, Bend

Mike Kloch will give a presentation that covers the current regulations and best practices published by the FAA. The presentation will discuss the non-tower pattern, entries, exits, right of way, and wrap it up with his master CFI suggestions for keeping it safe, and efficient, in a busy pattern. Mike will also discuss best practices for clear and concise radio communications at non-towered airports, which is crucial for safety at busy airports.

To register or for more information, please go to:

https://www.faasafety.gov/spans/event_publicregistration.aspx?eid=121815&type=1

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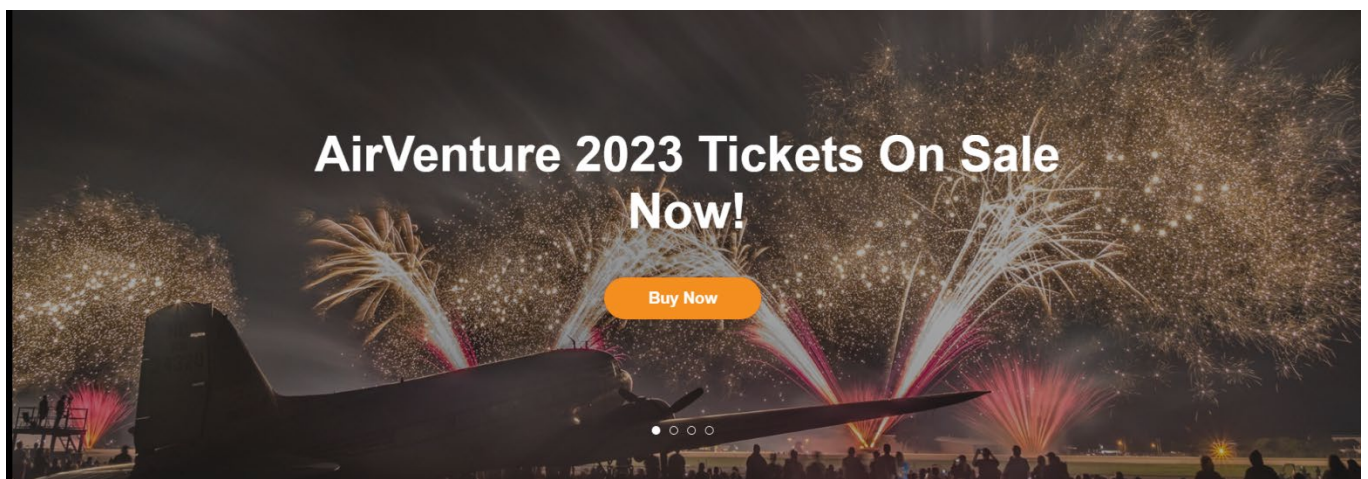
Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Affiliate Program

We are pleased to announce that the chapter has been accepted into the Lightspeed Affiliate Program. If you are in the market for a headset please consider Lightspeed Aviation's product line, especially their flagship product the Delta Zulu ANR Headset. If you make a purchase using the link below our Chapter will get a commission from your purchase.

Lightspeed is a fantastic company, especially their program that gives Ray scholarship recipients a free headset after meeting certain milestones in their training. A fantastic benefit that would be great to support.

Follow this link or use the QR code below if you are in the market for a headset.

<https://www.lightspeedaviation.com/>



EAA AirVenture Fly-In & Convention runs from July 24-30, 2023 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Who is going this year?

From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

AIRPORT CLOSURE – MAY 11, 2023

We understand, and hope you do also, that there is never a perfect time to close the 3rd busiest airport in the state of Oregon. Due to runway maintenance, BDN will be NOTAM closed to all air traffic on Thursday May 11, 2023, from 7:00 AM – 5:00 AM. If you plan to operate, please consider relocating the day before. Neighbor airport contacts are:

- RDM (Redmond) - (541) 504-3082, Leif
- S21 (Sunriver) – (541) 593-4603, Brandon
- S33 (Madras) – (541) 475-6947, Rob
- S39 (Prineville) - (541) 416-0805, Kelly

FAA RUNWAY SAFETY ACTION TEAM MEETING

Runway incursions remain a serious concern nationally. One important component of FAA's ongoing efforts to improve surface safety involves conducting a Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) meetings at specific airports. The first local RSAT for the Bend Airport will be held both in-person and via Zoom as follows:

Date and Time: May 11, 2023, from 1:00PM – 3:00 PM

Address: 66305 Gibson Air Road ("Bravo Bravo" Hangars)

Virtual Option: Zoom (*contact Tracy for a link*)

The purpose of this RSAT meeting is to unite those individuals and organizations that are actively involved in air traffic operations and movement of aircraft, vehicles, and equipment on the Airport Operations Area (AOA). We look for participation from all major airport interests including tenants, fixed-base operators, airport operations, and maintenance personnel. Participants are asked to help develop recommendations and solutions to enhance surface safety. Those recommendations serve as the foundation for a site-specific Runway Safety Action Plan. You are cordially invited to join us.

Your participation is important, and your input is welcomed. Please RSVP by emailing me at trwilliams@bendoregon.gov. Include the name, organization, phone number and email address of those who will be attending.

If you have questions, need more information, or want to add a topic to the safety agenda, please let me know leave me a message at (541) 693-2168.

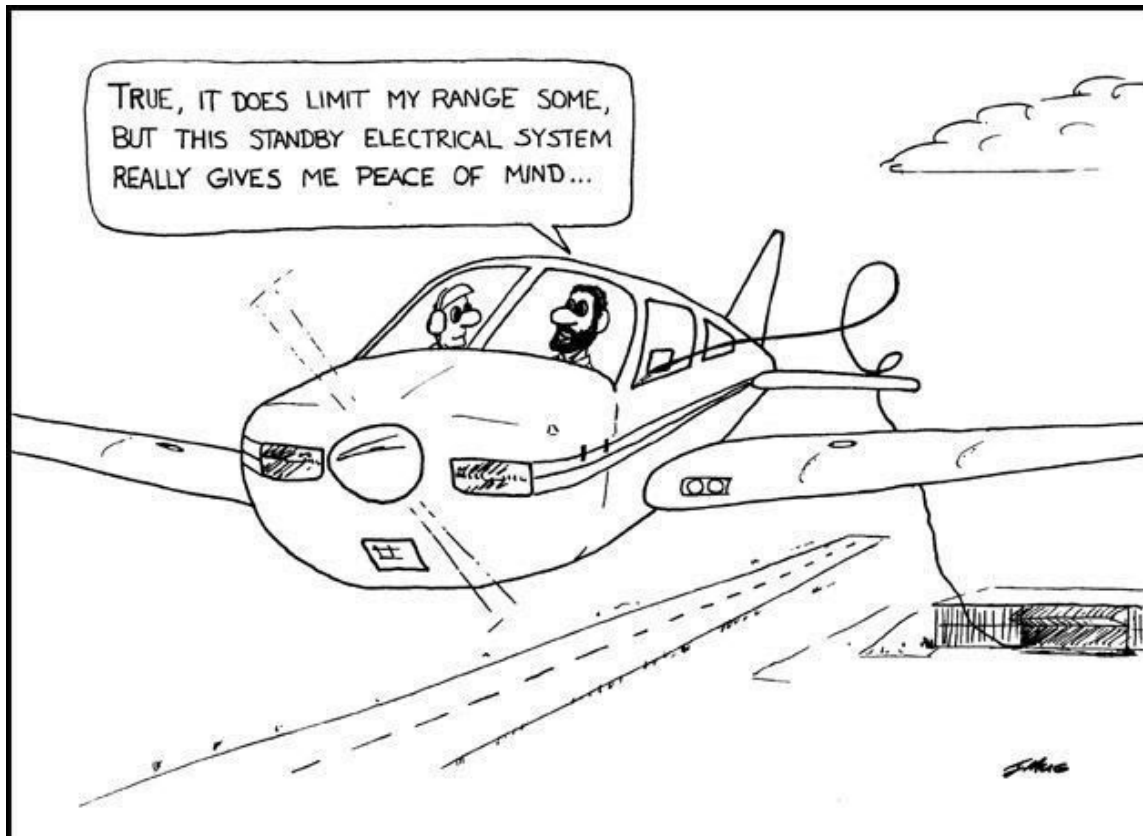
Thanks for reading, please fly safe, and check NOTAMS,

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

EAA National Free Webinars in May

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered in May for *free* by EAA National to members, including several courses during Learn to Fly Week. Preregistration is recommended since space is limited. For more information and to preregister, go to <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaanwebinars>. If you miss the live webinar, you can still watch the video at a later date.

- May 9: The P-6 Hawk (*museum series*)
- May 10: A Look at Clouds
- May 15-19: Learn to Fly Week (*12 webinars including Flight Training First Steps and How to Pass the Private Pilot FAA Written Test*)
- May 24: ATC & You: Communicating with Confidence and Clarity



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.

Chapter Member: Gary Hood

Kit: RV12

Gary's plane is finally back from the paint shop ~ at least most of it is. The wings are still being painted, so Gary is working on installing the avionics now.



Chapter Member: Chris Wallace

Kit: Sonex Waix

Chris has discovered three things that should never be drilled in an airplane build project: steel, titanium and lead. These steps have been challenging but he is learning some valuable new skills.

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.

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