



# Chapter 495

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### Around the Patch:

by Steve Kame



Mark and Janice Ralston made some really tasty pizza for our September meeting and it was gobbled up, along with pumpkin pie, salad, scrumptious deviled eggs, and other goodies. We had a really good video about how to talk to the tower controllers, and not sound like a "rube from the sticks" while doing it.

It looks like our chapter may not have much for decorations for our Christmas party (on Dec.8<sup>th</sup>), but we'll have some pretty good eats though. So far it looks like we will have Ham, courtesy Gil Peterson and there is rumor of a turkey. Members are asked to bring sides but please check with our dinner coordinators Ken and Ester Nichols to find out what is needed. We all like green bean casserole but not so much if everybody brings one to the party.

The chapter has some \$\$\$ tied up in our P 51 Pedal Car Project and some people have stepped up to help, but, they aren't as easy to build as we first thought. The pedal car is steered by a "stick" like

many aircraft, and have a propeller that turns when they are peddled down the pavement. Just the thing to whet the appetite of a budding young pilot. Think of what a great thing it would be if our chapter had two or three airplane pedal cars in our local parades! Talk to President George if you're able to do some wood working, or some light metal work.

Board member Paul and newsletter editor Joe are looking for a good man or woman to be an officer for our chapter next year. Come on...."No guts, No glory!"

On Friday, September 21st Tal and Rachel Botner, Kevin and Tammi Bruton, Dan and Rhonda Sprague, and Chris and Lucette Akin all planned for a group flight to the Powers Airpatch for a group picnic. That sounds like a great time. Check with them next meeting (October 16) to see how it went.

Speaking of next month!! WE WILL BE HAVING A GUEST GROUP FROM COTTAGE GROVE AT OUR CHAPTER MEETING!!!! They will be putting on a presentation from the Oregon Aviation Historical Society for US! EAA Chapter 495! It will be paid for by the State of Oregon Aviation Department! This is the very same organization that was highlighted in the EAA Sport Pilot magazine by Lauran Paine Jr.

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*Around the Patch:* When I talked to them, I was astounded at how much we pilots today owe to the pilots that went before us. Nowadays, we build an aircraft, register it, and fly away using a GPS unit or track a VOR. "Back in the Day" those pioneering pilots had to fight the regulators tooth and nail, just to get a few flights in. I was spellbound listening to the museum curator talk about how those hardy souls battled the government as much or more as the weather! The fearless early pilots of the State of Oregon had an incredible impact on Experimental Aviation! The presentation should last about a half hour, however, they also have a one hour presentation that they do as well. Hear the stories of Oregon's' early aviators! This is a BIG DEAL!! Put this meeting on your "TO DO" list! SO COOL!!

## Ever wonder, "What happened to that Young Eagle?"

EAA Chapter 495 has another aviation success story! I gave Duncan Bryant, the son of one of our chapter friends, C.J. Bryant, a Young Eagle flight way back in 2008. I guess I didn't scare him too much, because he became really interested in aviation! Duncan, a Roseburg High alumnus, went to Rocky Mountain College for a couple years majoring in an aviation.

Then it was "Onward and Upward" to get more training at Air Transportation Professionals. He started with a private SEL ticket but he now has a bunch of ratings in preparation for the "Heavy Metal". He has commercial, instrument, A.T.P. and commercial multi engine ratings. His future plans are to attend P.S.U. in Portland while he builds flying hours as an instructor at Hillsboro Air Academy, where he has been offered a position. After that, he's got his sights set on Horizon Air.

He's flown all over, and when I asked him if he has had any scary moments, he said that when he was practicing stalls over the Umpqua River way, way, back, that he almost went inverted and that taught him what "Pucker Power" really is all about! EAA Chapter 495 is proud to be associated with Duncan, as should everyone in Roseburg be proud of him!

VP Steve.

## Ken's Tornado flies



After many months of working on it Ken Nichols finally got his Titan Tornado in the air. He has been working on his LSA license with Wolf Edmonds aka Capt. Drake, out of Illinois Valley. Ken would make the trip south to fly left seat in Wolf's Ercoupe while getting the Tornado ready.

Recently, for several weeks, since the Tornado was finally ready and the smoke down south was too thick for safe operations, Wolf began coming up here to work with

Ken. After test flying it and getting a feel for the spritely little bird, Wolf shoehorned himself into the back seat. The diminutive Ken, along with several pounds of ballast in the nose got in front and the lessons began in earnest. The little red and white airplane could be seen buzzing around over Roseburg as Ken was fast tracking toward completing his training.

The two of them showed up at Felt for the last Chapter 495 pancake breakfast and after a pass to size up the field made their approach to a landing. Ken still has some work to do before being kicked out of the nest but he is well on his way. Good luck, Ken and always fly safe.



If you haven't already, you may be getting a call from either Paul Schafer or myself, Joe Messinger. We will be gently twisting your arm and asking you to consider running for the EAA 495 Board of Directors. Please give this some serious consideration since this is your chapter and it takes all of us to make it work. As John Heywood said, "Many hands make light work."

When Paul decided to revitalize the local chapter he had a vision to get Chapter 495 listed with the government as a 501 (c) 3, get a hangar and start a youth program to help young people who are interested in aviation get a leg up. He is still working on that vision and you can help. In a rural community, such as we have surrounding Roseburg, many youngsters may not have the resources, either financial or hands on support, needed to get involved in aviation.

Being involved as a Board member is one way you can help make this dream come true for not only those of us working on it, but the youth of our community. But you know you don't need to wait for that call. You can pick up the phone and call Paul at 541-513-4579 or Joe at 909-851-3802 and ask to be put on the ballot.

## Tal's 56 "C-Bird"

Tal Botner decided a Cessna 140 was a bit too small for his needs so he went out on a search for something a bit larger. After a search, he came up with a 1956 straight tail 172. He traded the 140 and an undisclosed amount of cash and flew off with this beautiful bird. Now he can take the family for a ride and not have to do it one at a time.

The first public appearance for his new ride was at the Tom Weiss Labor Day Fly-In at Felt Field.



## Another Labor Day salutes Tom Weiss at Felt Field

The Tom Weiss Labor Day Fly-In at Felt Field has become an annual event with no end in sight. This year, unlike last, when the Roseburg area was smoked in by fires, was well attended by both drive-in and fly-in participants. It was a great way to remember a man who was not only a pilot's pilot, but also a beloved husband, father and protector of the community with his work with the fire department.

The event will never be as big as the first year when it was publicized to the general public. After that first year Jennifer Weiss, Tom's widow, decided to limit the event to family,



friends and his fire buddies. It has, in this and past years, been well attended by those friends, fellow pilots and first responders. This year there was food, a children's play area with face painting, a contingent of beauty queens and the awarding of the Tom Weiss scholarship to a deserving student.

Here's hoping to see you again next year.

# More Tom Weiss Fly-in photos



Photos by  
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# Fly Safe