

495 Christmas Party this Saturday



After a long Thanksgiving weekend we are back to a somewhat normal life. The next event on the schedule will be the Chapter 495 Christmas party. Festivities will begin at 5:00 PST with gathering and conversation followed by dinner prepared by our chief extraordinaire, Ken Nichols and his various helpers, served at 6:00. If you haven't called to let Ken know you are coming and the number in your party, you just may get leftovers. We also need you to check in with Ken and let him know what you are bringing to the table.



Chapter collects Blue Ribbon at Vet's Day Parade

With Steve Kame at the helm, EAA Chapter 495 paraded down the streets of downtown Roseburg on Veteran's Day and walked off with the blue ribbon for our class. Tal Botner and his helpers spent two days cleaning and polishing the Tal Botner Excavation company dump truck so it looked like it had just rolled the showroom floor. The truck was decorated with banners and it was towing a trailer with George Dorius' in construction, Sonerai, which we mistakenly called a KR2 in the last issue, and a peddle car looking, for all the world, like a Pitts Special. In the seat, waving to the crowd was six year old Mylee, granddaughter of Tal and Rachel Botner.



Two days before the event, chapter members gathered at a heavily overcast KRBG to decorate the float. Banners were attached to the sides of the truck, the Sonerai and "Pitts Special" peddle car were firmly tied down to the trailer. Flags of all the services were erected and bunting was attached to the sides of the float.

The big day arrived and we were greeted by another overcast, which would burn off a bit and give us a perfect day for a parade. Several of us gathered at the Bagel Tree for coffee and bagels while others went off looking for other treats. At least one of our members went to a local

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Elections postponed until Christmas Party

Since the last meeting was so sparsely attended (You missed some good stuffed baked potatoes.) we decided to postpone election of officers until the Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7. We will be taking nominations from the floor so you better be there just in case you get nominated for something. At least that way you can say "NO"!



Mylee, looking the part of Amelia Earhart waved and smiled at the crowd as we passed along the parade route.

restaurant offering free breakfast to veterans, only to return and report the line was impossible. Don't know if he ever got fed since the parade was about to step off.

Float riders Tal Botner, Army, driving, John Roberts, Navy, riding shotgun, Rachel Botner, looking out for Mylee and Joe Messinger, Air Force (SAC), riding and shooting photos all waved, saluted and acknowledged the crowd as we went by. Steve Kame, Air Force, and Paul Schafer, Marines, walked along side and handed out Sport Aviation Magazines to members of the crowd. Each magazine, which seemed to be well received, had a sticker explaining something about EAA and how to contact us.



Kevin Burton, top, attaches streamers to the side of the trailer during the decorating party.



Left: George Dorius' Sonerai was securely tied down and chocked for the parade. The little bird drew quite a bit of attention and questions: "How many people will it carry? How fast will it go? How much power?" And many others along the route.

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