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From the Left Seat – with Ray Ballantyne



I started this flying season saying "I want to pour as much gasoline through my aircraft carburetor as I can this year ". And by so doing, we got to fly the GlaStar to Santa Barbara, Tennessee, Oshkosh, Canada, Alaska above the Arctic Circle, and several trips to Idaho and Montana. I think I accomplished my goal. Is this a great country, or what? Barry has

been doing a great job providing a chapter flyout every month . We've been asking other chapters to join us. Let's go fly – the season's not over yet!

We had a great and very well-organized Young Eagle season. A big thanks to Tracy and all those who volunteered to help her . And a big thanks to YE coordinator Bud Davies who not only planned the three events, but also flew kids in each one. He tied for most kids flown in a two-seater. Gordon Tubesing flew the most kids (26), and we received needed help from other chapters. Brian Funk of Auburn flew 17 YE's at a single event.

The board has identified some worthy scholarship recipients and has decided to step beyond our two current scholarships and add a third. We also decided to spend our YE credits to fund Nathan Nelson to go to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI this summer. We offered funding for Jazmin Stampler to attend this Academy also. We then announced a Chili/BINGO fundraiser for October 19 at KCLM at 16 00 to help fund these bold additions. As an outreach, Richard Howell is working to introduce aviation to local youth through the Boys and Girls Club and our Build and Fly program. Contact Richard to learn more.

We transition this month to our winter location at Fairchild Airport Conference Room in Pt Angeles for our monthly Gatherings. The October 26th Gathering begins at 0930 with a yummy breakfast prepared by the Tracy's. I look forward to seeing you there!

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October and November Events

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

EAA 430 Chapter Board Meeting
Nov 22nd 9:00 am Mariner Café

EAA Chapter Gathering
Last Saturday of the month
9:30 AM Wm. Fairchild Airport
Conference Room, PA.

**Chapter Board of Directors are listed on the Chapter website EAA430.org
Chapter phone number for messaging is 877-EAA-0430 (877-322-0430)**



FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for David Boerigter

David received his Master Pilot award at the September 2024 EAA430 Gathering. Although he joined the Air Force as a navigator in 1956 and served with air refueling and Arctic resupply, he didn't start flying on his own until he soloed a J3 Cub in 1959. In 1966, he got his private pilot license at the Bunker Hill aero club. While assigned to Montreal Canada in 1973-74, he was flying a Cherokee, Twin Comanche, Aztec, and Super Musketeer and received his commercial, multi engine, with instrument rating. His only incident was a catastrophic engine failure in the Musketeer which resulted in a forced landing. He went on to fly in Australia and own a Mooney M20C for almost 30 years. His wife Barbara joined him for the ceremony.



George Steed Presentation

George Steed, Washington Pilot Association and EAA406 member, presented an informative and entertaining description of a man who wanted to overhaul his IO-360 and the friend who helped him. He and Mike Friend traveled to Canada and helped complete the overhaul of Mike's engine under the guidance of the Aero Sport Power facility in Kamloops, BC.



Sequim Valley Airport Tetrahedron update

Kevin Tracy and Dave Miller added the chapter logo to the newly constructed tetrahedron. The logo was obtained and donated by Linda Priddle. Congratulations to everyone who helped make this project a great success!

Orcas Island September Fly out



The flyout this month (September) was held on a Saturday and the location was Eastsound Airport on Orcas Island. With a sunny weather forecast of few clouds and low winds, Saturday was chosen for this flyout and eleven aircraft carried seventeen people to this island airport. Most of our flyouts have occurred on weekdays and this time we saw folks that had not been able to attend previous flyouts. Our flyout included Todd Taylor (new participant in his Tecnam

Echo Super), Erik Peterson (who brought Kevin Tracy in a C-172), John Ward (who brought Aidan Lara in his Pipistrel Sinus), Scott Alair (in his Lancair Legacy), Ken and Skip Brown (in their RV-9), Ray and Lisa Ballantyne (in their Glastar), Bud Davies in his Cessna 152), Richard and Mary Ann Howell (in their Sling 2), Mark Long (new participant in his SeaRey LSX), Sam Cyphers (in his Zenith), and Barry and Tracy Halsted (in their Saffire). Wow! As noted, some of our chapter members who were unable to fly in their own aircraft received rides from those with empty seats. Several pilots volunteered to take those in need; what a great group of aviators we have!

Besides the Saturday date this flyout was also unique in that there was a choice of two luncheon locations: the airport for those who wanted to have a picnic, and Eastsound for those who wanted to walk to the town's several restaurants. Ray and Lisa, John, and Bud chose Eastsound, and after lunch Todd (who brought an E-bike with him in his Tecnam) rode into town also.

The airport saw plenty of activity while we were there. Those of us picnicking at the airport watched a beautiful 1927 Travel Air biplane giving rides. We also watched as a very nice SNJ-5 (similar to the Army's T-6) as it was pulled from its hangar. This aircraft flew after lunch so some of us were able to see it in the air. There are several houses with access to the runway and a number of airplanes from them enjoyed flights this day also.

After lunch and fellowship, takeoff was made using runway 34. The departure puts one over the water almost immediately with Sucia Island just ahead. The view was spectacular this day, and I'm sure everyone here looks forward to another Orcas Island Flyout.

Barry

Orcas Island Fly out Airplanes – can you identify them all?



Our Scholarship Recipient Henry Brown

The online interview with Henry was in a question/answer format, conducted by Skip Brown.

YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCE:

How old were you when you became interested in airplanes?

Although the idea of aviation has always intrigued me, my interest sparked at 13 years old when I got accepted into the Port Townsend Aero Museum's youth volunteer program. Through the youth program, I was requested to volunteer one day per week. From the retail business of running an aero museum to assisting with complicated aircraft restoration projects, I learned ample knowledge about airplanes and, above all, discipline at a young age. As a bonus, I was granted free flight training through volunteer flight instructors in the program.

Where was your first ride in a plane & who was the pilot?

My first plane ride was in a 1967 Cessna 172 at Jefferson County Airport in Port Townsend, WA. Carl Nepute, a volunteer flight instructor at the Port Townsend Aero Museum, was my instructor.

What is your goal when you become a pilot?

My goal as a pilot is to become an aerial firefighter. Using my skills to combat wildfires and protect communities inspires me. Because this career requires high hours and lots of experience, I plan to first instruct once I get my CFI. This will allow me to build hours while gaining a deeper understanding of aviation principles and techniques. Additionally, I have always desired to be involved in backcountry aviation, and I hope someday to be given the opportunity to fly in the backcountry, which would give me extensive low-level, mountain flying experience.

YOUR BACKGROUND:

Where did you grow up? Different places you have lived

I grew up on Vashon Island, Washington, and moved to Ellensburg, Washington, where I currently reside while attending Central Washington University.

How long have you lived in this area?

I lived on Vashon for 18 years and just started my third year in Ellensburg.

Henry Brown (continued)

When you were growing up, what did you think you would be?

Growing up, I often imagined myself exploring a variety of careers, from being an astronaut to a racecar driver. While I can't pinpoint a single ambition from my childhood, my love for adventure and the outdoors always played a big role in shaping my aspirations.

What school are you enrolled in? What is your major?

I am currently enrolled at Central Washington University, where I am entering my third year as a professional pilot major. Because I entered with my private pilot certificate, I was able to get ahead in the program, but due to DPE shortages, I have been waiting on a commercial check ride for the past three months, and expect to wait another one to two months before getting a ride.

YOUR INTERESTS:

Besides airplanes & flying, what are your favorite things to do?

Besides my passion for airplanes and flying, I also love spending time outdoors. Dirt biking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and surfing are just a few of my favorite things to do while I'm not studying or flying.



Our Scholarship Recipient Noah Kaser

The online interview with Noah was in a question/answer format, conducted by Skip Brown.

YOUR FLYING EXPERIENCE:

How old were you when you became interested in airplanes?

I've been interested in planes since I was very little. I was always fascinated by them, and I would check out magazines and movies from the library that featured them. Growing up, we had a large field behind our house and sometimes paragliders would land there, which was a huge delight for me. My siblings and I would run out and help them pack up.

Where was your first ride in a plane & who was the pilot?

My first ride in a plane was in 2018. I was volunteering with my neighbor for a couple of stops in the Collings Foundation's Wings that were close enough to drive to. They were incredibly generous people and towards the end of my time volunteering, they allowed us to ride in the B-17G "Nine-O-Nine." It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life and has stuck with me. The pilot was Mac McCauley. He was an incredible person to know, and I am glad I was able to meet him during my time volunteering with the Collings Foundation. He is, unfortunately, no longer with us following a crash of the "Nine-O-Nine" in 2019.

What is your goal when you become a pilot?

Thanks entirely to the wonderful flying program at the Port Townsend Aero Museum, and more help than I can list from the pilots at the Jefferson County airport, I was able to get my pilot's license on the 4th of July in 2023. Since then, I have had to take a hiatus from flying to focus on my studies. But I intend to join the flying club once I transfer to UW and begin flying again. My longer-term goal is currently to get my instrument rating and tail-wheel endorsement once I am able to fly again.

YOUR BACKGROUND:

Where did you grow up? Different places you have lived

I grew up all over the West Coast, but mostly in Washington. I was raised and lived in Issaquah, Washington for the first part of my life. We lived against the mountains, far away from the nearest town. From there I spent a few years traveling up and down Oregon and California before eventually settling in Port Townsend. I lived there until 2023 when I began staying in Seattle for college.

How long have you lived in this area?

I've lived in Washington for almost all my life, and I've lived in Port Townsend for over 10 years.

Noah Kaser Interview (continued)

When you were growing up, what did you think you would be?

Until I joined the Port Townsend Aero Museum and read a book called "Ed Heinemann: Combat Aircraft Designer," I had no idea what I was going to be. I thought maybe I could get my captain's license and work in shipping, or possibly I could join the Peace Corps.

What is your major in college?

I am currently in college, and I am currently getting an Associate of Science. But this is just a stepping stone, and I hope to get a degree in aeronautical engineering once I transfer to my final school.

What school are you enrolled in? I only have a few quarters left before I get my associate degree and begin work on transferring to the University of Washington in Seattle.

YOUR INTERESTS:

Besides airplanes & flying, what are your favorite things to do?

Besides airplanes, I love reading books and designing things in CAD software. Whenever I have time, I look through the local used bookstores to see what interesting books I can find. Recently I have also started visiting a local gym to do indoor rock climbing with my brother. It's relaxing and a great way to get some exercise since most of my time is spent studying or on homework.

Do you have any unusual, humorous, harrowing, or exciting experiences you can share with our members?

An unusual and exciting experience I had was being able to fly in the Student Prince. The Student Prince is a biplane built in the 1930s by students. Only 3 existed and there is only one registered today. It is owned by Summer Martell, who also conducted my check ride. It was my first time in an open cockpit, and it made for a great view when she took me on a short ride up over Port Townsend. It was a very interesting and somewhat harrowing experience for me. I was not used to feeling like there was nothing holding me in the plane, and I plan on sticking with a closed cockpit for the foreseeable future.

What is something most of your friends/family don't know about you that you're willing to share?

I had an immense fear of heights that lasted into my flight training. It made for some interesting early flights but it went away as I got more comfortable flying.

Noah Kaser Interview (continued)

Noah received his PPL July 4, 2023

Senior Pilot Liability Insurance

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) recently announced solutions for senior pilots flying past 70 years old. A liability-only policy would enable senior pilots to comply with hangar leases and state regulations that require property damage and bodily liability insurance for their aircraft, and if needed, provide estate protection. This solution provides senior pilots the opportunity to obtain liability insurance without many of the restrictions being imposed by some underwriters, like requiring a third class medical as opposed to basic med, copilot requirements, or annual check ride.

AOPA is pleased to announce that Global Aerospace, a leading provider of aircraft insurance, is now offering liability-only aircraft insurance policies for many senior pilots. SkyWatch and AssuredPartners Aerospace are among the aviation insurance brokers who will be quoting policies.

SkyWatch can be contacted at 888-849-4902 or skyWatch.com

AssuredPartners Aerospace at 800-622-2672 or AssuredPartners.com/aerospace/light-aircraft-insurance

Chili Dinner and Bingo Scholarship Donation Night

On Saturday night, October 19th, almost 40 people joined together at Wm. Fairchild Airport Conference room for a night of good eats and Bingo. Many different styles of Chili were prepared by chapter members, and Hospitality Chairs Kevin and Tracy ensured there was all the fixings, chips, salad, and dessert.

After dinner, chapter President Ray Ballantyne called Bingo, assisted by Lisa Ballantyne. Of course the first winner was Ernie Hansen! The bingo games were quite entertaining, with periodic really bad jokes. All the prizes were donated by members, and the fund raiser brought in over \$1,500 for youth scholarships.



Chile Bingo night (continued)



EAA Chapter 430 Gathering Meeting Minutes - September

Date: Sep 28, 2024

- Meeting social and sign-in 0930.
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1005 at Sequim Valley Airport, hangar #15.
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 45 members and 4(+) guests attending.
- Ray led thank you's and applause to our hospitality directors - Charlene and Kevin Tracy.
- Guest(s): Arie Sko (completed Sporty's ground school toward PPL), Derek and Wyatt Miller (interested in learning to fly), Tom Welner (Bremerton, C-172) and others.
- August Gathering Minutes were approved as written.

Reports and Status:

- Scholarship update - Gunner Rogers has made the UND Flying Team!
- Our financial picture shows funds of approximately \$6k for scholarship, \$150k for building and \$3.5k for operating.
- Fly-out - Barry Halsted shared that the September Orcas Island happening was nicely attended with 11 aircraft and 17 people, with picnic lunch for some and/or walk to town for others.
- Membership - Erik Petersen reported that paid chapter membership at 109.
- Building Committee - Barry Halsted reported that a lease proposal is undergoing rounds of review and revision by Sequim Valley Airport and EAA 430.
- Young Eagles - Tracy Halsted reported that our 3 events - June, July and September - flew 131 kids, owing to the generous donations by 12 pilots of their time and aircraft.

New Business:

- More scholarship news -
 - In addition to current recipients Noah and Henry, we are pleased to add Aidan Lara as our latest recipient for the 2024-25 school year. Aiden is attending Peninsula College to accomplish prerequisites and is expecting to attend UW for their Aerospace Engineering Program.
 - EAA Air Academy - we are pleased to be sponsoring Nathan Nelson and Jazmin Stamper for the 2025 season at Oshkosh, next July.
 - **Chili Feed & Bingo Night fundraiser** - we are looking forward to having fun while supporting our scholarship obligations. Wm. R. Fairchild airport terminal and conference room, Saturday October 19th, 5:00pm.
 - Please see Charlie Tracy to help. She has food item sign up sheets.
 - Dave Miller reminds us that our IRA required minimum distributions (RMD) can easily be contributed to EAA Chapter 430 - 501(c)(3) charitable organization - tax free, by means of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Please consider doing this for the 2024 tax year.

EAA Chapter 430 Gathering Meeting Minutes – (continued)

- Build and Fly - Richard Howell mentioned that volunteers from EAA 430 and Olympic Silent Flyers are organizing an event with the Sequim Boys and Girls Club, in October. This we expect to be followed by 1 or 2 EAA Build and Fly workshops in November and December.
- W28 Tetrahedron - Ray showed us the large vinyl graphic EAA 430 logo that chapter member Linda Priddle has donated, to be placed on the back of the vane. A work party is scheduled for Wednesday to apply the graphic.
- Rick Vaux encouraged members to be sure to contribute a bit more (to the collection jars) to help cover the monthly coffee and food expenses of our gatherings.
- VMC/IMC Club - Harry Cook reminded us that the club meets at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Mariner's, in Sequim. The October 9 meeting will discuss emergencies and a bit about the recent FAA "Moss Interpretation" regarding maintenance supervision.

Projects:

- Harry Cook - Sonex Waix, the wings are on!
- James Russell - "Customer Parts", helping other chapter members with their projects as he continues work on his own Cozy Mk IV project.
- Erik Petersen - Cozy Mk IV, work continuing on an improved canard for his plane.
- Norm Kuntz - Quickie, (Todd Taylor) reports that an engine run milestone has been accomplished.
- Rick Stoffel - Van's RV-10, (James) has been helping with work on the composite cabin top section.
- Dave Gardner - Kitfox III rejuvenation, Dave reports he'll soon be ready to fly.
- Ernie Hansen - Super Cub, Ernie has acquired a new Catto 86" non-planar propeller he'll be fitting soon.

Announcements:

- Jay Pearlman has padded sawhorses (for supporting wings) and also an engine stand to give away.
- Ernie Hansen, see Ernie about a Dynon D10A that needs a GPS-251 Receiver/Antenna Module (Puck").
- PSA - Ray will take part in a RAF work party at Moose Creek USFS (1U1), next weekend (Oct 4 - 7) to support rebuilding of facilities destroyed by recent winds and fire.
- Bryan Nelson, requests thoughts and advice from [airline] pilots about his possibly making a midlife career change to commercial aviation.
- Business portion of the gathering was adjourned at 1055.

- Dave Boerighter - Erik and Ray teamed up to share about Dave's flying history and to present Dave with his FAA *Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award* to commemorate 50 years of safe piloting.
- Presentation - George Steed recounted the good experience that he and Mike Friend - both of EAA 406, Bremeton - had with their hands-on rebuilding of Mike's IO-360 engine at the Aero Sport Power facility in Kamloops, BC.
- Our hospitality directors - Kevin and Charlene - delivered another great Burger Bash and other treats, with a little help from their friends!

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary