



# Chapter 495

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### Around the Patch:

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chapter leaders and interested chapter members, to learn what can be done to help to improve our chapters. It is an information packed symposium that takes four days to complete at Airventure in Oshkosh, but the traveling "Road Show" puts all the information out in one, eight hour class for those of us who can't get back to the big show.

For the last week and a half of February and the first ten days of March, my wife and I took a short vacation. We went to Puyallup, WA. and then to Twin Falls, ID. While we were at Puyallup, I attended the EAA "Boot Camp" for

I'll give a short list (BUT NOT ALL) of what was covered, because there was such a vast amount of information put out that your computer would run out of memory printing it. It started with a discussion of what EAA is, our mission, what is a chapter, and why belong to one. From there it went into the chapter leaders and key volunteers, terms of office, newsletters, taxes, (only two things are for sure, death and.....), and corporate status. Then it was off to all the resources that EAA headquarters can give the chapters and there are a bunch!

They then went into the world of financial management (Mark, this is for you because by now, my eyes were glazing over). Luckily for me there was a lunch break about now. After lunch, the topic of chapter gatherings (meetings) was gone over and what a typical gathering format should ideally be. The presenters talked about chapter programs, chapter (Ahem) videos, events- how to plan and market them, a chapter home--- where, when, rent, buy, and paying for it, insurance and risk mitigation, how to market EAA and more importantly, our chapter through media- radio & TV and through the various social media.

Then an afternoon coffee break which I desperately needed after rubbing some snow on my face- not really, but by now I felt that the presenters were machine guns shooting words at me because they have soooo much information to put out in such a short amount of time! Back to class and to what I thought was the best part, chapter activities & programs. Building and restoring aircraft, the B-17 and Ford Tri-Motor tours, the Young Eagles program and the guidelines. They covered the EAA Air Academy and how to use the Young Eagle credits to send a young person back to Oshkosh for it. There is also a brand-new scholarship called the "Ray Scholarship" which pays big bucks to the hard working recipients, however it's only awarded to a few chapters in each state, to make sure that the young person (and their family) that works for it has some "skin in the game". The next day the Northwest Aviation Trade Show was at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and I picked up a Garmin ADS-B set up. I plan to install it when I'm doing the annual on our Rebel this month and next. And yes, I'm still fighting that stupid fuel seep in the right tank.



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# Chapter 495 is Gearing Up for an Action Filled Summer

Kevin Bruton, our chapter events chairman has been hard at work and reports he has been researching some local and near local events for us to consider in the next few weeks and months. Most of these events are not official EAA sanctioned events but, in most cases, are open to anybody wishing to participate.

First off is the Powers Camping over-night Fly-Out, June 7th -8th. This is followed by the Cottage Grove Wings and Wheels event, June 22nd 9am to 3pm. These Wings and Wheels events usually attract a lot of non-aviators and kids so this will be a good chance to promote our chapter. Next on the calendar is a Camping over-night Fly-In, June 29th-30th hosted by Chris Akin at his home airport. Since parking is limited it would be advisable to RSVP. They say it's a little tricky getting in the first time so Kevin and Tal Bontner are planning to film a video of the approach and post it on YouTube. We will set a link that video in a future newsletter.

Later in the year Cottage Grove will host yet another event, a Stearman Fly-In August 3rd, 7am to 4pm, and they will follow that with "The Great Oregon Homebuilt Fly-In" August 31st, 7am to 5pm. These events are all staged by the [Oregon Aviation Historical Society](#). [Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum](#) (WAAM) will stage their Annual Fly-In/Campout. September 6th, 7th and 8th.

Other events to be scheduled include an Over-night Camping Fly-Out to Illinois Valley airport and camping with Capt. Drake. Kevin is also looking at a Fly/Drive-In to [Cowboy Dinner Tree](#) for lunch. Reservations will be required for this event. You get a 26 to 30 ounce sirloin cooked to order or a whole roasted chicken with all the trimmings and dessert. So you would want to arrive hungry and with cash in your pocket since these folks are old school and don't take plastic.

## Help Us Name Our Chapter Newsletter

Last time we asked for some suggestions for names for our newsletter. Other than myself, one member, Mark Ralston, came through and he even suggested some fonts to use.

The suggested names (in alphabetical order) are 495 Aloft, 495 AV8R, Aces 495, The AV8R, The Bernoulli Blab, The Blurble, The Control Tower, Final Approach, Gustlock Gazette, The Rag and Tube Examiner, Hangar News, Heard at the Hangar, Left Traffic, Plane Talk, The Propwash Times, Roseburg Ascender, The Stall Horn, Straight and Level, Tailwind Times, Tailwind Tribune, The Tailpost, The Three Pointer, Touchdown Tattler, Under Camber, Winged Word, The Wingman, and Wings of Roseburg.

You will have a few days before the next meeting to give it some thought and if you have a better idea please send it to me or bring it up at the meeting. We'll have ballots at the next meeting to cull this list down to the three or four most popular. From that we'll have a final vote. So keep tuned and if nobody wants to participate, maybe Mark and I will get together over a couple of beers and make the decision ourselves.



### Getting Ready for STEAM

Last year we had a booth at the STEAM event at UCC. We plan an encore this year. We will have an airplane for demonstration and gliders for the kids to build and fly. Talk to Paul and sign up. Ladies are invited too, so sign up!



# ODA is Looking for Somebody to Mow Toketee

Paul Ehrhardt called me the other day and said that the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) is seeking a person or group to mow Toketee Airstrip (3S6). He gave me the name of Don Hankswich, Airport Operations Specialist, who I spoke with. He said interested parties should submit a bid to Matt Maass, State Airports Manager, at 503-378-2523. Hankswich said they usually mow the fields once a year. This would be a chance to pick up a little extra cash, for yourself or the chapter, and have the satisfaction of helping to keep a small airstrip open.

Ehrhardt also told me that there is the likelihood that some runway lighting might be coming available this summer. The cost to someone to light their own strip or that of a friend...zero. Keep your ears open for an airstrip in need! More on that later.

## Post a Free Classified Ad

Personal aviation related ads are free to all EAA Chapter 495 members and friends of the chapter. **NO COMMERCIAL ADS PLEASE!** Repeat ads must be sent in each month. NO PHONE ADS! Ads must be received by one week before the end of the month. EAA Chapter 495 accepts no responsibility as to the accuracy or honesty of any ad. The buyer assumes all responsibility. Send ads to: [Joe Messinger](mailto:Joe.Messinger)

Anyone have a David Clark passive headset they want to get rid of? I am looking for one for a trade-in. Doesn't have to work. Dennis Rose [dennis-bonnie-rose@att.net](mailto:dennis-bonnie-rose@att.net)

## JUST FOR GRINS



Economy class is taken to the extreme.



Mechanic inspects the newly installed wheel of an Amish fighter plane.

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