



# High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

## June 2023 Newsletter



### Next General Meeting

Wednesday, June 14 at  
6:00pm

### **\*\*Summer Potluck\*\***

Join us for our Summer Potluck to be held in lieu of our June chapter meeting. Please see page 2 for more details.

#### 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! Welcome to our June newsletter. Looks like a busy summer ahead for all of us. Here at our chapter we have our summer (ok spring) chapter potluck dinner on June 14th, our rescheduled Young Eagles event on July 8th. Our chapter will also participate in the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) event in conjunction with our Young Eagles event. Airport manager Tracy Williams has an update on the new control tower, and an International Aerobatics Day event. Finally member Faye Phillips has submitted some volunteer airport maintenance opportunities.

In this issue we have a Young Eagles update from Thomas Wright and a scholarship update from Jeff Stolasz. And of course some pilot humor from our webmaster Steve Gette.

I'm sure many of you have heard that the chapter GlaStar has been sold to chapter 292 in Independence to be built as a chapter project. Our RV-12 is nearing completion and should be ready for sale soon. I know we'd all like to see this plane stay in Bend, so if any of you are looking for a fun plane to explore the northwest please let me know.

We're still looking for a program for our July meeting. Let me know if you have any suggestions.

See you at the potluck!

*Chris Wallace*

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*

## Summer Potluck June 14th

We hope you and your family will join us at our Summer Potluck! It will be held on our usual monthly meeting date of Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Bend Builders Assist hangar. An invitation was emailed to all members via SignUpGenius on May 26th. We will also resend the invitation today to anyone who has not yet RSVP'd just to be sure you received it. If you do not receive the invite, please let us know by emailing [highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertflyers1345@gmail.com). There will be a very brief business meeting before dinner.

### June Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Aviation Scholarship Update
- Young Eagles Event Update

We promise to keep the meeting brief so everyone can relax and visit while enjoying our potluck dinner.

### Membership Update

We have 42 current members, which includes the following new members in the past month:

Tom Thompson  
Sussie Due

We extend a hearty welcome to all our new members!

*Submitted by Faye Phillips, Membership Coordinator*

## **Ray Aviation Scholarship Update**

*From Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Jeff Stolasz*

Flight training is progressing on all three of our open scholarship recipients.

Gabriella Favia is juggling college at OSU Cascades plus flight training. She usually flies at least twice per week and has flown about 10 hours in the last three weeks or so.

Timber Bionda started his training and has about 13 hours with a goal to solo before he leaves for summer vacation in July. He hopes to get signed off to take his FAA written exam before the end of the school year. He has been enrolled in the private pilot prep program at Sisters High School which prepares students for the FAA written exam.

Colton Hardie has been flying regularly and has about 15 hours. He is working on night flights and is about finished with those requirements. He's getting in lots of landing practice.

## **EAA Chapter 1345 General Meeting Minutes**

### **May 10, 2023**

Before the meeting, Mike Robertson was back on the summer rotation cooking burgers. Chris kicked off the official meeting at 6:30pm.



Chris did the introductions and turned the floor over to Tom Wright who went over the details of the decision making process for cancelling last month's Young Eagles event due to weather. The Young Eagles event is re-scheduled for July 8.

Tom turned the meeting over to Jeff Stolasz who announced the winners of the Ray Scholarship and Jack Watson Service Scholarship. There were two excellent finalists for the Ray Scholarship. The chapter leadership team decided to issue two scholarships this year. The Ray Scholarship winner was Timber Bionda who is an active member of this chapter. The second scholarship was awarded in honor of Jack Watson's decades of service to the chapter in conjunction with his lifetime chapter membership. This scholarship was awarded to Colton Hardie who is also an active member of the chapter. Each scholarship grants the recipients up to \$11,000 towards flight training in pursuit of their respective private pilot's certificate. Please join me in congratulating these two outstanding young individuals on their awards.



*From left to right: Chris Wallace, Jeff Stolasz and Timber Bionda*



*From left to right: Jeff Stolasz, Jack Watson and Colton Hardie*

The feature presentation for this meeting was an introduction to the Civil Air Patrol by Major Mike Wissing of the High Desert Composite Squadron of the Oregon Civil Air Patrol.

Mike covered the various missions of the Civil Air Patrol including Aerospace education, downed aircraft and lost/injured persons search, Cadet programs, and others. We watched a video, Mike showed us some pictures and shared a few stories of recent missions. Anyone interested in joining the Civil Air Patrol should contact Mike Wissing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Stolasz  
EAA Chapter 1345 Chapter Secretary



## **YOUNG EAGLES DAY EVENT RESCHEDULED to JULY 8th**

Weather cancelled our May Young Eagles Day rally, and it is now rescheduled for July 8, 2023.

As of today, we have 37 youth registered, of whom 23 are confirmed. We had 7 pilots, but one is now not available, so we have 6. We really could use another 2 confirmed pilots. I will reach out to several pilots who had signed up for the original date but have not responded to my first outreach to fly for us on July 8th.

An interesting but potentially positive complication is that the Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) has scheduled a disaster drill for the same day as our YE Rally. Last year the ODART rally was an exercise to deliver food to specific underserved communities. Bend was listed as a weather alternative airport. This year our role in Bend has changed, and expanded, to be a warehouse depot. Kim Muinch is the Bend coordinator for this exercise. He and I had a constructive conversation about how to leverage this opportunity so our YE Day participants could see a real live demonstration of the General Aviation's community contribution. More details to follow as Kim gets additional details of the event in terms of the number of inbound ODART pilots, ETAs, and cargo. We will coordinate activities so we help each other achieve that day's missions.

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## **\*\*\*LOCAL AVIATION EVENTS\*\*\***

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### **Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team (ODART) Event July 8-9**

Join this year's state-wide exercise, July 8-9, 2023. Central Oregon ODART contact is Kim Muinch. You can reach him at [contact@friendsofbendairport.com](mailto:contact@friendsofbendairport.com). Please see page 8 for more information.

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### **Friends of the Hayward Air Rally**

The 59th Annual Hayward Air Rally was completed on May 20, 2023. 22 aircraft and teams flew the rally course this year, including 9 rally first-timers and one non-competing entry!

#### **Congratulations to the 2023 winner:**

**Race 77 - Shawn Britton, flying solo as a rally rookie!**

The course, results and photo gallery are now posted on their website: <http://www.hwdairrally.org/past/2023>

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### **Volunteers Needed for Work Party at McKenzie Bridge State Airport**

There will be a volunteer work party at McKenzie Bridge State Airport (00S) on Saturday, June 17th, beginning at 09:00 PST.

Efforts will include runway and parking area maintenance; painting of runway markers, segmented circle and windsock pole; and trimming/removal of brush.

1) Airfield mowing - Paul MacClanahan will provide the equipment to mow the airfield and parking area. Any additional mowers will be appreciated.

2) Painting the runway markers - Kevin Johnson will provide the equipment and paint for painting the markers

a) Two volunteers are needed to trim the grass around the markers with a string trimmer and clear the debris from the markers with a blower/broom, in advance of painting.

3) Volunteers are needed to provide the materials and paint the segmented circle and windsock pole - four people makes this job easier. You will need to provide one gallon each of signal orange and bright white paint, along with the necessary scrapers and

brushes - camp chairs are also handy for this effort. Inexpensive latex paint is okay, nothing exotic required.

4) Brush trimming/removal generally requires use of string trimmers, long handled secateurs (pruning shears), powered hedge clippers, etc. There is usually a considerable amount of weed-wacking to complete. A nominal amount of small chain saw work is sometime also required.

If you would like to volunteer to undertake any of the tasks in 2a), 3) or 4) above, please contact Faye Phillips at [Fayephil@gmail.com](mailto:Fayephil@gmail.com).

Please wear sturdy shoes, gloves, long sleeve shirts and sun/eye/hearing protection. It will likely be sunny and hot so bring water, cold drinks and some food to sustain your efforts. Usually, we are finished by lunch time. If anyone is interested, we could drive into McKenzie Bridge for lunch.

If you plan to fly into 00S on Saturday, June 17, please monitor and broadcast your intentions on 122.90. Be especially vigilant for other aircraft circling, landing or taking off from the airstrip. Watch for people and equipment on the ground. A related Safety Briefing on the McKenzie Bridge State Airport can be found on page 9.

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## **Wheels and Wings Car and Plane Show**

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1-5 PM is the annual Wheels and Wings Car and Plane Show at the Prineville Airport. For more information, go to:

<https://www.redmondairshows.com/events/2023-wheels-and-wings-car-plane-show>

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## **Sunriver Airport Compass**

The lady aviators from the Central Oregon 99's will be painting the compass at Sunriver Airport in the late afternoon/evening of Thursday June 15th.

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## **Palms to Pines Air Race**

The Palms to Pines Air Race will take place from August 10-12 and ends in Madras. There will be an awards banquet the evening of August 12 at the Madras airport, in the Erickson Aircraft Collection Museum. Come out and support our members who are competing in the race, Mary Verry and Faye Phillips. For more information: <https://palmstopinesairrace.com/>

## Help Us Enhance Oregon's Disaster Response Through General Aviation!

ODART, the **Oregon Disaster Airlift Response Team** enhances Oregon's disaster resilience in the face of earthquakes, floods, wildfires and other events which may impair regional surface transportation. ODART utilizes a geographically-placed network of pilots, planes and support personnel located at airports around the state. ODART provides logistics options for impacted communities, helping emergency managers, organizations, and citizens who are trying to move people or supplies into or out of a disaster zone.

**Every pilot in the state can participate.** ODART allows general aviation relief efforts to spool up faster after the occurrence of a disaster and allows a wider variety of relief operations to be conducted, all in a safer, managed operating environment. **Not a pilot? Don't have access to a plane?** ODART needs ground support volunteers to aid in communications and logistics.



ODART conducts practice mobilization exercises once per year, consisting of pilots and support personnel who together organize and provide air services during an emergency under Part 91 flight rules. ODART encourages other volunteer organizations such as **HAM communicators** and **search/rescue groups**, and local city and county **emergency managers** to participate with them in their practice exercises.

Volunteer pilots do what they already know how to do – fly from one airport to another and transport people, food and emergency supplies. Air services can include:

- Movement of emergency workers, medical staff, and medicines into and out of the area
- Food/water/supplies airlift
- Reconnaissance of roads, bridges, power lines, reservoirs, and other infrastructure, and other aerial photography/assessments
- Air commute services between homes and places of work for disaster workers
- Transfer of displaced individuals and families to distant locations where they have family or friends who can care for them

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[contact@friendsofbendairport.com](mailto:contact@friendsofbendairport.com)**



## McKenzie Bridge State Airport, Oregon (00S)

Coordinates: 44.18156<sup>0</sup>N / 122.08556<sup>0</sup>W



### Special Considerations

LAND TO THE EAST AND TAKE-OFF TO THE WEST.

Runway slopes up to the East.

There are 140 ft. tall trees at the immediate Eastern end of the runway.

There are 140 ft. tall trees approximately 1,000 ft. West of the runway threshold.

A go-around from the landing environment on RWY 06 likely unlikely from most GA aircraft; you should commit to land, or abandon the approach, at 2,000 ft MSL.

Beware of high terrain immediately South of the airfield.

Expect significant turbulence and downdrafts near runway.

Expect strong Westerly winds in the afternoon and plan your arrival accordingly.

### Operations

Use CATF 122.90 to announce your approach, arrival and departure.

Overfly the field to check for wildlife, people and vehicles.

Left traffic pattern to RWY 06.

Beware of USFS helicopter and vehicle activity in the summer.

Bring your own tie-downs.

### Contacts

State Airports Manager tel: (503) 378-4880

## **From the Desk of the Bend Airport Manager**

### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER UPDATE**

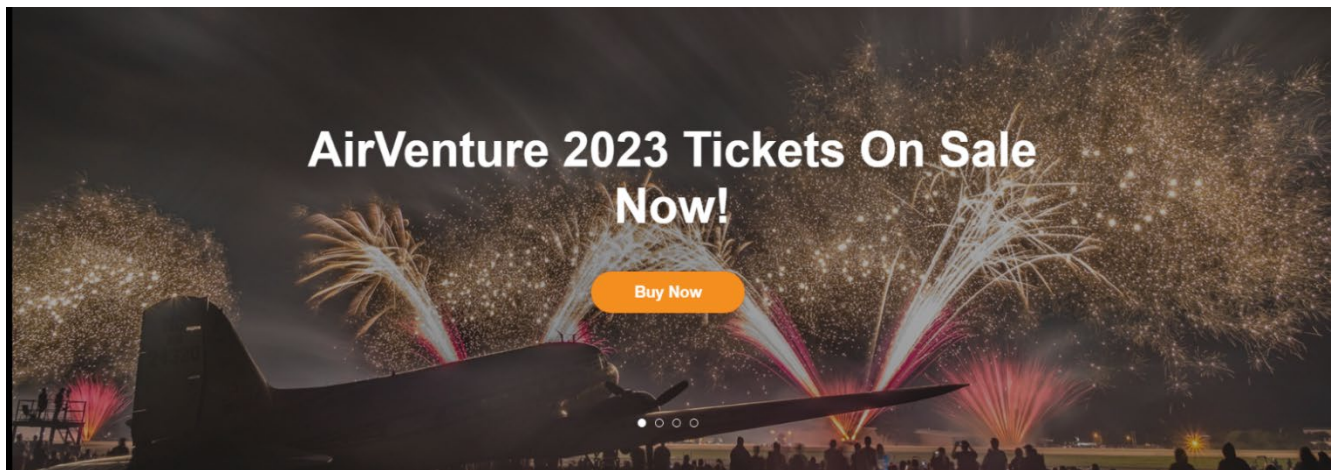
As you may know, the City of Bend is proposing the permanent installation of an Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Bend Airport. The project consists of three main components: 1) ATCT structure approximately 115' tall including rotating beacon, antennas, and lightning rods, 2) Access Road, Parking Area, Utility Connections, and Security Fencing, and 3) Supplemental Weather Sensors on Mast. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the ATCT has been prepared and will be available for public review on the Airport Website by the end of next week. Public review is encouraged and will be accepted until June 30, 2023. For more information, please click here to review the EA Brochure: [Bend ATCT Update](#)

### **INTERNATIONAL AEROBATICS DAY EVENT**

Specialized Aero Works (SAW), is having an event on International Aerobatics Day (Saturday June 24th), at the red hangar, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event is for anyone interested in aerobatics. Aerobatic airplanes are wanted for display. Airplane guards will be posted. Darren Pleasance will give a talk: From Aerobatics to P-51 Mustangs. Contact Mike@Fly-SAW.com if interested. Check out SAW's website (Fly-SAW.com) or Facebook page for event information.

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

*Tracy Williams, Airport Manager*



*EAA AirVenture Fly-In & Convention runs from July 24-30, 2023  
in Oshkosh, Wisconsin*

### **EAA National Free Webinars in June**

Below is a list of some of the webinars offered in June for *free* by EAA National to members. 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 6: Flying with AOA
- June 7: Mechanic Crisis
- June 13: The Thorp T-18 (*museum series*)
- June 14: Tips for Flying Into EAA AirVenture
- June 21: EAA AirVenture 2023 Features and Attractions

## AIRPLANE HUMOR

*Submitted by Steve Gette, Member At Large*



Time for a little corny airplane humor. Here are a few puns from various articles and hopefully you'll relate to some of the 'lighter' sides of flying:

- What is the propeller used for on an airplane? Many people don't know this, but it is actually for air conditioning, if you ever get to see it, when the propeller stops the pilot suddenly starts sweating.
- Why didn't the flight attendant let me change my seat that time I sat next to a crying baby? They won't do it if the baby is yours.
- What did the pilot say to his passengers after a rough landing? 'Sorry, but it wasn't my fault. It was the asphalt.'
- Why can't flies ever travel in an airplane? They are always on the No Fly List.
- Will invisible airplanes ever be a thing? Nah, I just can't see them taking off.
- What does an airplane builder say about their job? "It's riveting."
- Did you hear about the young pilot who flew through a rainbow during his pilot's exam? He passed with flying colours.
- Things a pilot can't say in a job interview: I'm down-to-earth.
- What do you get if you cross a snake and a plane? A Boeing Constrictor.
- I keep hanging car fresheners in my airplane. It really helps with descent.
- I told a joke about an airplane to my friends, but they didn't laugh. It flew over their heads.
- What is the difference between a pessimist and an optimist? A pessimist made the seatbelts; an optimist built the airplane.
- Did you know that there are more airplanes in the ocean than there are submarines in the air? I mean... it's plane to sea.



## 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](mailto:Fayephil@gmail.com).

### Chapter Board

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