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From the Left Seat With President Ray Ballantyne

Greetings fellow aviation enthusiasts!

Holiday Greetings!

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are getting ready for Christmas. I'm feeling very thankful this year as my Christmas present came early.....a new plane! Lisa and I just flew back from Deming, NM with a new to me Glasair Sportsman. Now I can carry three Young Eagles at a time!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Party on the winter solstice (Dec 21) starting at 5pm. It's our biggest party of the year. Not only do we get a fancy meal and good company, but we get to recognize the people who keep our chapter gold.

We are right in the middle of the birthing pains of our proposed chapter hangar. The building committee was hoping to have a proposal by the holiday party, but it will stretch into next year. But soon! Very soon!

I would like to thank Scott Fitzgerald for his efforts with our chapter and for being our communications chair. Scott recently resigned the position and will be replaced by Erik Peterson. Eric's job as Membership Chair will be combined with the Treasurer and Tracy will do both. I'm also excited to announce that Linda Priddle has joined the board of directors as the Newsletter Editor. This is her first newsletter. Thanks to everyone who volunteers for the good of all.

I'm energized about all that we accomplished as a chapter this past year and excited about what will happen in 2025.

May your Christmas presents be as good as mine!

Ray

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December Flyout – submitted by Barry Halsted

This month's flyout to Arlington was held on Monday, December 9. The weather forecast for early December has included a growing number of days with rain likelihood 35% or higher and people tend to get busier as the holidays get closer. So this day was picked with fingers crossed and the flight from Sequim to Arlington was beautiful. Non-threatening clouds and crystal clear air really made the Northwest's features stand out. Mt Baker was magnificent.

Our luncheon venue was Ellie's at the Airport, a restaurant known for its good food and view of the aviation activities there. Five airplanes brought Ray and Lisa Ballantyne, Bud Davies with Aidan Lara, John Ward, Richard Howell, and Tracy and I to the adjacent airplane parking area by 12:45 and shortly we were seated next to each other at two tables for four. Conversation was lively and we watched a variety of aircraft enjoying the day as well. My favorite there is their Blue Cheese and Bacon Burger and the amount of crumbly cheese beat anything I've had all year!

We departed Arlington with excellent visibility and some clouds whose bases had dropped some but they were no bother and added immensely to the scenery in the area. Richard's photos give you the idea.

Our next planned flyout will be posted in January; May it be as much fun as this one!

Barry



The Group at Ellie's at the airport



Richard Howell heading back to Sequim



Beautiful planes and clouds



Almost home

Note from the Treasurer

Annual dues are due again, and I will be sending email notices out in early January. If you are already paid up for this year, I'll send a separate email letting you know you don't owe anything right now.

Dues remain \$20 for Individual and \$25 for family. You may pay at the January Gathering by cash or check, or by mailing a check to PO Box 13, Carlsborg, WA 98324, or by PayPal to treasurer@eaa430.org

Prompt payment makes my job easier.

Thank you,
Tracy Halsted, Treasurer

First we had Dad jokes...
now we have

Ballantyne Jeopardy

The answer is: 2.3 million
The correct question
is on page 6

Minutes from the November 2024 Gathering

Date: November 30, 2024

- A breakfast buffet was provided by hospitality at 0930 followed by social and sign-in.
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1026 in the Terminal Conference Room, Wm. R. Fairchild Intl. Airport (KCLM).
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 30 members and 5 guests attending.
- Ray led thank-you's and applause to our hospitality directors - Charlene and Kevin Tracy and our other volunteers.
- Guest(s): Zachary Ballantyne, George Steed, Bonnie Medena, Doug Medena, Emma Fox (incoming President, EAA Chapter 406, Bremerton)
- October Gathering Minutes were approved as written.
- Ray asked if members had received the recent EAA survey? Quite a few said no. Ray will work with Erik Petersen to resend.
- Building Committee - A lease agreement with Sequim Valley Airport (SVA) is currently under legal review and revision by them. We may also want our own legal review of the 12 page document.

Old Business:

- Treasury - Our financial picture reflects funds of approximately \$7500 for scholarship, \$150k for building and \$4000 for operating.
- Membership stands at 109.
- Our Holiday Party is December 21, 1700 at 7 Cedars. Sit-down dinner. Toys-for-Tots will be collecting unwrapped gift donations.
- Fly-out - Barry Halsted reported that the November flyout to Forks attracted 9 planes and 15 attendees. Look ahead for a December flyout to Arlington.
- Build and Fly - Richard Howell reported that EAA 430, working closely with Olympic Silent Flyers (OSF), managed an aviation presentation to Sequim Boys and Girls Club - a quick talk, followed by hand out of Guillow's balsa gliders and some indoor R/C flying in the gym. Pretty much fun. We're still looking forward to holding at least a couple of hands-on workshops for kids and parents in near future.

Minutes from the November 2024 Gathering - Cont.

New Business:

- EAA 430 logo hats are on the way! They'll be available for \$20 each.
- Scholarship - EAA 430 has submitted our chapter application to administer a Ray Foundation Scholarship for 2025. Once our application is approved, Jazmin Stamper will apply (after January 1) to be our candidate for the flight training benefit. Scholarship Chair Dave Miller provided a brief review of the basics of how Ray Scholarships work.
 - Gunner Rogers, our 2024 Ray Scholarship recipient, has reported that he's flying a lot and is working on his instrument and commercial ratings at U. ND.
- Rick Vaux Donation of Ultralight Aircraft - Rick is working with our EAA 430 Tech Counselors to inventory and prepare his items for sale.
- November 15th was EAA Chapter 430's 52nd anniversary.
- Our guest George Steed (EAA 406), took a moment to introduce Emma Fox. Emma is the incoming president of EAA Chapter 406, Bremerton.
- Projects
 - James Russell - Completed a condition inspection of a Zenith CH750 and got to go for a flight that demonstrated "impressive deck angle" during climb. James carefully worked up (wrote) a proper Pilot's Operating Handbook (POH) for the aircraft. He's been working on various parts for his own Cozy Mk IV and also for Erik Petersens Cozy.
 - Ray Ballantyne has been busy with rework and paint for the wingtips of his GlaStar. Ray also shared exciting news that he's acquired a Glasair Sportsman!
 - Kevin Widdowson - (Richard Howell reported) Kevin has just collected the fuselage of his new Bristell Classic from the paint shop and delivered the wings to get their paint.
- Thanks to Scott Fitzgerald for his contributions to EAA 430 as our Communications Director, as he retires from his position.
- Announcements - January Gathering on January 25, 2025. VMC/IMC Club on December 11th. If you need or would like a ride to and from the Holiday Party, please let Tracy Halsted know and we'll get it sorted for you.
- Business portion of the gathering was adjourned at 1100.
- Staying Safe Online - Erik Petersen provided a brief presentation and useful tips about how to avoid scams.
- Program - George Steed (EAA 406, Bremerton) was our speaker today. He delivered a pleasant and informative talk "Sex Life of an Exhaust Valve."
- EAA Chapter 430 - 52nd Anniversary cake and celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary

The Sex Life of an Exhaust Valve

Doesn't get more provocative than that. Was that reason for the good turn out at the gathering?

For our November program, fellow EAA member George Steed from Chapter 406, Bremerton shared some fiery details about the exhaust valves typically found in the Continental and Lycoming engines that power our small general aviation aircraft and the exciting lives they lead. High temperatures and millions of operations exact a high toll on the valves, especially if the engine isn't carefully operated according to manufacturers recommendations.

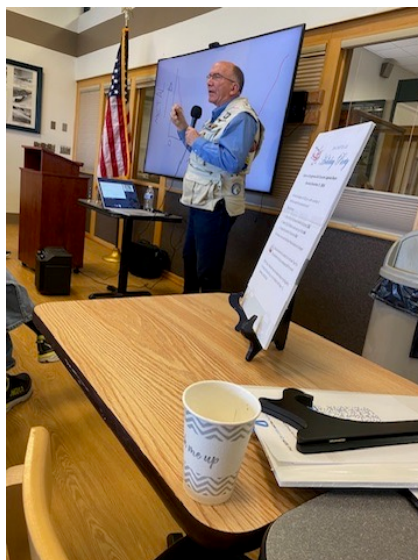
There are several things we can do to keep an eye on the health of these valves. George recounted things like compression checks and borescope inspections that can help us evaluate the condition of the valves and to detect early signs of stress or pending trouble.

An exhibit of several exhaust valves were passed around to let us see differences between normal and worn valves. Several photos showed what can happen if valve trouble progresses to catastrophic failure.

There are fortunately some things that can be done if issues are detected. George summarized "staking" and "valve lapping" techniques that can improve the seating and sealing of the valves to slow concerning trends. He also mentioned things like worn valve guides that may require more extensive measures to correct.

Good information like George presented is interesting, useful and appreciated.

Ray,
What is, "how many
Young Eagles have the
EAA flown so far.



Welcome New Member Jazmin Stamper

Hello, my name is Jazmin C. Stamper, and I'm 16 years old. I currently have no pilot's license, or an airplane for that matter. I was born in Sequim and have lived here since. When I was growing up, I never really thought much about what I was going to be, but I knew it had something to do with arts and crafts. After going to the EAA Young Eagles and taking my first small aircraft flight, there was something about flying that made me want to pursue it and do more with it. Other than aviation, I make polymer clay gnomes on wood rounds and polymer clay dragons. I sell them at a consignment shop in Sequim. I also like to listen to music and love to learn about nature.

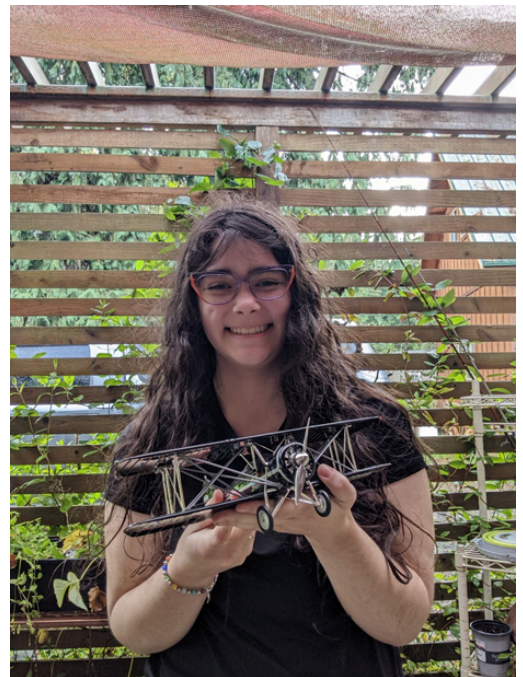
The last EAA Young Eagles flight I went on was in July or August 2024 and I was flying with Ray Ballantyne. After he took off, he let me fly his airplane along the flight path. Along the way, he flew the plane up and down so I could feel it. Going down and the feeling of the plane falling faster than you are was a weird feeling, yet very fun to experience. As we were starting our descent towards the runway, we were too high, so he did a forward slip to lose altitude. It was the same feeling but more concerning since we were closer to the ground, and to finish it off, it was a nice landing.

I love the feeling of being in the air, the feeling of not having to worry about the world below, and being in the moment. I think the best part of aviation is even if you have a scary, hard, or difficult experience while flying the aircraft or as a passenger, you will always be back for more.

Personal addendum to this article ...

Jazmin was an exciting participant in the EAA Build and Fly Program in 2023. She was one of nearly 20 participants who started the program, but the only one who completed it. She worked well in the construction of the RC model LT-40, but where she really excelled was on the simulator. Robert Ball worked with her and in no time she was very competent, ready to move on to a real flight. I watched that flight from a distance in total awe. I actually thought Robert was demonstrating maneuvers, but it was Jazmin, flying like she'd been doing it for years. The Olympic Silent Flyers and the Build and Fly volunteers are very proud of her accomplishments and look forward to watching her spread her wings in the future.

Linda Priddle,
OSF Treasurer



Interview with Jasmin Stamper submitted by Skip Brown

Welcome New Members Rob and Joanna Stephens



I received my PPL in 1982. My father and I took ground school while I was a freshman in high school. We received our license the same day, although he received his about an hour earlier. I also have my Instrument rating, as well as AMEL. I'm renting from Rite Brothers currently as I await the arrival of my plane from the Czech Republic, manufactured by JMB aircraft, model VL3 916is with full IFR capabilities and oxygen.

I lived in South Lyon MI, Phillips WI, Ironwood MI, Two Rivers WI, Manitowoc WI and now Port Angeles WA since Sept 2024.

As a kid, air shows were a favorite event. I still remember the first time I saw the Blue Angles in person, visiting the Wright Paterson Air Force Base while in Boy Scouts, as well as the Johnson Space Center.

My wife, Joanna, is a retired physician and I retired from owning an injection molding company with my family, which we sold in 2010. Joanna and I also owned and operated the largest Alpaca Ranch in Wisconsin until divesting in 2020.

We enjoy being outdoors and enjoying all the Olympic Peninsula has to offer, specifically hiking and biking. I will pick up a golf club occasionally. I've volunteered with EAA for Air Adventure on the flight line as well as giving tours at the EAA Museum.

A Note of Thanks

This is my first newsletter, and a little late. I want to thank you all for your patience, but most of all your encouragement. Stepping into your world has been such a joy. Not only am I finally fulfilling a life-long passion, but I'm doing it with the greatest people! Linda Priddle

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