



**High Desert Flyers**

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

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## October 2022 Newsletter

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### **Next General Meeting**

Wednesday, October 12

6:00pm

Dinner of hamburgers, chips  
and salad available for \$5  
donation to cover our costs

6:30-7:30pm

General meeting

#### **Location:**

Bend Builders Assist  
63030 Powell Butte Hwy  
Bend, OR

*Guests are welcome*

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### **Message from the (Interim) President**

Fellow Chapter 1345 members,

For those who don't know, Mike Robertson has stepped down as your president, and as per the bylaws I am now your interim President. I would like to send a big thanks to Mike for stepping up to the role after the sudden departure of our previous President.

I have been a chapter member for over a year and have been serving as your Vice President. Chapter activities have been pretty quiet lately, and I'm hoping we can get a good group of willing volunteers to help and make this chapter a rewarding experience for everyone.

I'm also counting on you to give me your suggestions for things you'd like to see happen or new ways of managing our chapter.

Elections are coming up soon. We will be searching for candidates for President, Vice President and Secretary. Please consider serving your fellow members by filling one of these roles.

I look forward to seeing all of you at an upcoming chapter meeting.

Happy Skies!  
Chris Wallace

## **October Meeting Agenda**

### **Agenda:**

- Guest Speaker: Bend Municipal Airport Manager, Tracy Williams
- President's Update
- Officer Election Process
- Updates from EAA National
- Request for input on Holiday Party in December
- Open discussion of ideas for future meeting topics and format. Please bring your suggestions for events you would like to see next year.

An EVO Rocket and a V8 powered Murphy Moose will be on display in the hangar. This is a great opportunity to see these rare aircraft.

## **November Election of Officers**

Our annual election of officers is rapidly approaching. If you would like to become more involved and help grow the group and activities, we'd love to hear from you. Nominations (either for yourself or another member) are due to Kim Muinch at [Kmuinch@hotmail.com](mailto:Kmuinch@hotmail.com) no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The positions up for election this year are below:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Voting will be done via a ballot sent by email to paid members in mid-November. The new officers will be installed at the December meeting and begin their duties on January 1, 2023.

## **September 14 Chapter Meeting Notes (21 Attendees)**

Mike Robertson, President, opened the meeting by notifying the group that he would be stepping down as chapter President. As per the organization's bylaws, the current Vice President, Chris Wallace, will take his place on an interim basis until the end of his term on December 31, 2022.

Chris introduced himself and provided a quick overview of his background as an Air Force pilot, then becoming a commercial pilot with United Airlines for 30 years, as well as ownership of private planes many years ago. He is currently starting to build a Sonex Waix from a kit at Bend Builders Assist.

Tom Wright shared a video of a mid-air collision over Watsonville Airport in California that occurred in August resulting in the death of all 3 passengers in the two airplanes. The group discussed the situation and what safety measures might have prevented the collision. We hope the safety discussion will become a feature in future meetings. It seemed to be well received and generated a very lively interactive discussion. For those of you who missed the meeting, here is a link to the YouTube video analysis from AOPA Air Safety that was used in the discussion: <https://yhoo.it/3Ce3YgD>



### **Scholarship Program**

One of our Ray Scholarship students, Preston Garibay, attended our September general meeting and announced that he had passed the written portion of his private pilot course. Next step is the oral exam and checkride. Well done Preston!!!

### **Donated Aircraft Update**

**RV12:** The board has decided to hire Bend Builders Assist to finish the plane and get it ready for sale. Hopefully, the plane will be done by year-end.

**GlaStar:** We also decided to sell the GlaStar as is given the complexity of completion. We will be looking for a few volunteers to go through and catalog the parts to accurately prepare the ad.

## **Young Eagles Chapter Best Practices and Risk Management**

*Submitted by Young Eagles Committee Member Tom Wright*

Beginning in December 2022, the EAA will require Young Eagles Coordinators to register and complete a mandatory risk management online course. Our Chapter needs to fulfill this obligation for any Young Eagles event in 2023. Below is an excerpt from EAA's communication explaining why they are requiring this new risk management training:

Over the past year, EAA has seen a rise in inappropriate Young Eagles practices. These practices have ranged from incorrect waiver usage or outright failure to use it all to co-mingling the Young Eagles flights with third party organizations and improper reporting. These practices put the program, and the insurance coverage provided to the program, at risk.

To better inform Young Eagles volunteers of the current program guidelines and requirements, EAA will be launching Young Eagles risk management training in December 2022. This training will consist of a 30-minute pre-recorded webinar and short quiz. A quiz score of 70% or better will be required to pass the course. Similar to youth protection training, this course will need to be completed every three years for renewal. Only Young Eagles coordinators will be required to complete this training before your chapter's first rally of 2023, or by April 30, 2023, whichever occurs first. Although not required, other Young Eagles volunteers and chapter officers are highly encouraged to take this training.

I will be taking this training and encourage others too. Much like building aircraft, the Young Eagles program is an essential part of EAA. The Young Eagles program has a well deserved reputation because of the dedication, enthusiasm, and focus on safety from the front-line volunteers. Let's continue to do our part.



## Notes from Members

This section is for articles submitted by club members. We would love to include your thoughts in future newsletters if you have destination recommendations from a recent local flight or a story of a lesson learned.

### **Personal note from our Treasurer, Faye Phillips**

My son, Matthew, recently passed his ATP written test in Dallas, TX, scoring 97%! He is now in Denver, going through the pre-employment procedures with SkyWest. He will be flying an Embraer 175 jet. We don't have an exact date, but his training should be completed sometime in November.



### **Board of Directors**

**President (Interim):** Chris Wallace, bentpropeller@gmail.com

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