



After fiddling around with various cartoon characters, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig (when pigs fly) Donald Duck and myriad others your editor decided to make an executive decision. So, for at least the time being, the current Wingman masthead will be it. If this gives you heartburn, please create a masthead of your own that fits the current space and we will give it a try. And now for the rest of your November newsletter, The Wingman.

Chapter 495 Hangar becomes a reality

By: Joe Messinger

As many of you may know, EAA Chapter 495 has been, unsuccessfully, attempting to secure a hangar space from the city at a reduced rent or \$0.00 rent in order to begin a youth aviation educational program.

It has been the argument of the city that, "If we give you a hangar, we will have to give one to everybody else who asks." This argument can be defended with the fact that EAA Chapter 495 is an aviation related 501(c) (3) and most other organizations such as VFW, YMCA, Boy Scouts, etc. are not aviation related in their primary mission.

Their second argument, and probably more valid is that the Chapter has no track record in conducting a youth program. We can point to several chapters around the country and show that such programs can be successful but we cannot show our own success in conducting such a program. So, it has become a real chicken/egg situation.

After bouncing my Ercoupe along the rough ground between the runway and taxiway, doing substantial damage, I am still in possession of hangar, B3 at Roseburg airport. I at the last Chapter meeting at Felt Field I offered the use of this hangar as a space for one year, at my expense, in order for the Chapter to get the program off the ground. Following my proposal, we discussed the matter and it seemed the consensus was to proceed with the program.

My hope is that working together with students, parents and teachers, we can convince the city of Roseburg that not only is EAA Chapter 495 worthy of making a hangar available in order to continue the program but that is in the interest of the youth of the community to do so.

You may be asking, "What does this have to do with me?" The answer is, everything. Most everybody in the chapter has at least some experience building and flying airplanes. What you know has been learned through years of hanging around airports and airplanes and we need you to share some of this knowledge with young folks. Many of you have expressed the desire to share your love of aviation through giving Young Eagle flights. We would imagine that as this program gets rolling we will have plenty of youngsters lining up for a ride. This will help get them excited about aviation.

Later, as we begin to get to the building an airplane phase of our program, you will have the opportunity to pass on the building skills you have developed over the years. So let your self be known.

Several days ago we had a meeting to kick off the youth education program. Attending the meeting were Paul Schafer, Mark Ralston, C. J. Bryant, representing Phoenix School and myself, Joe Messinger. As we get going the committee may be expanded but we decided we don't want it to get so big as to be cumbersome.

Stay tuned for more information and if you have questions or wish to help out, please talk with one of the committee members.

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Who doesn't love a parade?

In case you haven't heard, Chapter 495 will be participating in this year's Veterans Day Parade, Monday, November 11. The parade will step off at 11:00. Members are welcome to join in and march along. If you aren't the parading sort, come out and stand on the sidelines and scream your lungs out as we go by. Maybe you'll be on TV or make the newspaper.

Steve Kame has been doing the leg work and organizing for the event. Thanks to Tal Botner Excavation we will have a large trailer for a float and a truck to pull it. Our float will feature a KR2 owned and being built by George Dorius as well as several banners, flags and anything else the decorating committee can dream up. Anybody wishing to help decorate can show up at Tal's hangar on the south end of KRBG at 09:00 on Saturday November 9.

Dues coming due so do it now and save \$

Want to save \$5.00? A good way to do that is to send in your next year's dues before December 31, 2019 when the charge will be \$20.00. After that it goes up to \$25.00 so be early and save the price of a gallon of 100LL, well almost. If you are mailing it in the address is, PO Box 41, Roseburg, OR 97470. Be sure to include a copy of the [Membership Application](#). You must be a member of EAA National. Check your card and see when it expires. You can go to the [EAA National website](#) and find the application to join or renew. A better way, of course is to bring your dues to the next meeting.

Do you really own your airplane?

When you buy a car you are pretty much assured that the DMV has made sure the car has a clear title, meaning all repair bills, car loans, etc. have been paid or otherwise satisfied. One would think that the same would be true with an airplane. Not so! Airplanes are registered through the FAA and the "F" stands for Federal and you know how efficient Washington is these days. About the only thing our Nation's Capital has done right recently is to win the World Series against the Houston Astros.

In the past few months two of us have gotten caught up, through no fault of our own, in a situation involving dirty titles. In one case a member sold an airplane they had bought in good faith and when the new buyer approached a lender for a loan, they found the title wasn't clear and there were liens against the plane. In another case an insurance claim was made following an accident. When the insurance company did a title search, which is SOP for them before paying a claim, the title came back dirty.

In both cases the loan and the payment for the accident was held up until the title could be cleared. There are several services out there, none of which we have any ever done business with, so we will say just do an online search for aircraft

Young Eagles have a new mother hen

We have a new Young Eagle Coordinator. Rachel Botner is taking over for Maxine Durst, who has been holding down the position for several years. So, from now on all your paperwork should go through Rachel so as to insure continuity and have an accurate count on our Young Eagle participation. If you have friends or family members who want to take a Young Eagle ride, by all means, go for it. If you need paperwork contact Rachel. You should have the form that a parent or guardian signs, the official Young Eagle certificate and a log book. The first one goes back to Rachel or you can send it into EAA National in Oshkosh yourself. Just make sure you fill it in completely including our chapter number so we get credit.

Watch The Wingman for future announcements about Young Eagle activities. No doubt, come summer we will organize a Young Eagle day. Thank you Maxine for all your work in the past and to Rachel for stepping up to the plate. We are sure you will do a fine job.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT NOVEMBER MEETING

You had better be at the next meeting, if for no other reason but to defend your right to say NO! We will be voting for officers and there are sure to be nominations from the floor. So far the nominees are as follows: President, Kevin Bruton, Vice President, Tal Botner, Secretary, Dennis Rose, and Treasurer, Mark Ralston. Nominations for board members at large will be taken from the floor unless enough people volunteer and we don't have to do that.

Chapter Christmas party coming soon.



Save the date, December 7 for our Christmas party. The party will be held at Felt Field and Gil Peterson and the chapter will be furnishing the main courses. The time to gather hasn't been decided as yet (I'm guessing around 17:00 or 5:00 pm for the civilians in the crowd) but we'll let you know in the next issue of The Wingman. Once again Ken and Ester will coordinate the side dishes and desserts. We don't want to end up with a bucket load of green bean casseroles, scalloped potatoes and pumpkin pie for dessert.

title services. You will find several companies that will do title searches, and provide title insurance and escrow services. Since this protects both the buyer and seller these expenses could be split between both parties. Those services, which should be based on the price of the, airplane, are much less expensive than having to pay for a title clearance on down the line.