

EAA Chapter 406 *The Olympic Rainbirds*

Minutes for the September 8, 2021 membership gathering.

A potluck proceeded the meeting, with a preponderance of desserts (not a bad thing).

VP Andy Graham called the meeting to order at 7pm.

We welcomed Kent as a new potential chapter member. Kent is a retired Boeing engineer, A&P mechanic and Lifetime EAA member.

Old business included:

Status update on Ray Scholars, Daniel Bailey has not yet completed his checkride, Julia Fisher has completed her certificate and is off to college in Oregon, pursuing an engineering degree.

The chapter is reviewing Ray Scholarship applications for this year. If you know of a youth 16-19 years of age with a passion for aviation, please have them contact the chapter via [rainbirds406@gmail.com](mailto:rainbirds406@gmail.com)

The paint project for BACE is on hold until the Port can complete drainage work and repairs to the north side of the building.

Mike Friend provided an update on the eXenos project. He is now on the road, bringing to BACE the electric propulsion system for the aircraft. A tail kit is on order from Sonex and we only need another \$38K (or so) to finish the build. See more at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea406>

The Chapter 406 Young Eagles coordinator for the past several years, Susan Shaw, has stepped down from that role. Our hearty thanks go to her for her dedicated service to the youth of our area. Who knows how many of the seeds she has planted will blossom into future aviators.

Trish Williams has agreed to take on the Young Eagles coordinator role for the chapter. We look forward to working with Trish, sharing the joy of aviation with more youth.

Jason and Cara Alferness delivered a second work table to BACE this week. Thanks to them for their support. Cara's cucumber Kitfox on floats was a special treat at potluck.

The program was presented by Wayne Sargent and outlined his trip to Oshkosh this year in his Hyperbipe. Three of these amazing aerobatic aircraft, including his, were featured at show central at this year's AirVenture. Wayne also shared a great safety tip learned from a flight with Andy Graham. Make sure your trim is configured for the flight regime you will be entering.

Thanks to all in attendance, both on site and via Zoom. We will continue working to improve our Zoom presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Mapes, filling in for Secretary Mark Donahue

