



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

October 2024 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

****Please Note LOCATION
CHANGE Below****

Wednesday, October 11
6:00pm
Dinner of gourmet
hamburgers (regular or
vegan hot dogs upon
request), house made potato
salad, green salad and
chocolate chip cookies
available for \$10. Water
provided. Sodas \$2 each.

6:30-7:30pm
General meeting

Location:
Dogs and Fries Restaurant
63136 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 October newsletter.

We had two amazing Young Eagles events in September, including our first attempt at rural Oregon outreach. We have included great write ups from our Young Eagles coordinator Tom Wright. Thanks to all of you who made these events such a success.

Speaking of success, for those that missed our last meeting, we had a record 47 attendees! A lot of this was due to our guest speaker Lisa Shipman from COCC. But it just wasn't that long ago a usual meeting might have had 12 attendees. I'm so proud to have been part of this group during this period of incredible growth. Thanks to all of you for making our chapter a place where so many people want to join us!

At our meeting I will be announcing a new event for our November meeting. Hopefully you will all be as excited about this as I am!

Tailwinds!

Chris Wallace



October Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and greetings to new members Chris Wallace
- Young Eagles Events in September Tom Wright
- Scholarship update Jeff Stolasz
- **Guest Speaker: Michelle Hight, PhD**
Assistant Professor
COCC Aviation Department
Michelle will discuss Threat and Error Management. Please see her bio below.
- Closing remarks Chris Wallace

Guest Speaker Bio: Michelle Hight

My first career was as a C-130 pilot in the U.S. Air Force. After being medically retired in 2014, I began a new career at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), spending the next six years teaching and helping to oversee the fixed-wing Aeronautical Science program. I was recruited to carry my PhD work (disruptive training innovations) into a Part 121 major airline, where in 2021-2023, I worked to develop new leadership courses and facilitation skills training for the instructor and evaluator (I/E) cadre. I also oversaw all cross-fleet programs - most during a rapid post-pandemic growth period. These courses included a newly expanded pilot indoctrination program, I/E training, CRM, TEM, ETOPS, SMS for the ERC, and many other initiatives designed to help the airline through a rapid growth phase. My work in the Human Factors space later led me to ongoing collaborative work as part of LOSA. I now combine my love for science-backed safety assessment with an extensive (and growing) knowledge of military and civilian fixed-wing aviation. My safety interests have now expanded to rotary wing operations, and what an exciting new foothold we have gained regarding safety in these operations, with a new emphasis on TEM! I also began MPH Human Factors LLC, a consulting group of aviators, researchers, authors, and instructors focused on improving aviation safety.



2024 Chapter Events Schedule

October 9	Chapter Meeting
November 13	<i>In lieu of the meeting, we have arranged a group volunteer night at The Giving Plate (see article below for more details)</i>
December 11	Holiday Party

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.

Volunteer Night at The Giving Plate on November 13

The Chapter Board decided not to schedule a chapter meeting in November since it is a busy time for everyone. For those of you who would like an opportunity to get to know your fellow members and give back to our community, we have arranged a group volunteer night at The Giving Plate in Bend on Wednesday, November 13th, from 6:30-8:30pm. We will be helping to restock shelves at the community store. An email will be sent to all members with more details and a link to RSVP on SignUpGenius.

The Giving Plate Community Store offers groceries twice a month to anyone in need in Central Oregon. They provide food guests can take home to fill their fridges and pantries, and in their new Community Store model, all guests are able to shop for themselves, allowing the freedom to choose which food items are brought home. You can visit their website at <https://www.thegivingplate.org/> for more information.



YOUNG EAGLES DAY at BEND AIRPORT UPDATE

Saturday, September 14

Submitted by our Chapter VP and Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Our day started early with a crew briefing. We started with Steve Gette as designated Greeter/Briefer for the incoming Young Eagles (YEs), then on to Registration with Debbie Wallace and JoAnna Richards (new to the job, she did great!). Chris Wallace directed our scholarship pilot, Cash Earl, to be the landing ground marshal. Our Chief Pilot, Joel Haynes, addressed the designated routes and safe flying protocols, and we were off!

The 26 YEs started arriving shortly thereafter and from that moment on our pilots and ground crew were on the go nonstop. And as we are now learning, interested YEs are willing to come a long way to be part of the YE Day. In this case a very motivated 15 year old from Klamath Falls drove 2+ hours, and as it all worked out, he got to fly with Joel. He also got to spend time on the flight line with Cash and learn practical ideas about student training. His father also got to talk to several of our pilots about training options for his son. They went home very pleased with their day....and promptly joined our Chapter!

We instituted several new processes to improve the flow and communications, which all worked. That said, it was a really long day for several of our pilots, who flew 5 sorties. They stepped in to fill the gap when several of our pilots could not fly that morning, leaving us short. Thank you Joel and Tom Thompson!

We hope you enjoy the following photos of a rewarding and fun day!







A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who came out early Saturday morning to help make our YE Day a success!!! We apologize if we missed anyone.

Pilots

Faye Phillips
Joel Haynes
Ken Fayal
Mary Verry
Rich Doyle
Steve Bateman
Tom Thompson

Ground Crew

Amy Bionda
Cash Earl
Chris Wallace
Debbie Wallace
Delilah Richards
Fred Berardo
JoAnna Richards
Justin Earl
Linda Wallon Haynes
Melanie Duran
MJ Harris
Rick Campbell
Rob Norris
Steve Gette
Thomas Wright
Tobann Bionda



FALL FLY-OUT Plus YOUNG EAGLES DAY UPDATE
at CONDON STATE AIRPORT – PAULING FIELD
September 28, 2024

Submitted by our Chapter VP and Young Eagles Coordinator, Thomas Wright

Condon is a small (pop. 800) farm community above John Day. Tom Thompson, another Young Eagles (YE) pilot, and I had flown there several months ago and met a local wheat farmer/pilot, Sam Bates. Sam told us that day “no one comes to Condon”. Depending on who I asked that day, Condon itself has 4, or maybe 5, total pilots. That got us thinking about trying our first outreach YE program. With Sam’s help, and an enthusiastic response from the local high school (student body of 42), we decided on short notice to pull it together. And the response from our Chapter-both pilots and ground support-was amazing. Very quickly Amy Bionda volunteered to come up and be our Registration/Log Book/Certificate maven. A new ground volunteer, Don McLean, also committed to helping. Just as in Bend, our scholar Cash Earl came too and was key in keeping pilots/families going in the right direction. And within a week we had the pilots: Carter Fairchild, Faye Phillips, Jeff Stolasz, Ken Fayal (Chief Pilot), Rich Doyle (Prineville), Tom Thompson, and farmer Sam Bates, who joined EAA and got his YE credentials in record time to be part of the rally.

Ken briefed us at his hangar at 7am-pilots plus Amy and Don. He reminded us we were flying into a rural airport not accustomed to this many GA arriving at once (fun fact: Condon’s airport is named after the polio crusader Linus Pauling, who grew up in Condon). Turned out our arrival was busy for us as pilots too. Several of us had to do 360s for separation because we were all coming in on runway 25 at the same time!

We couldn’t get the day started as planned, which was to use Sam’s hangar as a base of operations. This was because as we landed we were greeted by an ambulance flashing us lights, announcing the incoming medevac helicopter. As a result, we all were sequestered on a tie down area. Amy did a brilliant job-with no desk, table, chair, nothing-to get the registration and waiver paperwork done. As soon as the medevac rotated we were loading our YEs. Sam provided a verbal, then handwritten, recommended flight route.

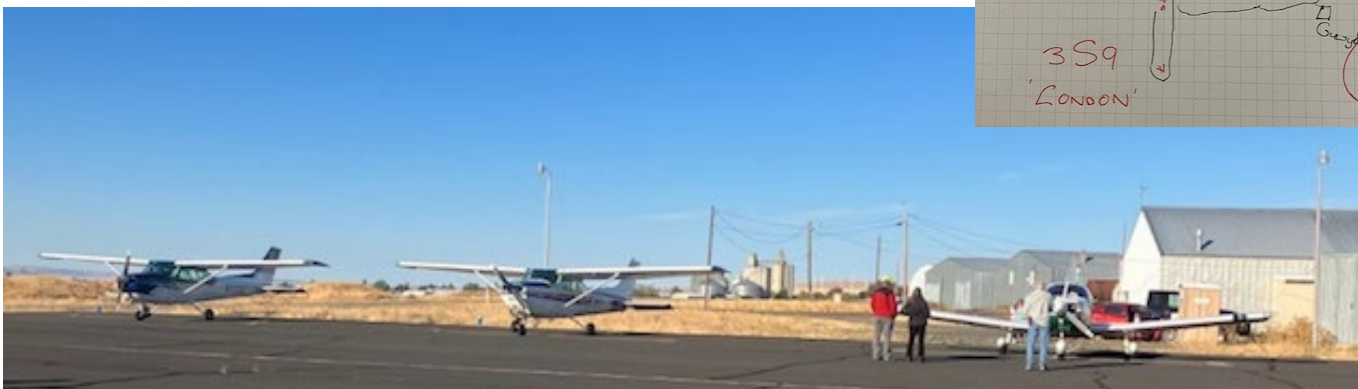
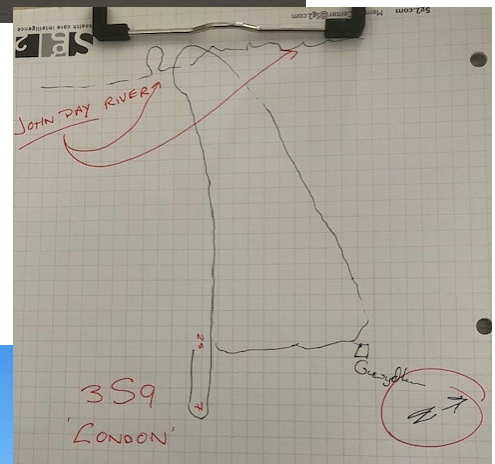
And again-a mother of a very interested and prepared YE drove 2 1/2 hours from rural Washington to give her son his first real flight. Tom Thompson was the pilot, and both returned from their flight just over the moon about what was for this kid an experience he will never forget. Let me add a big shout out to Carter, who literally went the extra mile-make that miles- to make this happen. His C150/150 has limited fuel capacity,

which meant Carter flew twice to Lexington for fuel. He is a dedicated, and much appreciated, YE pilot.

All's well that ends well, and once Amy got into the hangar with a table, she and Don created a seamless process. Cash would greet the returning pilots and YE, escort them all to the hangar, and everything needed to close out the flight was ready to go.

Tom Thompson, Ken, Don and I were the last ones there, and we were offered by Board members of the local historical museum a private Docent tour of the museum. We all went, and it was quite a rewarding experience. For a small town it sure has history!

By 2pm we needed to say our good-byes to our hosts, and both planes landed in Bend within minutes of each other. Our beta test of an outreach YE was a total success, so let's see what we can do in 2025.



EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Minutes

September 2024

Submitted by Debbie Wallace on behalf of Jeff Stolasz, Chapter Secretary

We had a record number of attendees at 47 this month! Dinner of hamburgers and vegetarian hot dogs was provided by Hoss Talebi at his Dogs & Fries Restaurant. Our guest speaker, Lisa Shipman, Program Director of the Central Oregon Community College Aviation Department, drew a large and excited crowd this month. Several students in the aviation program at Sisters High School attended, along with their parents and many other new guests who wanted to learn more about the COCC program. For those of you who were not able to attend the meeting, below are some highlights from Lisa's slide presentation:

COCC Aviation Degrees

- Professional Pilot Airplane
- Professional Pilot Helicopter
- Unmanned Aerial Systems
- Aviation Associates of Science

COCC Aviation Programs

- ✓ 2-year Associate's Degree Programs
 - Aviation and General Education courses
 - Flight training
- ✓ Pilot Certifications through Multi-Engine Commercial & Certified Flight Instructor
- ✓ Career Counseling & Connections with industry employers
- ✓ Pathways to Aviation Bachelor's degrees

Associate of Science

Two year degree designed to prepare the student for transfer into a Bachelor Degree program

- Articulations with:
 - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
 - Oregon Institute of Technology
 - Purdue University

It was exciting and rewarding to see the enthusiasm from students who are pursuing a career (or a hobby) in aviation. One student even drove all the way from Klamath Falls to attend and joined our chapter.

If you would like to learn more about the COCC Aviation Program, you can contact Lisa at Aviation@cocc.edu or check out their website at [COCC Aviation Program](#).

From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

AIRPORT STAKEHOLDER OPEN HOUSE on OCTOBER 16, 2024

The first Stakeholder Open House for the 2025 Taxiway A and B Rehabilitation, Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting (MITL), and Magnetic Variance (MagVar) Change Construction Project will be held on October 16, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Dogs and Fries (upstairs at the Airport Administration Office) located at 63132 Powell Butte Highway. The rehabilitation area for the project encompasses approximately 75,000 SY of Taxiway A and Taxiway B asphalt pavement and is anticipated to consist of crack seal, surface seal, and asphalt repair as needed and within FAA funding limitations. Additionally, both Taxiway A and Taxiway B are proposed to see conversion from elevated edge reflectors to LED Medium Intensity Taxiway Lighting (MITL). The project also includes an update to the runway designators due to the Earth's change in Magnetic Variation (MagVar). The runway numerals will change from 16-34 to 17-35. Please note that the work requires trenching into rock along both edges of both taxiways to install electrical conduits for the MITL. This must precede the pavement rehabilitation work to avoid heavy construction traffic on freshly rehabilitated pavement.

The Open House will focus on the preliminary proposed phasing of the project work, as area closures will be required. You are invited to join our Consultant, Century West Engineering, and me. We are seeking your input on the phasing of the work to be performed. We are aware that closures will disrupt airport operations caused by construction and are open to considering all feasible options to minimize this disruption within the federal and state funding constraints. The project is currently in the 30% Design Phase. Stakeholder input received will be considered leading up to 100% Design. Additional Stakeholder meetings will be held prior to construction.

If you are unable to attend this first in-person meeting and wish to share your comments, please send these directly to Sydney Schroeder with Century West Engineering: SSchroeder@CenturyWest.com.

Thanks for reading, please safe and check NOTAMS.

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

Trunk or Treat at the Madras Airport on Saturday, October 26th

New Moon Aviation will be hosting its second annual Trunk or Treat event at S33 on Saturday, October 26th, from 2 PM to 4 PM. This free, family-friendly event invites the community to enjoy trick or treating from decorated aircraft and vehicles. We're still looking for more aircraft to sign up, and pilots are welcome to fly in for the event! Along with trick or treating, there will be face painting for kids and coffee and hot drinks available for purchase. If you're interested in decorating your aircraft or vehicle and handing out candy, please register at newmoonaviation.com by October 23rd.



The poster features a central illustration of a witch in a white sheet ghost costume holding a broom, with a black cat and a jack-o'-lantern. Surrounding the illustration are various Halloween-themed icons like bats, a flying airplane, candy, and a pumpkin. The text is arranged in a festive, hand-drawn style.

NEW MOON AVIATION   **THE CITY OF MADRAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

Trunk Or Treat

at the
Madras Airport

2028 NW Berg Dr
Madras, OR



COPPERS COFFEE CO.



CypsyRose Face Paints

2PM-4PM

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OCTOBER

Register your Vehicle or Aircraft to Participate at Newmoonaviation.com

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Newsletter Survey Results

Submitted by Debbie Wallace, Chapter Newsletter Editor

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Newsletter Survey at the September 11th chapter meeting! For those of you who were not able to join us, I handed out a brief anonymous survey asking for feedback on the monthly newsletter content. I truly appreciate the feedback and honest responses. The results are very helpful and are summarized below.

Total # of respondents was 22

Question 1: What are your “go to” sources to learn about upcoming chapter meetings, events and updates?

	<u># of Responses</u>	<u>% of Total Responses</u>
Announcements during chapter meetings	9	41%
Newsletter	17	77%
Chapter website	5	23%
Other	2	9%

Question 2: Do you read the monthly chapter newsletter?

Yes	19	86%
No	3	14%

Question 3: Which sections of the newsletter do you read?

Message from the President	17	77%
Agenda for next meeting	17	77%
Chapter events schedule	17	77%
Young Eagles and Scholarship updates	14	64%
Aircraft builder updates	14	64%
EAA National webinars schedule	13	59%
Aviation museum schedules	9	41%
Member submitted articles	17	77%

Question 4: Do you feel the newsletter is helpful to prospective and new members?

Yes	20	91%
No	0	0%
No response	2	9%

We also asked if there were any additional topics or suggestions for the newsletter or chapter events. Responses are summarized on the next page. As you can see, we received a lot of great ideas. The Board members are looking to increase our activities and tailor them to the members’ interests, but can only do so with your help. If you see a suggestion below or have another activity that you would like to organize, please contact Chris at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

Additional Suggestions

Meeting Topics/Speakers:

Tim Proctor from the RDM control tower (*Chris has reached out to Tim, but with current staffing shortages this may be difficult*)
Walter Fellows from Gweduck amphibious aircraft
Info on flight training programs available in Central Oregon
Invite professional pilots to discuss their daily job
Visit or share member builder's projects
Presentation on building and flying remote control planes
Aviation trivia night
Raffle drawings

Chapter Events/Field Trips:

Monthly FlyOuts, FlyIns – maybe join those done by CO OPA (*this was mentioned multiple times*)
Tour of Redmond control tower
Field trips to aviation museums (*multiple mentions*)
Tour of Switchblade flying car factory in Prineville
Field trip to Gweduck amphibious aircraft facility in Prineville
Opportunities for members to help renovate or build a plane, especially for students
“Rusty Pilot” program similar to the one offered by the AOPA
Picnics
Group volunteer events
Flour bomb competition (would be fun but no longer allowed by the EAA)

Aircraft Builder Newsletter Updates:

More builder updates/photos, including comparisons to the plans (*multiple mentions*)

Newsletter Additions:

Chapter member bios (*multiple mentions*)
Updates on local airspace
Member trip reports to interesting airports or events
Personal stories from chapter members from their training, military or airline service
Member articles on “This just happened to me...”
Info on other local aviation organizations, such as the 99s, Women in Aviation and Civil Air Patrol (*multiple mentions*)
List of upcoming fly-ins at local airports
EAA National programs that members can leverage
Aviation safety quizzes
List of local doctors for flight physicals
Links to relevant aviation videos
List of members who have an “open seat” to take someone flying
Items for sale or items someone is looking to buy

Member Submissions

In your responses to our newsletter survey, you asked for members to submit stories about their flying experiences. Our Chapter President thought he would lead it off with a funny story from his distant past.

We would love to include your thoughts, travels, flying experience in future newsletters. If you would like to share, please send your articles and photos to Debbie Wallace at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

Fire Light

Submitted by Chris Wallace, Chapter President

Flying the C-141 in the Air Force there were long periods of inactivity. Here's a fairly mean thing we would do when we were sufficiently bored. Somewhere on a long oceanic flight the aircraft commander (me) would lodge a pocket comb against an engine fire test light switch, causing the fire light to flash. After a brief period, our new flight engineer would look forward and see the flashing light and loudly announce we had an engine fire. I'd look up from my magazine and say something like, it's no big deal, they usually go out on their own, and go back to my magazine. The engineer would get even more strident in his demand that we shut the engine down and run the appropriate checklist. I would reply that if we do that, we would have to turn around and subsequently miss our Honolulu layover. I would "poll" the other crewmembers and ask who wanted to go back because of a silly little fire light. Having been prepared for this question they all replied "heck no" (or some version of heck). Finally, as the engineer peaked in his frustration someone would bust up laughing, and the joke was over.

Guessing you probably couldn't get away with that today.



Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

2024 Airshows

The 2024 airshow season has ended, but we look forward to next spring when the show season starts again.

Local Aviation Museum Highlights



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

Upcoming events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

- Oct 12 Second Saturday – Local History Spotlight: Shearer Sprayers' SM8-A
- Nov 9 Second Saturday – Military Vehicles

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.

Membership Update

We have 54 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Chase and Mike Krouse
Don McLean

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

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>.

EAA National Free Webinars

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered for free by EAA National to members 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.

- Oct 2: Why Annual Inspections?
- Oct 8: F-89 Scorpion
- Oct 9: Experimental Aircraft Maintenance for the A&P
- Oct 23: MOSAIC: Sport Pilot/Light-Sport Aircraft 2.0 Update
- Oct 30: Fly the Easy Way

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 are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a family. If you join during between October-December, dues are only \$10 for the 4th quarter of 2024. 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>
Secretary	Jeff Stolasz Jstolasz@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>	Treasurer	Joel Haynes Joelroberthaynes@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2024-Dec 2025</i>

Chapter Committee Chairpersons

Membership Chairperson	Faye Phillips Fayephil@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>	Young Eagles & Eagles Coordinator	Tom Wright wright.thomas@yahoo.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>
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