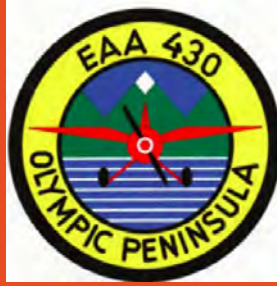




CHAPTER 430



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Upcoming Events

October

28- 10AM - Gathering CLM (Port Angeles William R. Fairchild Airport Conference Room)

November

8- 7PM - VMC/IMC (Mariner Café)

17- 9AM – BOD (Mariner Café)

25- 10AM - Gathering (Port Angeles William R. Fairchild Airport Conference Room)



FROM THE LEFT SEAT — RAY BALLANTYNE



It's been a great flying season in the Pacific Northwest this year. And we got to cap it off with a joint flyout with the EAA406 "Rainbirds" at the Pt Townsend Aero Museum on October 7th. Mike Payne, Director PTAM, offered free admission to the museum for all the almost 50 people. EAA430 alone had 27 who got to see the new addition of the building and new displays. Thanks Mike!

Through our community outreach with Flying start and Young Eagles, we have several new aspiring pilots working together as a ground school workgroup that has been meeting for almost 2 months. It takes major effort and money to become a licensed pilot, but they have begun that adventure!

Speaking of expenses, we are currently providing scholarships for 3 students at aviation related colleges. We're excited to provide these scholarships, but eventually the money runs out. There are several ways to raise donations including raffles, plane washes, and things like that. Since Dave Miller, Kevin and Charlie Tracy demonstrated how good a pancake breakfast can be, maybe we can have a fly in breakfast for donations. We also have Pavers for the Recognition Plaza for sale. In fact, if you act now, you can get an 8x8 with clipart for the discounted price of \$300 (down from \$400) and a 4x8 for \$150 (down from \$200). Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to make an order.

When was the last time you went out for a fancy dinner with 50 of your closest friends? It was probably last year's EAA430 holiday party (if you attended)! I hope you'll join us this year in the Legends Room at the Cedars at Dungeness. The no host bar opens at 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2023.

Fall is a wonderful time to view the earth from far above. I wish you great aviating!

Ray

OCTOBER FLYOUT: BARRY HALSTED

October Flyout to Port Townsend

The October flyout to Port Townsend was unusual for more reasons than one. Planning started back in May when Mike Friend, EAA Chapter 406's secretary, told Dave Miller he'd been thinking about a visit to the Port Townsend Aero Museum (PTAM) and suggested we might do a joint flyout. Dave thought that could be fun and passed the idea on to me. I thought so too and contacted Mike. The month of August was mentioned but Chapter 430's poker run was in August, so we decided September would be good. Mike Payne, PTAM's Executive Director, was pleased to have our EAA members visit the museum as he expected to have opened a newly constructed addition by then; he even offered free admission to our combined chapters and guests. Unfortunately weather didn't cooperate on the planned date and the event was postponed until October.

For October, the 7th was picked so that people working during the week could attend, and the weather was beautiful. Pulling into the aircraft parking area after the long flight from Sequim I was pleased to see a large crowd and many airplanes - nearly 50 people flew or drove in. As planned, we met with Mike Payne at 11:30 and he told us about the museum, the aircraft restoration facility and the youth program that he runs for kids ages 13 to 18. These young people learn about the responsibilities of working while restoring and repairing aircraft, running front desk at the museum, and maintaining the museum's facilities and grounds. They also have the opportunity to learn to fly, with the museum providing all costs to obtain a private pilot's license. Graduates have gone on to commercial and military flying careers and memories to be envied.

Some of our group arrived early for breakfast at the Spruce Goose restaurant while others planned for a later lunch. Of course, the restaurant is always popular and caters to local residents and fliers from all over the Northwest. This being a bright and sunny day the Spruce Goose was quite happy. Those of us who were having lunch had a little wait. What better than to spend it in the museum!

Mike opened up the restoration shop and paint room for those who were interested. But the museum was the major attraction. In addition to aircraft, other items are displayed including engines and aircraft models. Some of these items are kept in smaller side rooms. The new addition looks to be a part of the original structure - it is impossible to see where the addition starts. The mezzanine is adorned with photographs and paintings and allows a view of the aircraft from above. PTAM specializes in classic aircraft, and many have been through the restoration facility there. They are all gorgeous, and many of them are flown regularly by museum employees and kids in the youth program. Oh, to be a teenager again, working and flying here!

This was the first of our flyouts I know of that specifically included members from another EAA chapter. People mixed well here and new friends were made. Maybe the 406 group has places they go that we've never thought of! Hopefully we'll have the opportunity to see more of each other at future events.



GATHERING MINUTES:

Date: Sep 30, 2023

- Meeting social and sign-in 0900 – Pancake Breakfast
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1010 at Sequim Valley Airport, Hangar 15
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 36 members and 1 guest attending
- Guest(s): Karen Gardner
- August Gathering minutes were approved as written.
- Correspondence: Ray was in contact with Port Angeles airport manager Jon Picker as they arranged for Chapter 430 winter gatherings to be held in the terminal conference room, without a fee. Ray congratulated Jon for the successful completion of the runway resurfacing and lighting replacement projects.
 - related discussion - the old Port Angeles airport lights and signage may be good items for fundraising, if we are able to acquire (some of) them, rework and then auction. Availability, effort and value is TBD. Stay tuned.
- Old Business
 - Vice President Rick Vaux reported on our chapter Build and Fly program “graduated” 3 kids. The model they built has been test flown. After a few adjustments, the kids will be ready to fly it themselves. Chapter 430 member Robert Ball, is also the president of the local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) sanctioned Olympic Silent Flyers, electric R/C model club, has taken on the fledging of our young pilots.
 - Ray reported the treasury has total funds of \$14,960, including a new balance of \$704 in the building fund, thanks to proceeds (\$220) from the Poker Run.
 - Membership director Erik Petersen reported paid chapter membership now stands at 100!
 - Fly Out Director Barry Halsted reported the September destination - Friday Harbor - was lightly attended for a number of reasons, but fun for the few who were able to go.
 - October flyout is planned for Port Townsend Aero Museum (PTAM), along with Bremerton EAA Chapter 406 - Rain Birds.
 - The chapter Tool Crib has been pared down to a small set of high-value items and will be moved to Rick Stoffel's hangar at his home. At least for now.
 - Emily Westcott has steel-framed “fuselage rotisserie” stands that she'd like to donate to the chapter. Ray and she will be in contact.
- New Business:
 - Election of Class I Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) will be completed at the November gathering. Uncontested positions may be confirmed by a show of hands. If you would like to serve in one of these capacities, please make your intentions known before then, by contacting VP Rick Vaux or any board member.
 - Logo Apparel - Lisa Ballantyne has graciously offered to collect apparel items from chapter members and take them to Copy Cat Graphics, in PA, to have them embroidered. If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa.
 - Flying Start - Our ground school course group is meeting today, after the gathering, in hanger #15.
 - Holiday Party - Saturday, December 9th, Cedars at Dungeness. No-host bar from 5:30pm, followed by dinner. Invitations with dinner purchase options will be distributed electronically.
 - We can look forward to entertainment from our own Bud Davies [and friends].

- Once again we'll be supporting Toys for Tots, so expect a visit from Santa Clause. Please consider bringing an unwrapped toy for donation.
- Monthly Chapter 430 Membership Gathering moves to Port Angeles Airport terminal, starting Saturday, October 28th. Social, coffee and sign-in from 9:30a, with the meeting starting at 10:00a. Pizza for lunch!
- Project Reports
 - Harry Cook - Sonex Waix B, working on the fuselage.
 - Richard Howell - Sling 2, initial phase I flight testing completed.
 - Dave Moffitt - RV-12, she flies!!
 - Erik Petersen - Cozy Mark IV, plans for resumption of phase I flight testing.
- The business portion of the gathering was adjourned.
- Ray provided our presentation today and a video about the important and rewarding work of the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) and their grassroots effort to maintain backcountry airstrips and irreplaceable access to our nation's wilderness areas.
- Our first pancake breakfast seems to have been a hit. Kevin and Charlie Tracy, Joan and Dave Miller, and others, hosted coffee and treats - and - cooked and served pancakes with bacon and eggs. Wow! Thank you all!!

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

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