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Around the Patch:

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The October pancake breakfast was a roaring success with good weather and breakfast prepared by head chief, Ken Nicholls. If you missed that one, you'll have to wait for a while for the next one, since it was decided to close the kitchen until the weather warms up. No date has been set, so watch your email and this newsletter for that information. Better than that, make sure you attend monthly meetings.

Chapter officers will be elected at the at the November chapter meeting and installed at the Christmas party. Our secretary, Dennis Rose, and treasurer Mark Ralston have both agreed to stay on for another year but president George Dorius and vice president Tal Bontner will be stepping down from their respective positions. George has "done his time in the barrel," and Tal finds his business keeps him too busy to give the position all it deserves. This means we will need two people to step forward and volunteer to accept these positions. There seems to be a scheme afoot to elect somebody to these positions in absentia. That means that if you aren't there to refuse the position, you just may get stuck. Would the membership really do that? Don't tempt fate. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, call George at 541-784-7993.

Speaking of the Christmas party, it will be held at the big hangar at Felt Field, Saturday, December 12. The chapter will furnish ham and turkey and members should bring side dishes or desserts. Gil Peterson generously donated \$50 to go toward the main dishes. Thanks Gil. We will be taking a collection of cash, which will be donated to a worthy charity.

Gil has done so much for the chapter that it was decided that we will roll the field at the beginning of spring 2021. This will help everybody and give those who use the field, and don't have those big tundra tires, a smooth landing surface. More about this later.

Chapter membership dues are coming up. They are the same as last year, \$25.00 or \$20.00 if you pay at or before the January 2021 meeting.

As you know we emptied most of the chapter owned equipment and supplies from hangar B3 and moved these things to Kevin and Tami Bruton's hangar, D1. To arrange access to the hangar in order to use the tools, contact Kevin at 541-530-7557.

As the year comes to a close, look out for announcements concerning the annual Freedom Flight. For those not familiar with this event, Freedom Flight has become a New Year's Day tradition. After sharing breakfast at a local restaurant, area pilots adjourn to the airport and celebrate our freedom to fly in this country. Some folks elect to just stay in the pattern and shoot landings, while others, if the weather Gods are cooperating, take the opportunity to fly to a nearby scenic area and enjoy the view.

Your newsletter editor and Wayne Boyter took a ride in Wayne's fine RV6 up to Lake Chelan, WA to take a look at an airplane we thought we might buy. It's a nice airplane and good value for the money but arranging to get it back to Roseburg turned into a major production. A few days later, Wayne went into the hospital to have a knee replacement. We talked with him a few days ago. His spirits are high and he's complaining about PT, but who doesn't. Give him a call at 541-670-1627 and let him know you're thinking about him.

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Rose GlaStar project is under way



Zolatone interior paint

Well, October has been an interesting month with lots of opportunity to stay home and work on the new project. After taking a few days off to drive to Glacier National Park to see our Daughter, Moriah, before she headed east to her next job (Great Smoky Mountains National Park) we settled in for a quiet month, we thought. Then Moriah had a week free before starting work and decided to fly home and de-stress a little. Turns out the people she had just stayed with tested positive for COVID and she brought it home with her. That meant 10 days isolation for her (when

she tested positive) and an additional two weeks for us after her 10 days. Fortunately, she was only sick for a couple of days and so far we are good to go but still in



Flap handle and right cabin air vent

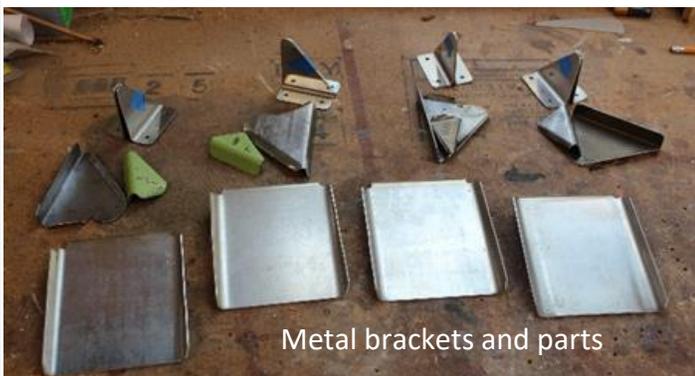
quarantine for the rest of the month.

So, construction has included re-viewing the chapters the other builders did, confirming the work was done and completing a couple of things that were not done. Then I started the Fuselage Systems Installation and actually made progress. I installed the optional cabin air ventilation system, fabricated over 30

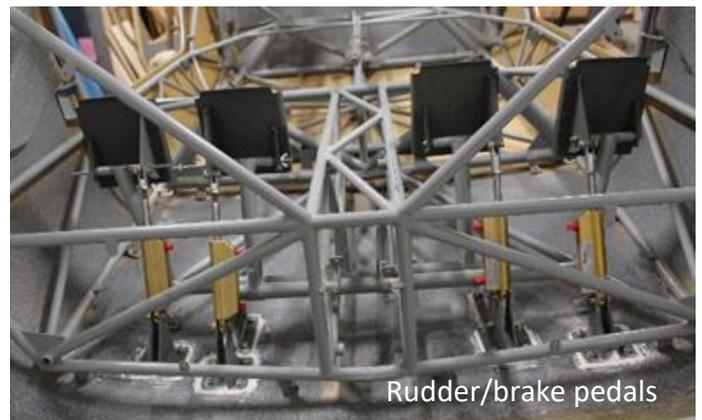
metal brackets and parts, masked and spray painted the interior fiberglass cabin area, installed pilot and co-pilot rudder and brake pedals, and the aileron/elevator control arm and the flap handle. Half of my time was spent finding all the parts (most of them are actually in the building someplace) and ordering parts for optional systems (co-pilot rudder/brakes, vents). The other half was spent putting everything in twice to get it right once. Oh, and missing the October meeting and my buffalo hunt (another story). Enjoy the pictures. Next month's work involves dozens of cable pulleys and maybe landing gear. Looking forward to getting out more in November. Dennis Rose



Masking for painting



Metal brackets and parts



Rudder/brake pedals

A NEW KIND OF VETERAN'S DAY PARADE COMING TO ROSEBURG

Unless you haven't been paying attention you know that we will again be participating in the annual Veteran's Day Parade, this November 11, again coordinated by Steve Kame. And, if you have been paying attention, you know it will be a little unusual this year. Instead of having entries parade down Jackson Street and on to Main, the parade has been moved to the County Fair Grounds. On top of that, it will be what some are calling a "reverse parade." Entries will be parked and the spectators will drive or walk from entry to entry, much like going to the mall or a farmer's market. This is all due to the COVID 19 virus. In a way this should be good for the entries since "parade" attendees will be able to stop and talk at length to entrants they find of interest. Since the theme of this year's parade is honoring military medical personnel, we have decided to become a MASH unit, so if you don't remember the TV series, go back and look it up for inspiration. Steve says we should be gathering at the DC Fair Grounds at 09:00 to set up. For more information, give Steve a call at 541-672-8437 or 541-580-7365.

A Challenge to Members to Share the Gift of EAA

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The past 10 months have flipped the world upside down for many of us, but they have also allowed us to spend more time focusing on our families and our passions. For all of us, the shared passion is aviation. It is what brought us together, and has been the one constant we can look to when the days get rough.

The flying club I am a member of shut down operations for 90 days as we evaluated how we could safely operate amongst the COVID-19 pandemic. It pained me to stay out of the cockpit for more than three months. This was the first time since I passed my private pilot check ride that I was out of my 90-day currency! Additionally, my local EAA chapter put all of our events on hold. Although we were able to conduct virtual gatherings and board meetings, it wasn't the same as our usual in-person events.

This lack of aviation activity caused me to reflect on my passion for aviation, and remind myself how easy it is to take for granted the aviation opportunities afforded by EAA. Like many of you, much of what I use to fuel my passion for aviation has come from EAA. EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, my Young Eagles flight, the relationships built through my local chapters, and the educational opportunities. Without EAA, I am not quite sure where I would find myself on my aviation journey.

One of the great pillars of EAA is the opportunity to give back, and pass the torch to future members. Perhaps you have given a Young Eagles flight that led to a career aviator, or lent a helping hand to a friend building their own aircraft. There is also a great chance that you have benefited from the generosity of a fellow EAAer. It is the lifeblood of our organization!

We all remember our mentor who introduced us to aviation and are forever grateful for the gift they gave us. That mentor may still be a close friend of yours within your EAA chapter. EAA is now asking you to join us in helping to preserve the legacy of EAA Founder Paul Poberezny, and of all our past and current members, by gifting an EAA membership to someone you feel will continue to carry on EAA's mission within The Spirit of Aviation.

It is EAA members such as yourself that can bring aboard the next generation of members. Your involvement in your local chapter is even a greater reason to introduce them to EAA. Chapter members are the most engaged and passionate members you'll find within EAA. There is no better group than a local chapter to welcome a newcomer to EAA.

Once you identify whom you'd like to sponsor, simply visit www.EAA.org/Legacy to register EAA's newest member. After you gift this membership, invite the individual to your chapter, and show them the opportunities and community that exist in their own backyard. By **gifting** a membership and becoming a Legacy sponsor, you will receive a Legacy sponsor pin and patch.

EAA cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the organization, and especially of your local chapter. Chapters are the lifeblood of EAA, and without them the impact of EAA would be fraction of what it is today. Enjoy your holiday season, and we hope to see you in Oshkosh this July!



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