



# Chapter 495 Roseburg Oregon

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## Around the Patch

O.K. Another meeting is in the can. I liked the hats and I'm glad that the chapter is getting 36 of them, because if my wife doesn't like the color of the ones that I ordered for us, then I'll have her pick from the ones that we're ordering for a color more to her liking. We need volunteers for our August 4<sup>th</sup> swap & sell to spell off the people who'll be out manning the parking, runway crossing controllers, vendors, etc. Set up starts at 7AM for most everything, but there will probably be things like grass mowing and sprucing up to do on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> as well. Come on out and tell somebody that I sent you and then you'll be eligible for time and a half. (Lemme see.... 1.5 times zero.... uh oh!!!). I put out flyers at Creswell and Cottage Grove and was given one for our newsletter that I'm giving to newsletter editor Joe and the other one I'll put up in our FBO next to the one for our event that I put up in our FBO last week. The next time you see me ask about the push pins at the Creswell FBO. They're cool. On a personal note I've replaced the tailwheel on my Rebel with a bigger one, and I've started the process of adding Vortex Generators to my wings. I'll keep you informed. V.P. Steve

## Burt and Dick Rutan Birthday fly-in by Dennis and Bonnie Rose

We were privileged to be invited and to attend a canard celebration of Burt and Dick Rutan's birthdays on June 30th. The aviation-famous brothers (Veri-EZ, Long-EZ, Voyager, Beechcraft Starship, Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer, SpaceShipOne) were born five years apart but their birthdays are only a couple of weeks apart so they celebrate together.

Burt retired from Scaled Composites several years ago and moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, our destination for the Saturday event. At about 1000 we departed KRBG with clear skies and, at 9,500, smooth air. During the 2.5 hour flight, we passed between Mount Washington and the Three Sisters, overflew the recent fires, and crossed the Columbia Gorge with their circular irrigation fields and wind machines, near Tri-Cities. As we neared Spokane, spotty clouds began gathering and we dropped beneath to exercise our seatbelts. Very soon we entered the



Coeur d'Alene Boyington pattern and landed to join at least 16 other canards from across the United States.

We joined the party for lunch, met other canardians and mingled with Burt, Dick and families. A special treat was the opportunity to inspect the SkiGull, Burt's personal retirement project, his 47<sup>th</sup> design to fly.

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## Rutan

Burt provided a very interesting open question and discussion session reminiscent of those he used to do many years ago under the wing of an EZ at fly-ins. Subjects included the future of aviation and aviation engines, the difference between inventing vs developing ideas and the slow but steady progress of the SkiGull project. The afternoon was concluded with a demonstration flight of the SkiGull, as a light rain settled in.

We spent the night visiting good friends in Spokane, followed by a great church service the next morning, brunch and a 1300 departure reversing our course (including exercising our seatbelts for the first hour) back to KRBG.



## Members Profile: Tal and Rachel Botner

by Steve Kame

Most people get a different car every few years or so, maybe three years, or eight, or ten, or whatever, but they usually don't swap out aircraft quite that often. "Usually" doesn't quite apply to Tal and Rachel Botner. They have about thirty years of wedded bliss, even though they've been flying for about twenty of those years. One of their aircraft (their very first, a Cessna 150) was recently purchased by Rhonda Sprague. Small world!---What goes around.... Over the years they've owned that 150, two different 170s, a 185, a Cub Crafter Cub, a 172 Super Hawk, and their present bird, a 140 that they purchased from our 495 members Kevin and Tammi Bruton.

Tal comes by his love of flying easily, being as he was born in the aviation loving state of ..... you guessed it! ALASKA!!! His wonderful bride is more of a local gal, having been born in Yreka, CA. and then moved up here where she initially worked in the restaurant business. Their adventure of a lifetime together started when a mutual friend invited them to a birthday party where they found that their birthdays are the same!! What are the odds! Although Tal is the chief cook and bottle washer at



Botner excavation, in the past both he and Rachel worked at Bayliner. When Tal was in the military, he was a helo mechanic, airframe mechanic and a Crew Chief on the Cobra gunships. He also occasionally got a few rides in the front seat of one. ROUGH DUTY!! When he wasn't doing gunship duty, Tal also flew gliders in Germany.

Tals' love of aviation also extends to model aviation where he is serving as the president of the Umpqua Valley Flyers. He's a busy guy! They've got three grown kids who've given them one GRAND daughter and one on the way. Tal and Rachel have three kids, Zac, 26 is the oldest son and he works for Tal in his construction business.

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Botner

Their daughter Kali, 24 works as a flight attendant for Horizon Air, and is based in Medford. They are part of Alaska Airlines. She loves to fly and would like to take flying lessons. The youngest is Anthony, 19 and just graduated high school. He works at Dominos' pizza. The granddaughter in the picture is, Mylee. She is 5 and it looks like she had a good time flying with grandpa.

Tal has had quite a few adventures such as having to land at an active duty Air Force base (I think it was Sheppard AFB in TX) because of a mechanical problem, having his instructor do a ground loop at Bellingham, WA. in front of a 737, (complete with scattering luggage all over the runway, dinging up his wingtip, collapsing a gear leg, having the crash-fire units as well as Immigration & Customs Enforcement swoop down on them!!), losing a spinner and having it hang up on the prop, and, get this, losing a cell phone out of the open window of their Cub Crafter Cub, going back to where he thought he lost it and actually finding it!!!

They joined 495 when Kevin and Tammi suggested it to them, and they enjoy flying places and seeing the sights with other pilots. They really enjoyed Sun River, and have plans to get to Airventure in the future.

## Upcoming Aviation Events of Interest

Saturday, August 4, 2018: EAA Chapter 495, Roseburg, "Clean out your hangar," Swap Meet and fly-in. Felt Field (5S1) Roseburg Oregon. Aviation or model aircraft related items only. Vendors setup 7:00AM, gates open to the public 8:00AM. This event is free to vendors and buyers alike. Food will be available. Felt Field is a privately owned public use airport and the owner has asked that no be pets allowed. For more information, contact George Dorius at 541-784-7993.

Saturday, August 11, 2018: EAA Chapters 1457, Eugene, and 1524, Lynn County, Albany, will be hosting a multi-Chapter fly-in at Albany Municipal Airport (S12). Plan to arrive at 10:00AM or later. Lunch will be served 11:30 to 1:30. For more information contact Ron Parker ad [rap-man1952@gmail.com](mailto:rap-man1952@gmail.com).

Friday, August 31 to Monday, August 3, 2018: Great Oregon Home Built Fly-in, Oregon Aviation Historical Society, Cottage Grove, Oregon, west end of Jim Wright Field (K61S). No registration fee. Arrive Thursday, August 30 through Monday September 3. This is an uncontrolled airport but will have ground radio communication starting Friday afternoon. Events include: Pancake breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, 8:00AM to 11:00AM, RV3 dedication ceremony, Outlaw Day, early Oregon aviation stories and other historical presentation throughout the weekend. For more information call 541-767-0244, [info@oregonaviation.org](mailto:info@oregonaviation.org), [www.Oregonaviation.org](http://www.Oregonaviation.org).

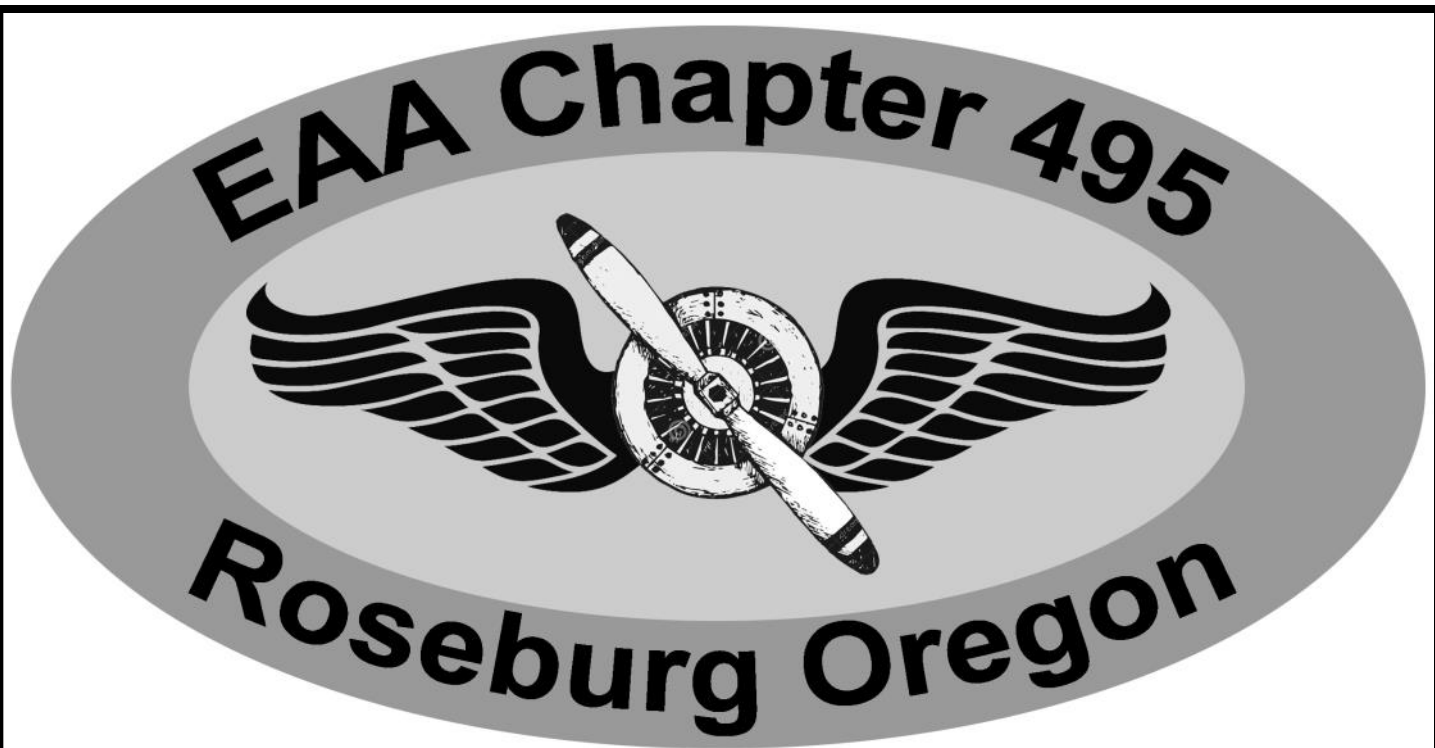
Saturday September 1, 2018: Tom Weiss Labor Day Fly-in at Felt Field (5S1) Roseburg, Oregon, 10:00AM to 2:00PM. Fly or drive-in, Food vendors, RC model airplanes. For more information contact 541-784-7993.



## Update on Alicia Quero

By Steve Kame

One of our Young Eagle participants was a young woman named Alicia Quero. She got her first Young Eagle flight from Larry Durst and I gave her either two or three more flights. She loved flying and eventually our chapter and the Wings and Wheels organization got together and sent Alicia back to Oshkosh on a "full boat" scholarship for some aviation classroom time mixed in with actual flying time. Transportation, books, food, lodging, everything. SHE LOVED IT!!! This year she graduated from Roseburg High and this Fall she is enrolled at Central Oregon Community College in Bend where she will be majoring in aviation technology on a track to eventually becoming an ATP working for a major air carrier. Who says that today's kids aren't motivated!!! We are so proud of her! YOU GO GIRL!!!



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