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## **EAA 430 FLYER**

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**Dedicated to having fun with airplanes and promoting General Aviation**

### **CHAPTER CHATTER**

*With President Ken Brown*



June is the month that signals summer; however, in the PNW, July 5th is typically our first day of summer. This year has been filled with many surprises and disappointments. We have spent months socially distanced from friends and family to prevent the spread of Covid-19. On the rare occasions we ventured out, we gowned ourselves as masked marauders. Hand washing has become a great social activity.

Life will not be the same now, but we have coped with other life changing events before. Most of us in EAA 430 are old enough to remember bits and part of the Great War, while others remember or served in Korea or Viet Nam. 9/11 occurred as well on our watch as did Columbine and the other 11 tragedies of that nature which followed. (Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Santa Fe High School, Umpqua Community College, Red Lake Senior High School, Oikos University, West Nickel Mines School, Northern Illinois University, Santa Monica College, Marysville Pilchuck High School).

As I write this article, we have witnessed marches and protests over the murder of George Perry Floyd Jr in Minneapolis Minnesota on May 25, 2020, concluding with his memorial service in Houston TX. A complete cycle of events, but not the end of the story. Rather just the beginning. For some, it will be a major shift in thinking, while for others, it will be the expansion of our belief system of fairness.

I have missed seeing all of you during this time. It seems very odd not to be hob-knobbing over coffee and donuts, burgers on the grill and lots of airplane talk. I miss flying to airports for lunch or pie, as well as flier-fellowship.

While June still finds us grounded, we can hope July will provide the opportunity to gather and have a burger bash. It will all depend on the Washington State Public Health announcements. Provided we get an all clear, we could have an outdoor gathering at the airport on the grass area between the fuel farm and the office. Hoping this will happen.

In the meantime, be safe and social distance, wear your mask, and enjoy each day.

*Ken*

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- July 2020**
- **VMC Club Meeting July 8 7pm - 8pm**  
**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**Mariner's Café JC Penny Plaza**
  - **EAA Chapter 430 Board Meeting**  
**July 17 9:00 am**  
**Mariner's Café JC Penny Plaza**
  - **EAA Chapter 430 Chapter Gathering**  
**July 25 TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
**Sequim Valley Airport**

- June 2020**
- **EAA Chapter 430 Board Meeting**  
**June 19 9:00 am**  
**Mariner's Café JC Penny Plaza**
  - **EAA Chapter 430 Chapter Gathering for June has been CANCELLED**

Airplanes R Us *by John Meyers* will return in July.

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**Scott Fitzgerald:** On June 7, Scott was involved in a plane crash in Lander, WY. He was flown to a hospital in Salt Lake City and is in stable condition after undergoing surgery to repair extensive facial damage. His wife Tasha is with him at the hospital. She is posting updates about his condition on Facebook in *Scott Fitzgerald Updates*. Scott and Tasha are very grateful for all the prayers and support of friends and members of the community. There is a GOFUNDME page on Facebook at *Scott Fitzgerald Medical Fund* for anyone wishing to contribute to their medical bills and expenses. You can also contribute to the *Scott Fitzgerald Fund* at any branch of First Federal. Scott is a Registered Nurse in ICU and ER at Olympic Medical Center and has been a member of EAA 430 since March 2019. Scott's bio is in the February 2020 EAA 430 Newsletter.

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**From the Editor:** If you have not had an opportunity to read our member bio's, check out the ones which have appeared in the past newsletters. All newsletters are online at EAA430.org.

<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>	
<b>January</b> <i>Ken Brown</i>	<b>July</b> <i>No bio</i>	<b>January</b> <i>Bill Shepherd</i>	
<b>February</b> <i>Ernie Hansen</i>	<b>August</b> <i>Barry Halstead</i>	<b>February</b> <i>Rick Vaux</i>	
<b>March</b> <i>Ray Ballantyne</i>	<b>September</b> <i>Deb Cox</i>	<b>March</b> <i>No bio</i>	
<b>April</b> <i>Harry Cook</i>	<b>October</b> <i>Jerry Tonini</i>	<b>April</b> <i>Rachel Sallee &amp;</i>	
<b>May</b> <i>Dave McNutt</i>	<b>November</b> <i>Gerry Mahoney</i>	<i>Renee Brillhante</i>	
<b>June</b> <i>Bob Hicks</i>	<b>December</b> <i>Colette Miller</i>	<b>May</b> <i>No bio</i>	

## RV-12 PROJECT UPDATE

By Dave Moffitt

My wife gave me an anniversary card that read, "They say love is blind. But marriage... now there's an eye opener! But on the inside the card said, "And I still like what I see." That seems an apt description for my RV-12 project.

My love affair with Van's RV-12 began with a demo ride in late 2011 down in Aurora, OR. The eye opener began in January of 2012 with assembly of empennage kit. For the next five years building proceeded at a reasonable pace since I was in retirement. Then I got called back to work and that has slowed progress considerably. All work thus far has been accomplished at our home – actually in our house, in what we call "The Orville-Wilbur Room." Very convenient, and impossible to ignore.

This is an all-metal side-by-side tricycle gear Light Sport powered by the hundred-horse Rotax 912 engine.

Vans has done an excellent job with the kit assembly manual, with clear and concise instructions. Most of the sheet metal work is joined with pulled rivets – the idea being that a single person can do the construction solo, which is not possible with driven rivets which need one person with a rivet gun and another with a bucking bar. However, I soon learned that a second set of eyes and hands are often necessary to get the job done accurately and safely. Vans has an excellent and easily accessible support program to help with any problems encountered so far.

I soon found that if the parts do not line up precisely, then I have misread the manual. Accurate fitting prior to riveting saves a lot of headaches later on. The sheet metal work has been a true joy – so long as enough clecos are handy. However, the fiberglass work is rather tedious, probably because I don't have a lot of experience with the stuff. But eventually the cowling and canopy began to fit, after multiple trial and error efforts with lots of trimming and sanding. Hydraulics and electrical are pretty straight forward and all the necessary parts are easily identified. Following the assembly manual step by step is essential. Pretty much everything, except the fluids and the paint are supplied in the various sub kits, but there is always the need for some new tool or device to complete the job. Sometimes the hardest work has been fitting my aging carcass into some rather confined spaces.

Now comes the avionics, which is my weakest area of training and experience. Everything is pretty much installed, but I have yet to hook up the power. I have these nightmares of letting out the smoke and having to reinstall those funny little boxes. I know I need some help here, but the COVID-19 thing has made contact impossible. I am definitely open to advice on removing d-sub pins and wiring the ELT.

Once all the final details are complete it will be time to move the project into a real hangar at the airport for engine startup and systems checks. My wife already has plans for the Orville-Wilbur Room, so I best get busy.

I do want to express my appreciation to Dan and Linda Masys and to Trent and Donna Sommer who both have built RV-12s and thus provided lots of info and assistance. I miss them all. And appreciation also goes to Harry Cook, Tech Advisor, for inspection and advice.

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And yes, this project has been an eye opener. But I still like what I see. *Dave*



**GETTING TO KNOW  
EMILY WESTCOTT (WOMAN AVIATOR)**



Emily Westcott, volunteer extraordinaire, first became interested in flying when, after making several many-hour trips to Orcas Island to visit friends, she chartered a plane for the trip. Arriving at Orcas after a 25-minute flight to the island, she told the pilot she was ready to learn to fly. When she got home on Sunday she drove to Rite Brothers and Roger Hansen suggested she attend his ground school at Peninsula Community College the next day, which she did. She took flying lessons in a C-172 with Roger, getting her private pilot's license in 1996.

She bought her C-172 in 2000, the plane she still flies today.

She grew up in Tacoma, became a Cougar at Washington State University, and obtained her Masters in Counseling at Oregon State University and her Administration credentials at the University of Puget Sound. She was the Vice Principal at Port Angeles High School for six years and taught at the Choice Alternative School in Port Angeles for eleven years. She retired from teaching in 1998 and continues as a substitute teacher at Sequim High School.



In 1980, Emily and her husband bought the Red Ranch Motel and Restaurant in Sequim, which was sold in 2003. Emily ran the restaurant by herself the last few years.

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As Christmas holidays approached, once again Emily made plans to beautify the town. The flower baskets which hang on the light posts along Washington Avenue were first started when Emily was a member of the Retail Trade, a merchant association. The objective of the association was to promote the town and its merchants. The creation of 75 flower baskets was originally done by a private company, but was becoming expensive as the number and size of the baskets increased each year.



In 1995, Emily asked the horticulture teacher, Derrell Sharp, at the high school if she could use his students to help put together the baskets. Since then, the students have been making 150 baskets each year with Emily overseeing the project. She also is instrumental in hanging all of the lights in the downtown area during the holiday season. When Christmas is over, she directs the dismantling and goes through all the strings of lights, replacing bulbs when necessary.

She was instrumental in putting up lights at Carrie Blake Park for the Sunshine Festival on the first week-end in March 2020. She has also been a volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club Yearly Auction.

Emily flies EAA 430 Young Eagles each summer. She is one of the organizers of Air Affair at Sequim Valley Airport.

Besides sharing her time, talents and resources with our community, she shares her Cessna 172 with others who need a ride or love to fly but don't have an airplane.





**WHAT:** VMC - Visual Meteorological Conditions (flying VFR - visual flight rules)

Discussions involving flying airplanes visually led by Ray Ballantyne



**WHERE:** Mariner's Café 609 W Washington St. Sequim, WA

Food and beverages are available for purchase during the meetings.

**WHEN:** 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm.

**WHO:** Anyone interested in flying is welcome to attend. It is a great place to meet new people and have some fun!

**WHY:** The one hour meetings use real-world scenarios to engage members and allow a free exchange of information that improves awareness and skills. Designed to provide organized "hangar flying" focused on building proficiency in VFR flying. We hope to create a community of aviators willing to share practical knowledge, nurture communication, improve safety and build proficiency.

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