



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

June 2024 Newsletter

Next General Meeting

Wednesday, June 12

6:00pm

Dinner of grilled 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 members, and welcome to our June newsletter.

We just finished an extremely successful Young Eagles event in conjunction with the Madras Airport Day on June 1st. Our sister chapter in Prineville generously supported us with planes, pilots and ground volunteers. We had a great crowd and perfect weather. See Tom Wright's article in this newsletter with pictures of many happy flyers! We flew 53 Young Eagles, more than twice our previous record. Thanks so much to all those who so eagerly volunteered.

This month we will have a very interesting presentation by member Mark Harris about his work with Missionary Aviation Fellowship. These pilots do some amazing flying.

I apologize for the lack of hamburgers last month, apparently Mike Robertson got his Wednesdays confused. Mike just underwent knee replacement surgery, and will be out of service for a few weeks. But fear not, our treasurer Joel Haynes has kindly volunteered to be our cook this month. Thanks, and good luck Joel.

Safe Flying!

Chris Wallace



June Meeting Agenda

- Welcome visitors and new members Chris Wallace
- Madras Young Eagles Event Recap and Photos Tom Wright

- **Guest Speaker: Mark Harris, MAF Volunteer**

Mission Aviation Fellowship has been bringing help, hope and healing to isolated people since 1945. With a fleet of 45 aircraft in 12 different countries we completed over 16,000 flights last year. The flying we do is challenging but essential to so many disadvantaged people behind huge geographic barriers. Be sure to come to the June Chapter meeting and see how MAF changes lives and impacts communities for eternity.

2024 Chapter Events Schedule

June 12	Chapter Meeting
July 10	Chapter Meeting
August 14	Chapter Meeting
TBD, Saturday	Young Eagles Day at Bend Municipal Airport
September 11	Chapter Meeting
TBD	Fall Fly Out
October 9	Chapter Meeting
November 13	Chapter Meeting
December 11	Holiday Party

More events are in the planning phase. If you have any ideas, please let us know!

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.

MADRAS YOUNG EAGLES DAY: THE CREW GETS IT DONE

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

Madras Municipal Airport has never seen a June 1st like it did this month. Combining the efforts and volunteers from Madras, Bend, Prineville, and Richland WA, we flew a record number of youth: 53 Young Eagles.

It began with a very early departure from KBDN at 5:45 am. The plan called for all volunteers being at the Madras FBO by 7:15am, briefings on the half hour.



Rich Doyle, EAA Prineville Chapter 617 President, started the meeting with a detailed pilot briefing. He and his Prineville colleagues had developed detailed flight routes and Rich detailed those for us.



Just behind Rich and coming thru the doorway are Diane Lambert, her husband Steve (both pilots, Steve flew YE for us today!) and Rick Campbell. On the right is Liam Bell, who stayed the whole morning to photograph the event.

Chris Wallace then discussed the role and positioning of Ground Marshals, followed by Steve Gette addressing the need for Safety Escorts and the preferred route for getting from and to the FBO and the flight line.

It was a complicated logistics challenge as the Registration team (Debbie Wallace, Linda Wallon Haynes, and Melanie Coffman) were based in the FBO, but the pilots, Safety Escorts led by Steve Gette, and the Ground Marshals lead by Chris Wallace, were several hangars away. Not everything went smoothly but despite this, we flew 53 YEs that day: a record for us and Madras!



Mary Verry was busy that day, just one her flights. And we couldn't have pulled this off without the help of many other volunteers.

Here's our scholar Cash Earl and his dad Justin Earl, who transported a huge amount of stuff from Bend to Madras, not just these tables and chairs



The following photos tell the story of a day well done.



15 pilots and their planes lined up and ready to fly with Mt Hood in the background



Here's a returning YE, Delilah and her parents from Bend





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

Carter Fairchild
Craig Sleight
Dick Rohaly
Drew Morgan
Faye Phillips
Jeff Stolasz
Joel Haynes
Mary Verry
Rich Doyle
Rob Norris
Steve Bateman
Steve Lambert
Timber Bionda
Tom Thompson

Ground Crew

Amy Bionda
Cash Earl
Chris Wallace
Chuck Rosenfeld
Debbie Wallace
Diane Lambert
Fred Berardo
Justin Earl
Katie Ryan
Keegan Kroytz
Keenan Duncan
Liam Bell
Linda Wallon Haynes
Melanie Coffman
Rick Campbell
Steve Gette
Thomas Wright
Tobann Bionda

Donated Aircraft Update

Our chapter RV-12 plane is finished and has completed its flight test program. It is currently listed for sale on Barnstormers and we are hoping to find a happy buyer soon!



From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT) UPDATE

On May 15, 2024, the Bend mayor and city council authorized the city manager to accept several federal grants and enter various contracts for construction services for the ATCT at BDN. After a competitive bidding process, Corp Inc. was selected to construct the project in the amount of \$9.1 million, with major components including the addition of an access road and parking lot, extension of utilities to the site, and installation of a backup generator and facility contents. Morrison-Maierle was retained to provide construction management services for \$1.8 million. Several other miscellaneous contracts are required for the project to be completed and pass an operational readiness inspection by October 2025. An exact "notice to proceed" date has yet to be issued but is anticipated for June to early-July 2024. The specialized nature of this airport improvement along with the inclusion of federal, state, and local oversight of procurement processes require additional planning and design elements. Through the timely and professional efforts of the design team and city staff, this project is on schedule and is expected to finish on time. Please watch for continued updates in this newsletter and on our airport website as the project moves forward.

THANK YOU FAYE PHILLIPS

Thursday, May 9, 2024 was Volunteer Day for a local Realtor office. Faye Phillips of the Experimental Aircraft Association (High Desert Flyers 1345) chose to volunteer at the airport. In just over six hours, she assisted us in restriping the parking lot at the south airport entrance and planted flowers in front of the terminal building. Thank you Faye! *(See photos on the next page)*

Thanks for reading, please safe and check NOTAMS.

Tracy Williams, Airport Manager

Realtor Volunteer Day at Bend Municipal Airport

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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.

- June 5: Minimally Invasive Aircraft Maintenance
- June 11: Rose Parrakeet (*museum webinar series*)
- June 12: Zeppelin: The First Airlines
- June 19: Tips for Flying Into EAA AirVenture 2024

Notes from Members

We would love to include thoughts, travels, flying experience of our members in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to share, please send your articles and photos to Debbie Wallace at highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com.

Update from Faye Phillips

The annual Palms to Pines Air Race, in which Mary Verry and I participated last year, and planned to race this year, has been cancelled. They are focusing on next year's race planning.

ODART is holding a emergency preparedness and response exercise the weekends of June 8-9 and 15-16. There seems to be a low turnout of Bend pilots. They could use more local help; if there isn't time to get involved this year, please put it on your radar for next year (approx. same time of year). Kim Muinch is the local contact for that.



As a Realtor, I'm participating in Realtor Volunteer Days, June 1-9. My passion is the aviation community, so I volunteer in aviation. I flew Young Eagles on Saturday, as well as helped out with setup and tear-down of the Madras Airport Day. I am also flying from Walla Walla to Albany during the ODART event. During the week I also did some volunteer work at the Bend Airport.

On a personal note: Memorial Day, was my husband's one-year anniversary of his successful double-bypass surgery. We celebrated by him riding his bicycle to Sunriver on the back trails and I drove down in my car and met him for lunch.

Have a great week!

Faye Phillips
Membership Chair

Upcoming Pacific Northwest Aviation Events

Airshows

June 15-16	Moses Lake Airshow	Grant County Intl Airport, WA
June 15-16	Olympic Airshow	Olympia, WA
June 22-23	Fairchild Skyfest	Spokane, WA
June 21-22	Pangborn's Festival of Flight	East Wenatchee, WA
July 22-28	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
August 2-4	Boeing Seafair Airshow	Seattle, WA
August 17-18	Wings Over Washington	Bremerton, WA
August 23-24	Airshow of the Cascades Festival	Madras, OR
Aug 31-Sep 2	Oregon International Airshow	McMinnville, OR
September 6-7	Oregon Trail STOL	Ontario, OR
September 7-8	WAAAM Hood River Fly-In	Hood River, OR



Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum

Upcoming events at the WAAAM museum in Hood River:

- June 8 Second Saturday – Gliders and the World of Silent Flight
- June 15 Model T Driving School (*advance reservations required*)
- June 24-27 WAAAM Camp - Car Style. An Introduction to Antique Automobiles for Kids ages 8-12 (*advance reservations required*)

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.

Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum



Upcoming events at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville, home of the Spruce Goose, include:

Saturday, June 8 @ 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

REMEMBERING D-DAY: COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on Saturday, June 8th by honoring local Oregonians who served in World War II. Relive history at Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum through a full itinerary of Battle of Normandy education and experiences.

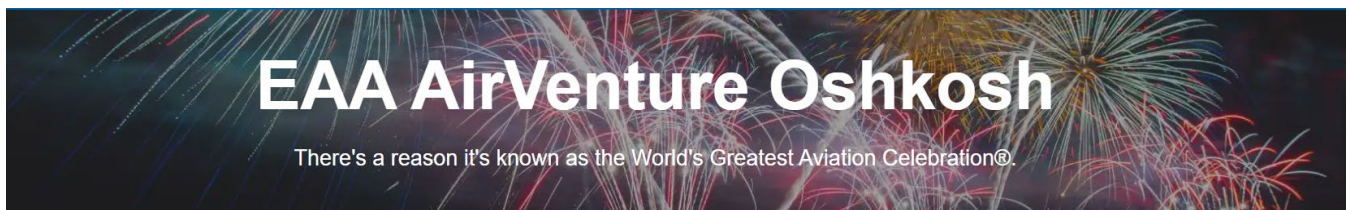
Tuesday, June 18 @ 2:00 pm

STORYTELLERS SERIES: THE SEARCH FOR LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE WITHIN OUR OWN SOLAR SYSTEM AND FROM THE JAMES WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE (JWST)

Presenter: John Jennings

The discoveries concerning the possibilities for life as we know it existing elsewhere in our Solar System, let alone our Universe, are gaining momentum every year. What are some of the recent results from the searching by the incredible James Webb Space Telescope? And what do we plan to investigate with the Europa Clipper Mission to Jupiter's moon?

For more information or to buy tickets, please visit their website at www.evergreenmuseum.org.



EAA AirVenture will be held from July 22-28, 2024. Discounted tickets available through June 15. For more details, see their website at [EAA AirVenture 2024](https://www.eaa.org/airventure).





The Erickson Aircraft Collection at the Madras Municipal Airport proudly displays a vintage aircraft collection started by Jack Erickson in 1983. The collection features over twenty rare aircraft, most of which are still in flying condition. The newly named Collection will feature rare aircraft that are still in flying condition such as the P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, Ki43 Hayabusa, F4U Corsair, SBD Dauntless, Grumman Duck and B-17 Flying Fortress. General admission is only \$9 (\$8 for seniors).

Membership Update

We have 47 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Scott Foster

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

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 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 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>
Member At Large and Webmaster	Steve Gette Sgetteman@q.com <i>Term: Jan 2022-Dec 2024</i>	Newsletter Editor	Debbie Wallace highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com <i>Term: Jan 2023-Dec 2024</i>