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FROM THE LEFT SEAT

With President Ray Ballantyne

We had a great Young Eagles rally on the 13th this month. Many members of our chapter came out to serve and help out. Tracy and Bud have fine-tuned the process of putting on a rally, and several pilots showed up to provide the rides. We had two pilots- Mark and Simon, from other chapters come and provide great support with their 4 place airplanes. It always amazes me to see how flying affects everyone somewhat differently. I had kids just enthralled looking at their world from above, and those that wanted to learn how to pilot the aircraft. **You just can't tell by looking at them how they will react. "More than anything else, the sensation [of flying] is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost- if you can conceive of such a combination" Wilbur Wright. I invite you to join us in Sequim on September 7th to experience it yourself.** A big shoutout to Gordon Tubesing for his dedication to provide flights for young people. He truly is inspirational.

We have all heard that EAA is aging, and we're endangered of going extinct. But I'm seeing things somewhat differently. At our last Gathering, Madeline Patterson reported that with the help of our scholarship program she has graduated with a degree from North Dakota University after obtaining all of her ratings (except ATP). **She's planning to flight instruct in the local area prior to going into the Coast Guard as a pilot.** Daniel Weaver, another scholarship recipient, is working this summer at Rite Brothers.

Gunner Rogers, our Ray scholarship recipient, has scheduled his Private Pilot check ride before the end of the month, and Aiden Lara is right behind him. Both Gunner and Aiden have energized their families - cousins, moms, dads, and even grandparents that have either taken a flight or plan to soon.

We have our eyes on a couple of other Young Eagles who are interested in joining our chapter. So, I think the future of our chapter is looking brighter!

Get out and go flying to get your 5 airport stamps to participate in the Poker Run! We are getting some donated prizes that will be awarded at the Gathering on August 31.

Thanks to the Building Committee who has done a lot of work this past month clarifying where the building will go, what type of construction, and what steps are required. They hope to winnow down the choices in the next month or so and then present their proposal to the membership.

There are seven chapter members planning to attend AirVenture in Oshkosh this year. I, being one of them, **will not be here for the July Gathering, VP Rick Vaux will lead the meeting and he is anxious to get his hands on the gavel** ☐.

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JULY AND AUGUST 2024

VMC/IMC Club Meeting
2nd Wednesday of the Month
August 14
7 - 8 pm Mariner Cafe

EAA 430 Chapter Board Meeting
July 19 August 23
9:00 am Mariner Cafe

EAA Chapter Gathering
Last Saturday of the Month
July 27 9:30 am



July 13th Young Eagle Event at Port Angeles



Chapter 430's second Young Eagle Event of the year was held Saturday, July 13th at Fairchild Airport, Port Angeles. Our 6 pilots flew 40 kids. Many thanks to our Chapter pilots, Ray Ballantyne, Bud Davies, Gordon Tubesing, and Steve Emley. Two pilots from other chapters showed up to help out, too – Thanks to Mark Norman Chapter 84 and Simon Briant. Sixteen volunteers handled processing the kids through the system, and making sure they were safe on the ramp.

Fly-out to Friday Harbor June 7, 2024

EAA Chapter 430 held this month's flyout to Friday Harbor on June 7. After several months of somewhat challenging weather, the morning dawned with cloudless skies and the promise of shirt-sleeve lunchtime temperatures. The temperature did, in fact, reach 75°, making for a very pleasant walk from the airport to the Downriggers restaurant.

Friday Harbor is an annual favorite place to fly, and today was no exception. The group today totaled 15, exceeding expectations. As such, no warning had been provided to the restaurant when we sheepishly asked if they could seat the entire cadre. Bear in mind we were standing in a line of waiting patrons when we reached the **sign-in podium, and I'm sure those behind us were mortified at our number.** But graciously, the staff asked us to wait only five minutes while they added tables and chairs, arranging them in adjacent settings of seven and eight. We all had a view of the marina and watched the ferry boats come and go as we ate.

This flyout featured a diversified group of fliers ranging from current airline pilots to a student pilot (about two weeks from taking his private pilot check ride). The nine attending aircraft carried Aiden Lara, Ernie Hansen, Richard and Mary Ann Howell, Rick and Donna Stoffel, Scott and Annette Alair, Bud Davies, Tom Roorda, Barry and Tracy Halsted, newcomer to our flyouts Carl Peecher **with his son Doug, and (joining us from Bremerton's EAA Chapter 406) Mike Friend.**

This day's weather gives us a glimpse of what's ahead. We're looking forward to more beautiful Northwest flyouts in the months to come.



THE GREAT TENT CAPER IN THE SAWTOOTH'S**By Ray Ballantyne**

The sun was well-established in the sky at 7 am this June morning of 2024 as my wife, Lisa, and I lifted off in our GlaStar headed for the annual GlaStar Flyin at Smiley Creek, ID. The skies were clear with a slight trailing wind, and Seattle Approach Control cleared me through the Class Bravo airspace as requested. Life was good. We were winging our way from Sequim, on the Olympic Peninsula, across the Washington Cascades to Idaho.

After a fuel stop in Cascade, Idaho, we bumped our way through the turbulence around the Sawtooth Mountains past Stanley arriving at Smiley Creek Airstrip around noon. After this magic ride of about three hours over beautiful mountains and rugged peaks, we arrived to greet many of our friends gathering together for the flyin.

As I was regaling those at the picnic table with aviation stories and a cool beverage in my hand, I saw Lisa putting the tent together near our parked airplane. All of a sudden, a big Zephyr came blowing through the area. The gust not only blew off her hat, but it sent the unstaked tent about **20 feet in the air! I looked out and said to those around me "there goes my tent!"**. When it hit the ground, it bounced back up in the air and then rolled out of view.

There was no panic, because we expected the wind to stop blowing and the tent to get hung up on brush. But the tent disappeared behind the willow bushes. And behind the willow bushes was a **fast-flowing mountain creek. The situation began to get more serious the longer we didn't know** where the tent went.

I ran down to the scene of the crime and started looking for the tent to see if it floated down the creek. It was not easy to access the creek because of the line of willow bushes on each edge. I finally found the tent hung up on a large round rock in the middle of the creek with water flowing all around it.

After crossing over to the other side, I took off my shoes and socks and waded into the water and grabbed the tent at the center of the poles. As I tried to retrieve the tent, one of the poles broke, so I tried to get it unhung as gently as possible. I continued to try to rock and pull the tent from the cold stream. I eventually got it free of the rock, but every time I tried to pull the tent in, the floor would fill with water making it weigh about 400 pounds. So here I am- **I can't pull it in, and I can't let it go.** I am knee-deep in the freezing water, pulling as hard as I possibly can, trying not to fall **down, and not making much progress. I am amazed I wasn't either pulled in or had my feet slip** out from under me. But failure was not an option. If the tent got away from me, we would have no shelter for the chilly nights of Idaho above 7000 ft.

THE GREAT TENT CAPER IN THE SAWTOOTH'S (continued)

I had to hold on!

Remembering the definition of insanity, I realized something had to change. I started pulling the fabric of the tent sideways and tried to turn the tent around - which ended up being successful. In the process of actually extricating the tent from the creek, two more poles were broken.

Unbeknownst to me, the rain fly and the footprint of the tent detached and went floating down the river. Lisa saw them floating by and waded into the river up to her waist with all her clothes on to retrieve them both. The only thing we lost was the crossbar at the top of the tent.

I was physically exhausted by the time the tent made landfall. It took several minutes recovering before I could get my shoes and socks back on. But we resolved the great tent caper with only a few cuts and scrapes on the rescuers, the tent, fly, and the aforementioned poles.

There was great rejoicing among the GlStar group for the return of the wayward and lost tent. Repair kits and Duct tape were offered by many, and before you knew it the tent was standing again. Would you believe another dust devil came up? Even with two people holding it, the tent made another escape attempt which was quickly thwarted. But in the fracas, another pole was sacrificed.

The great tent caper was ended shortly after that event. All the poles were battlefield repaired and the wayward tent was securely staked down and served admirably for two more nights keeping us warm and protected.

Remember to always keep your tent under control - **for everyone's sake.**

Interesting Factoid:

There is no Ground Control at Lake Hood Seaplane base/strip -
Because almost everyone is on the water—not on the ground!



Fourth of July Adventure
At Blue Heron WN49



Blue Heron is a privately owned grass strip here in Sequim, along the Strait. **It's owner, Kathy, is super friendly and encourages visitors, as long as they call first and sign her waiver.**

She invited EAA members Barry and Tracy Halsted and Ernie and Jeanne Hansen to attend her annual 4th of July BBQ. It was a spectacular and fun day. The weather was perfect, the strip is immaculate, and the food included New England boil with shrimp, plus fresh **Maine lobsters. Can't get much better** than that!

If you're interested in landing at Blue Heron, give Kathy a call. She's listed in the airport info for WN49.



Harry Cook gave a real interesting presentation at the May Gathering. A totally inside look at the life of an Air Force F-4 fighter pilot. The video was fascinating, as was the talk. His squadron was called The Black Knights, and after watching the video it was clear why they were called that. Thank you, Harry, for sharing your Air Force adventures with us!



Rakes Glen (WA59) is a small private air park in Sequim. Two EAA families reside there – Ray and Lisa Ballantyne, and Barry and Tracy Halsted. There are several other pilots on the field that we have yet to convince to join our fine organization.

We love it here, and encourage visitors, as long as they check with Ray or Barry ahead of time to get instructions.

This particular day our frequent visitor, Ernie Hansen, showed up in his Super Cub and Ray got a photo of the Two Cubs with their two pilots.

Life is Good!



Sequim Valley Airport Tetrahedron gets painted!

Harry Cook, with assistance from Barry Halsted, painted the tetrahedron a bright orange! Now it will be easy to spot from the air. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Richard Humphreys and Barry Halsted built the tetrahedron.

Good job, Guys!



Chapter 430 Annual Poker Run has started! Barry sent an email a few weeks ago including the entry form. The entry fee is \$20, payable at the August Gathering. You must fly to 5 of the 15 airports identified on the form and get a passport stamp to prove you've been there.

At the August Gathering we will have a real poker game and \$20 plus your completed form buys you a seat at the table. Ray and Barry have gathered some fine prizes to hand out, plus it's a lot of fun!

See Barry or email barryhalsted@aol.com with questions.

Thought of the Month

To most people the sky is the limit.

To those who love Aviation, the sky is home.

EAA June Chapter 430 Gathering - Minutes

Date: Jun 29, 2024

Meeting social and sign-in 0930.

Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1000 at Sequim Valley Airport, hangar #15.

Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 34 members and 1 guest attending.

Guest(s): Jim Pedlar ("Jim" is Aidan Lara's grandfather)

May Gathering Minutes were approved as written.

Correspondence:

Ray Ballantyne reported that Dave Miller asked for more info for local support of scholarships.

Aiden Lara is ready for and expecting his private pilot checkride very soon

Gunner Rogers is scheduled to take his private pilot practical written exam on July 11

There has been ongoing contact with Sequim Valley Airport board of directors to discuss our request for a land lease for a chapter facility and response from the SVA board.

We have received our 2023 banner for being an EAA Gold Chapter. The banner is displayed on the east wall of the hangar where we're meeting today. (Thank you Bud Davies for sharing your space with us all!)

Erik Petersen reported that chapter membership stands at 102 paid members, with the "sliding window" for new members at 17. The chapter continues to grow.

The chapter treasury funds have approximately - \$6k scholarship, \$146 building, \$6k checking.

The Sequim Valley Airport tetrahedron is working. The final task is paint. Harry Cook has generously volunteered to take on that task.

Barry Halsted reported that the June fly-out to Friday Harbor attracted 9 airplanes and 15 folks.

Saturday July 20 the fly-out will be to Mears Field (3W5), Concrete, WA - to correspond with their annual airport fly-in that weekend. This will be one of the airports for our poker run. Chapter 430 members should expect to see an email about that very soon.

Gordon Tubesing took a few moments to tell us about Airport Appreciation Day at Diamond Point - Saturday August 10th, from 1000 to 1700. Fly-in pilots must fill out a

Ray Ballantyne reported that the SVA board has made EAA Chapter 430 a land lease offer. The building committee (currently Barry Halsted, Harry Cook, Richard Howell and Ernie Hansen) is working to review the offer and determine next steps.

New Business:

Ray reminded us that Sequim Valley Airport - Air Affaire is Saturday August 24.

Several chapter members are planning to attend AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI - Ray and Lisa flying in their GlaStar. Richard and Mary Ann Howell flying in their Sling 2. Barry and Tracy Halsted will make the trip commercially. Carl Peecher is making the trip too.

Young Eagles - our next rally will be Saturday, July 13 at Wm. R. Fairchild Airport (KCLM) in Port Angeles. So far, 6 pilots have signed up - including a helicopter. More pilots are needed. Please consider volunteering yourself and your airplane for this and future events.

Flying Start - there are still a couple of Eagle Flights that need pilots. (Erik Petersen has one flight scheduled next Saturday). Step up if you can.

Member Dave Boerigter has sold his Mooney. ☹️ **He has some "free stuff" for those who are interested.** Also, Dave has a Dynon Pocket Panel available. Please see Dave.

Madeline Patterson has graduated from U.N.D. and spoke to us briefly about her time at university and her application to the U.S. Coast Guard officer program.

- Project Reports
 - o Rick Stoffell - RV-10, bottom wing skins on. He estimates 3+ years to go!
 - o Harry Cook - Sonex Waix B
 - o James Russell - Cozy Mk IV, plans in-hand 24 years
 - o **Collette Miller is selling her Citabria as a "project" to make room for her Sonex build. She'll be working on the wings next.** Colette also has acquired an RV-4
 - o Dave Gardner is reworking his Kitfox III
 - o Carl Peecher is doing some work on his yellow GlaStar
 - o Student Pilot Aidan Lara recounted his recent solo pilot in command (PIC) handling of his real - loss of power emergency - that ended very well, with his exceptionally smooth landing and managing to taxi clear of the runway at Sequim Valley Airport.
 - o Norm Nelson shared that his son Nathan has begun his participation in the youth mentorship program at the Port Townsend Aero Museum.

Today's presentation by Chapter member Scott Alair, about the building of his Lancair Legacy and then, adventures flying cross-country with his wife and son. Scott recounted, along with an excellent slideshow, his exciting experiences flying his 290+ mph machine in the 2005 & 2006 Reno National Championship Air Races! (secretary's note: Oh so cool! Wow!!)

Burger Bash - Yet another wonderful lunch was hosted by Kevin and Charlene Tracy, along with Dave and Joan Miller and others. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen!!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

From the AIM:

A "traffic in sight" reply to ATC must be based on seeing an aircraft "out-the-window", not on the cockpit display.

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