

Freedom Flight now an EAA 495 event

Freedom Flight is now an official Chapter 495 event. Each year on New Year's Day pilots from around the area converge in the skies around Roseburg to celebrate our "Freedom to Fly." In many countries around the world citizens are either forbidden or are tightly restricted in flying activities.

We will be hosting this year's edition on January 1, 2020, beginning at 0930. Pilots and their assorted friends and family are invited to gather for a no host breakfast at Elmer's Restaurant. After breakfast, weather permitting, we will retire to Roseburg Airport for a day of flying. Last year we had perfect flying weather and anybody who wanted to fly had no trouble getting off. For those without airplanes, there are usually some extra seats available. If the weather is not conducive for flying, pilots often find a warm place to engage in some serious hanger flying.

Year end Christmas Party closes out 2019



As the year, 2019, came to a close we gathered for our final meeting for the year at Felt Field for our annual Christmas party. After an hour or so of socializing we got down to the important business of dinner. We were treated to a scrumptious meal of ham, turkey and all the trimmings. Thanks to all who contributed side dishes and most of all to Ken and Ester Nichols for preparing much of the food and coordinating all the other eats. George Dorius created the center pieces, which along with several contributions from

members, were raffled off. Thanks also to Gil Peterson for letting us use the big hangar at Felt Field all year long and contributing to the chapter in so many other ways.

After dinner we took care of the year end business of electing new officers for 2020. Returning officers are: George Dorius as president, Tal Bontner, Vice President, Dennis Rose, Secretary, Mark Ralston, Treasurer, Paul Schafer, Steve Kame, Board Members at large. Joe Messinger, who will continue as newsletter editor and webmaster, was added as a third at large Board Member. *Christmas P.2*

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Lynne Reinhart goes west Lynne M. Reinhart of Oakland, Oregon, passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at the age of 60. She was active in EAA Chapter 495, serving as treasurer, and an active member of the Roseburg Wings and Wheels committee. She was a pilot, owning a Cessna 150, which she flew as her health permitted and she held an A&P certificate. Lynn was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force. She was known around the airport for her quiet demeanor and ready smile. Lynne, you will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



Christmas: Prizes were raffled off and members of the Wright family, new members, really cleaned up. Look for them at the next meeting and say hello to mom and dad, Virginia and Robert as well as young Reimar, 8 (check out his airplane designs) and his brother, Orville, 6. Yes, you read that correctly, Orville Wright.

Paul Schafer reported on his meeting with new City Manager Nikki Messenger. He said that overall it was a good meeting and, although no definite plans were made, they discussed the possibility of the city teaming up with the

chapter for a summer flying event later in 2020 or 2021. Messenger said she was impressed with the award winning float we had in the recent Veteran's Day parade.

According to Messenger, the city is working on a disaster plan in which Roseburg Airport will play a big roll. The plan will include search and rescue and she expressed an interest in utilizing the local flying community as an asset. Paul explained that as a chapter, EAA 495 is prohibited by National rules from flying SAR or SAREX missions. However, individual pilots, our members included may participate if they so choose. No

doubt details would need to be worked out with the city but this may be an opportunity to do some flying and have at least some, if not all your expenses paid during actual or SAREX missions.



Introducing the Wright family.

Kids and airplanes go together like airplanes and pancakes



If you don't believe grandkids aren't a delight, just ask Rachel and Tal Botner. They are certainly involved with theirs and aviation is in their blood. As we all know little Mylee, 6, is a frequent passenger in the Botner Cessna. But how about the newest addition to the Botner clan, Mia Rose Botner, 10 months old when she took her first flight. According to Rachel, it took Mia Rose all of a few seconds to fall asleep clutching grandma Rachel's finger as the Cessna rose toward the clouds. These kids will, no doubt, grow up with a love of all things aviation, just ask Tal.



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