



CHAPTER 430



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Upcoming Events

May 27 – General Meeting 9:30 a.m. social,
10 a.m. meeting (Sequim Valley Hangar 15)

June:

01 – Young Eagles, 11:00 W28

12 – IMC/VMC 19:00 Mariner Café

21 – Board of Directors 09:00 Mariner Café

29 – General Meeting 09:30 W28 #15

SAVE THE DATE for Young Eagles

June 1 – Sequim

July 13 – Port Angeles

September 7 11:00 OS9

September 21 – Sequim (contingent on
weather June 1)

FROM THE LEFT SEAT –RAY BALLANTYNE

The flying season has begun! I had the opportunity to spend four days at Moose Creek in central Idaho recently, and found that good flying weather is upon us. Barry Halsted has us flying to Forks soon, and we will be doing the Flying Start program on May 18. Dave Woodcock with Cecelia Aragon will introduce our world of aviation to young adults and those that always wanted to fly.

The vision of our own clubhouse is alive and well. The building committee continues to refine the plan and determine the cost. Our membership contains an amazing group of highly skilled and capable people. If you have a skill or experience that can help us with our building project, please call me. Also, please consider donating to the permanent home for EAA430. Every dollar donated will go to the building. There are no administrative costs. Everyone is a volunteer.

I was recently selected as a state liaison for the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). As the new Washington liaison, I will be attending the biannual national conference for the RAF in Bozeman, MT and will miss the board of directors meeting this month. Rick Vaux was volunteered to lead the meeting during one of the times he was out. 😊

Congratulations to Barry Halsted for giving a great presentation to EAA 406 in Bremerton Washington about Saffire. His one-of-a-kind scratch-built airplane. With the extended daylight now, he was able to fly down and back to display his plane for the evening presentation.

The tetrahedron for Sequim Valley Airport is taking shape (pun intended). The project has been taken on by the boys from Rakes Glen Airport. Richard Humphreys has been the project lead and it should be completed soon. We will need some help transporting it to Sequim Valley airport, and it will need to be painted.

It's time for Young Eagle season and our first rally is June 1 at Sequim Valley airport. I hope to see you there!

- Ray



Barry Halsted Presents "Saffire – Design and Build" at Bremerton EAA 406

The Bremerton EAA 406 Chapter vice-president, Mike Friend, invited Barry to give his Saffire presentation to their chapter, and this occurred May 8th at 6 pm. Luckily the weather cooperated and we were able to fly Saffire over to Bremerton International, a quick 42 nautical mile 17 minute flight. Before the presentation they had a potluck and a "graduation" ceremony for their Build and Fly team members.



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The presentation went great, and there were lots of questions. Following the presentation everyone went out to the ramp to examine Saffire and ask more questions.



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We needed to be back before dark in order to land at our home airport, Rakes Glen, where there are no runway lights. So, at 8 pm we reluctantly said our goodbyes and took off. It was a gorgeous evening flight back, as the sun was setting.



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Here we are turning downwind at Rakes Glen, at exactly 8:30 PM. A successful and fun experience. Having fun with airplanes. That's what it's all about.

Submitted by Tracy Halsted



GETTING TO KNOW GUNNER ROGERS: RAY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Ever since I can remember I have been intrigued by the wonderful world of aviation. I went on my first flight when I was less than a year old. Every year my family and I would fly to go visit our family and the more I flew the more I wanted to know about flying. When I was six years old I began asking the pilots about how the plane flew, and I would get frustrated when they didn't want to explain to a six year old the aerodynamics of the plane. This caused me to have a longing to find out more on my own. When I was eight years old I got to fly a plane for the first time. My grandparents had a friend who had a Piper Cub, and he took me up in it and then gave me the controls to fly around. That was when I truly fell in love with flying, when I got to experience the effortless and elegance of soaring through the sky, and getting to see all the wonderful and amazing sights. After this day I began looking for any and every opportunity to be able to fly again. That was when I found Young Eagles and where I got to meet Ray. Ray along with Young Eagles helped me to start my aviation journey by beginning flight lessons. Throughout my lessons I have been able to experience all the amazing things every pilot goes through. When I started flying, everyone said how great that first solo would feel. All the nervousness, anxiousness turned to pure happiness when I felt the wheels leap off the runway for the first time with no one else with me. From that point on I have only been able to make more memories such as my first solo cross country where I was able to fly over my home town of Forks. As I chase my dream of becoming a commercial pilot I look forward to the numerous adventures and memories ahead of me.

OTTO PILOT (REPRINTED WITH CONSENT: AIRFACTS MAY 3, 2024)

1 min read



The view: Prototype of "OTTO-PILOT" in May 1968. A later version appeared in the 1980 movie "Airplane" with all-star cast.

The pilot: John Meyers

The airplane: Douglas DC-6

The mission: Pulling a prank on novice cabin crews in the era.

The memory: Inflight demonstration of the DC-6 "autopilot". It's actually a Playtex glove which was rubber-banded to a cold-air eyeball outlet near the control wheel. The geometry was perfect and the glove mimicked the yoke movement. The dishwashing glove actually pulsed given the uneven airflow from the vent.

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John Meyers

John soloed in a J-3 Cub at age 16 in Newark, Ohio, attended Ohio State in 1961, and managed to begin an airline career at United in 1966. He maintained a connection to small airplanes, both legacy and experimental types, owning some interesting types along the way. Examples include: Harmon Rocket II, Citabria, RV-6, Maule, and now his "old-man's airplane," a 1963 Cessna 150 TD (taildragger).

EAA Chapter 609's

AVIATION SWAP MEET

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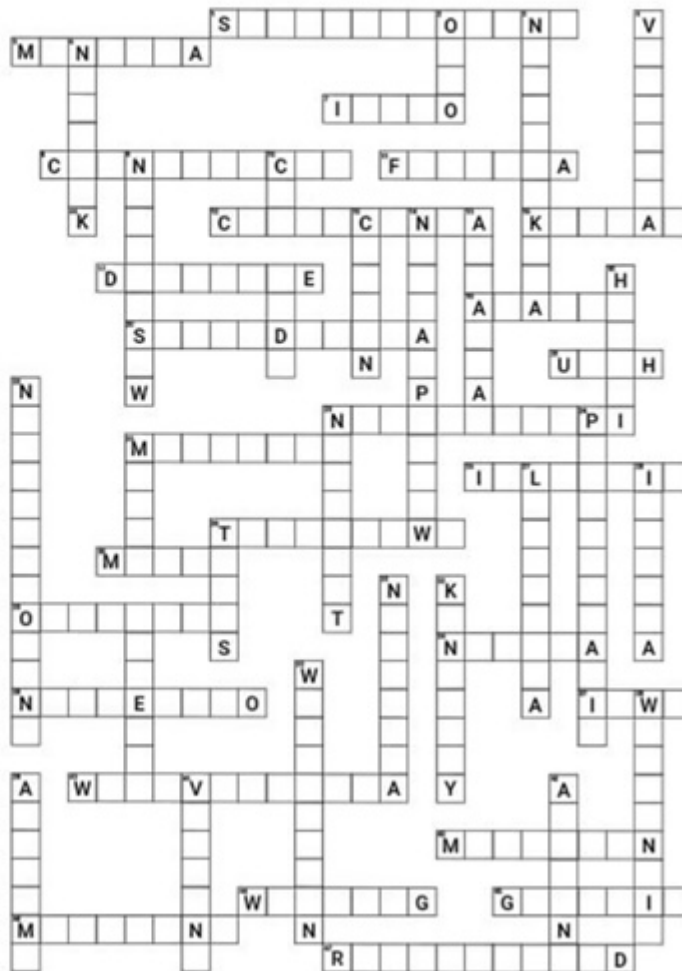
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ACROSS

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19. ANC
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25. STL
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34. LAS
36. ABQ
37. DSM
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46. BWI
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DOWN

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4. DCA
6. JFK
9. EWR
10. DEN
13. PDX
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15. LIT
18. HNL
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23. MSP
24. PHL
25. BOS
27. MSY
28. IND
29. DFW
31. OMA
32. SDF
35. SEA
38. MKE
39. BHM
41. BTV
42. PHX



APRIL 2024

Date: April 27, 2024

- Meeting social and sign-in 0930.
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1014 at Sequim Valley Airport, hangar #15.
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 38 members and 1 guest attending.
- Guest(s): Doug Medema.
- March Gathering Minutes were approved as written.
- Correspondence:
 - Dave Miller reported that our Ray Scholarship application has been approved for \$6,600 and that \$4,400 has been allocated to Rite Bros.
 - Richard Howell reported his email exchange with EAA's Dave Lieting to explore the possibility of loosening some EAA Young Eagle constraints, with regard to registration, parental participation/presence, event co-sponsorship with community youth organizations - turns out to be flatly *not allowed*, according to EAA policy. We will find a way for EAA Chapter 430 members to participate in and support "Build and Fly-like" workshops, sponsored by Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and CAP, as well as a few of our own.
- Aidan Lara completed his first solo in March. He'll be taking his written exam next week and is anticipating being ready for his check-ride in June.
- Old Business:
 - Treasury - (Ray) Scholarship \$6,000, Building fund \$130,000, General \$4,000
 - Ray also reported that the building fund had, just this morning, received a \$10,000 donation check from a patron that has requested to remain anonymous.
 - Scholarship Chair Dave Miller - appealed to the membership that we keep our scholarship funding active and not allow building funding to detract from contributions to our ongoing scholarship program.
 - Membership - (Tracy and Ray) reported that our EAA chapter has approximately 100 paid members.
 - Flyouts - Barry Halsted reported the April flyout to Arlington was attended by 19 folks.
 - Ray briefly reviewed some of the PowerPoint presentation he made at last month's gathering. And reported that the Sequim Valley Airport board has received our written request and proposal for a property lease to accommodate the new clubhouse. No funds have been committed yet.
 - Ray presented an overhead, perspective drawing of what our clubhouse might look like, situated at Sequim Valley Airport, just about where the current office/trailer is now. (Thanks to EAA Chapter 430 member Melissa Laird.)
 - Ray led a discussion about possibilities for the clubhouse and related matters.
- New Business:
 - Tetrahedron project at Sequim Valley Airport (W28) - Barry, reported that the old tetrahedron has been taken down and carted away. The new unit will be metal. Design, fabrication and assembly are in progress. The size will be approximately 14ft. long and 6ft. wide (at the back).

- Sequim Valley Airport - a reminder that *Air Affaire* - will be on August 24, a week earlier than it has traditionally been. That leaves the following weekend open for a regular EAA 430 Chapter Gathering, also in August.
- Flying Start - (Ray) Saturday afternoon, May 18, 1:00pm event, will be hosted by Dave Woodcock at Fairchild Airport in Port Angeles. Pilots are needed. Please contact Ray or Dave and support the effort with your time, piloting skill and airplane.
- Young Eagles - First event will be June 1 at Sequim Valley Airport. Please contact Bud Davies and volunteer to be a pilot and support this important program.
- Project Reports.
 - Harry Cook - Sonex Waix B, just about to start looking like an airplane (after joining of the main fuselage sections).
 - James Russell has a Cozy Mk IV project in his workshop. He and Erik Petersen will soon begin work on an improved canard for Erik's Cozy.
 - Doug Medema is 3.5 years into building his RV-10. Doug has also built and flies an RV-6A.
- Our next Chapter Gathering will be May 25th, here at Sequim Valley Airport.
- VMC/IMC Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, May 8th, 7:00 pm at Mariner Cafe.
- The business portion of the gathering was adjourned.
- Our featured presenter was Dave Woodcock, with lots of history and photos about the role of Piper L-4 aircraft during WWII, along with specific details of his L-4, that rolled out of the factory and into service 80 years ago this month. A birthday celebration - with cake! - was enjoyed by all.
- Our first Burger Bash of the summer season was brilliantly presented by Kevin and Charlie Tracy and the generous volunteers who made wonderful treats and cooked for us. Thank you all!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

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