



Chapter 495 Roseburg Oregon

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Welcome to 2019 and another year of flying around the Umpqua Valley and beyond. In the next issue, we will be reporting on some of the activities chapter members have participated in at the end of the year. We took part in another freedom flight (not an EAA function) organized by area pilots and on another occasion some of our members flew some young visitors from Africa. More about that when I am able to fill in a few gaps in the story.



To recap last year, your editor would like to thank several members who contributed words and photos to the newsletter. First off there is Steve Kame, who wrote his monthly Vice President's message we dubbed "Around the Patch." In addition, Steve interviewed members and developed member profiles for many of the issues. Dennis and Bonnie Rose flew to Columbia, California, in the foothills about 46 miles east of Stockton for a canard fly-



in. They also got invited to join the Rutan brothers, Burt and Dick for a joint birthday celebration. We got fine write-ups of both events along with photos, even one picture of Dennis along with Burt Rutan. Thanks Dennis and Bonnie. Another fine contribution came our way thanks to John "Jawbone" Anderson. He shared his trip to Oshkosh in his RV-7A in a story and photos. Kevin Burton told us about a race he had in his Piper Tri-Pacer with Chris Akin who was flying Al Slattery's Thunder Mustang from Reno back to KRBG. It was no contest. I think the best photo contribution came from one of our newest members, Tal Botner with the photo of his granddaughter, Mylee, age 5, and the delight she shows at the wonder of flight.



Some of our meetings were really something to be remembered. We were treated to homemade pizza by Mark and Janice Ralston, who brought their own pizza oven to the meeting. Another meeting began with chili provided by George Dorius. But it wasn't only food to be remembered.

We were graced with the presence of a representative from the Oregon Aviation Historical Society located in Cottage Grove who did a presentation on the Beaverton Outlaws.



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At another meeting Loyd Price gave us some tips on survival and was joined by Barbara Chatfield who gave us a demonstration on first aid and showed how some common items (some found in a woman's purse or even on her body) can be repurposed to help save lives. Many of these techniques were demonstrated on her husband, Billy, much to the amusement of all.



Kudos to Paul Schafer for successfully completing massive amounts of paperwork so that we might achieve 501 (c) 3 status. This will make it much easier to convince people to make donations to us in the future. Much to our chagrin however, not everything has gone as planned. We are still without a hangar at Roseburg Airport, something we feel is essential for a successful youth program. Probably most disappointing was the news that a long anticipated visit by the EAA Ford Trimotor would not be happening. After Paul exchanged numerous email messages and phone calls with EAA national headquarters, we find the command pilot is not comfortable with the weather in our neck of the woods during the time they would be near enough to visit.



One of our more successful endeavors was our participation in the UCC STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) event. George Dorius trailered his LSA Ridge Runner out to the event for display and it was a big hit with adults and children alike. Of course we couldn't resist, when folks inquired, telling people just how it was flown in through the trees and would go out the same way. Then we folded the wings and loaded it on George's trailer.

We held a successful first time "Clean Out Your Hangar" swap meet and fly-



in at Felt Field in August. The next month we were out at Felt again for the Tom Weiss Memorial Labor Day Fly-In. We also got word that Alicia Quero a Young Eagle who we sent to Oshkosh on an all-expenses paid scholarship has graduated from Roseburg HS and is off to enroll in the Aviation Technology program at Central Aviation Community College in Bend. Last year Larry Durst selected Cooper Ray for that same honor.



Our members are now walking around sporting Chapter 495 caps thanks to Ronda Sprague who spearheaded the project after Joe Messinger's logo design was selected by the membership. See Ronda if you need a cap. We are looking at tee shirts later, maybe for summer events. Some of our members bought some new (to them) airplanes. Kevin Burton designed a spark plug expansion tool for aviation spark plugs, which you can get from Kevin or for folks living outside the Roseburg area, check it out at Aircraft Tool Supply.



Speaking of Kevin, as we were, he has volunteered to be our events coordinator. So if you have an idea for an event such as a fly-out, field trip, special presentation or anything else of interest to a bunch of pilots, contact Kevin. Several of our members have expressed an interest in flying Young Eagles. Larry Durst flies quite a few each year, giving rides to as many as 30 in one day, but the chapter would like to see more folks involved. If anybody would like to step forward and volunteer as Young Eagles Coordinator, contact a board member.

We are looking forward to getting a Saturday breakfast going again as soon as the weather gets warmer and will serve burgers and other goodies before meetings. Remember to bring a little pot luck, and a \$5.00 donation if you plan to eat. Now that we've brought up the subject of money, remember chapter dues are due. Dues are regularly \$25.00 but if paid at or before the January meeting, only \$20.00 (just for you).



In closing, we need to thank a few more people who have contributed to the chapter. In fact we would be hard pressed to exist as we have without them. First off are the officers and board, George Dorius, President, Steve Kame, Vice President, Dennis Rose, Secretary, Lynne Reinhart, Treasurer, Paul Schafer, Board Member at Large, and Dan Sprague, Board Member at Large. We also thank **Gil Peterson** who has graciously made his airport, Felt Field available for our meetings, Saturday breakfast and other events. Thank you, Gil. **And, in case you thought we forgot, thanks to Ken and Ester Nichols for all their hard work preparing food for our meetings, Saturday breakfast and Christmas party.**

Remember, this is your chapter and your newsletter. We are always seeking contributions from our members. Maybe you took an interesting trip or made a discovery under the cowl of your flyin' machine or even invented something, or won an award. Send us the information and we'll see if we can use it. Some of you may not know that you can even put a free ad in our newsletter and on our website. All you need to do is send me the information and photos and I will put it in. This is free to all 495 members and almost free for any EAA member.

As you can see, it does take a village. Now let's roll up our collective sleeves and make 2019 even better than 2018.

A few of our member's airplanes.

