



High Desert Flyers

Chapter 1345 Bend, Oregon

January 2023 Newsletter



**Reminder:
There will be no
Chapter
meeting in
January**

The next chapter meeting
will be on Wednesday,
February 8th.

Message from the President

Welcome to 2023! Hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are ready for a new year. We had a great turnout for our holiday potluck, thanks to all of you for sharing such great food and fellowship.

In this newsletter we have some builder updates. It makes me happy to see our members embracing this part of the EAA mission.

As a reminder there will be no meeting this month, so our next meeting is February 8th. At this event the board will be seeking your inputs for what you'd like to see our chapter do in the coming year.

Fly safely, and I'll look forward to seeing you next month.

Chris Wallace

Ray Scholarship Update

Our Ray Scholarship recipient Preston was finally able to schedule his private pilot flight check, and passed with flying colors! I'm sure I speak for all our members in congratulating Preston. Hopefully it's a step on the way to a long and enjoyable flying career.



December 2022 Chapter Potluck

Our annual holiday potluck was well attended last month with 30 chapter members and their families. There were many excellent homemade dishes prepared from family favorite recipes and several red sweaters.

The newly elected officers were announced and installed. We also collected toy and food donations for the Salvation Army Santa Express holiday drive. Thank you to those who brought donations.

Many thanks to Fred and JoAnn Berardo for arriving early to help setup, and for all who stayed afterwards to clean up. Thank you to all who attended for making it a fun and festive evening!



2023 Membership Dues Reminder

Annual membership dues are due this month! We are keeping the dues at \$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

Beginning this year, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Faye Phillips, at Fayephil@gmail.com.

EAA National Free Webinars in January

Looking for something to do inside during the cold winter months? EAA National offers free monthly webinars to members. A sample of the webinars offered in January is below. Preregistration is recommended since space is limited. For more information and to preregister, go to <https://www.eaa.org/eaal345/yearly-membership-renewal>.

- January 10: The Ford Tri-Motor and EAA’s “Tin Goose”
- January 11: LODA – Letter of Deviation Authority for Flight Instruction
- January 18: Engine Dehydration: Cheaper Than an Overhaul!

Donated Aircraft Update

Work on the chapter's RV-12 has been moving swiftly. The wings, avionics, engine and propeller are all installed. It needs a bit of wiring work, and an inspection by the FAA. It might get its first engine run next week. Mike Robertson has reserved an N number, N1345Z to commemorate our chapter number. Right now the plan is to sell it when it's complete, but if anyone has any other ideas please let me know!

~ Chris Wallace



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**

Since my last update, the canopy was finished, the engine was mounted, and now the cowling is in process. I managed to get the canopy plexiglass installed without cracking it :)

The engine and exhaust system install was fairly straight forward, but this cowling is a real pain! I managed to drill two fingers which were not in the plans. The cowling goes on; the trim lines marked; the cowling comes off and sanded to the lines and the process is repeated about 20 times each day. I know there must be an easier way, but it should be finished soon. The avionics is next and hopefully will be here in a week or two.



Chapter Member: Jeff Stolasz

Kit: Just Highlander

The last update on my Just Aircraft Highlander was fitting the wings to the fuselage. Since then both fuel tanks have been fitted, installed, and removed. I made a wing rotisserie jig and began work on the left wing. The wing was removed from the airplane and fitted onto the jig. Trailing edge was cut, fit, attached and riveted. The left wing set of flaps and ailerons were fabricated. It took a lot longer to get to the stage where the flap and aileron could actually be attached than I anticipated. The flap and aileron were finally attached and I am happy to say it came out pretty good. There were lots of lessons learned on the left wing that I will apply to the right to make things easier.

Sometimes I feel that I should have built one plane for practice and one for flying. 😊

The next steps are to mount the aileron and flap pulleys. Then attach backing plates to reinforce the openings in the eventual fabric. Total hours on the project to date are 186.

Anyone can follow along with the build on the EAA builders log at <http://www.EAAbuilderslog.org>.

It will come up as one of the 5 nearest projects from Bend. You can also search for my name or the aircraft type.



Chapter Member: Chris Wallace
Kit: Sonex Waix

Still working on the fuselage tailcone. Have installed the turtledeck and drilled the holes for the formers. The forward former is ten individual parts. Now I have to take it all apart to prime and prep the pieces for final assembly. Hopefully starting on the forward fuselage next week.



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