



# EAA 430 FLYER

Serving Northern Olympic Peninsula



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**From the Left Seat  
With President Ray Ballantyne**

**Happy Spring, Everyone!**

The temperatures are warming, the clouds are parting, and it's time to go flying. Tell your friends to check out Flying Start at the Fairchild Conference Room on Saturday May 17 starting at 10:00 a.m. Harry Cook will describe and discuss all forms of aviating.

There continues to be a lot of activity with the building committee as we finalize our plan for a clubhouse/hangar. Please join us Wednesday May 14 in the Legends Room at the Cedars Golf Course at 5:00 p.m. for a fund-raising pledge dinner. We will share our plans and projections.

It's really exciting to be part of EAA430. We just received notification that we have received the GOLD chapter recognition for 2024! Our Young Eagles credits have come in, and our Ray Scholarship recipient Gunner Rogers just earned his Instrument Airplane rating. I'm also proud to announce that this year my son Dan finished his Instrument rating, Commercial Pilot, and Multi engine rating. How about that!

Many have requested that we hold a swap meet/flea market sale for all our unneeded airplane stuff. Well, I have talked to three other chapters, and there will be a joint chapter sale at Bremerton Airport on August 9. Unfortunately, this conflicts with Diamond Point Day and Unity of Effort. It's hard to schedule in the summer.

Lisa and I are taking a belated anniversary trip to Laguna Beach at the end of the month, so we won't be at the April Gathering. The presentation on mid-air collision avoidance will be from Major Wahl from JBLM. And it's spring, so we will be meeting in Bud's Hangar 15 at Sequim on April 26 to hear him.

I'm sorry to announce that long longtime EAA member Bob Nagy passed away during our last gathering. I hope to provide more information of his history with EAA in the future.

And I hope to have my airplane back from the avionics shop soon. It's time to go flying!

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**BOD Meeting**  
**April 18 Mariners Cafe 0900**

**Next Gathering**  
**April 26 Hangar 15 W28**

**VMC/IMC**  
**May 14**  
**Mariners Cafe 1900**

**Raise The Roof**  
**May 14**

**National Learn To Fly Day**  
**May 17**



**Please**

Mark your calendars  
 For the summer's  
 Young Eagle Events  
**PILOTS NEEDED**



**\$\$\$ FOR SALE \$\$\$**

**Through a generous donation, EAA 430 had two ultralight aircraft for sale!**

**One was a 2005 Kitfox lite and it has been sold!**

**The second project is a complete DreamClassic ultralight  
 with a "0" time Rotax 447 engine. \$6,000.**

**You can google either aircraft for more details.**

**Contact Ernie Hansen [ernestfhansen@gmail.com](mailto:ernestfhansen@gmail.com) if interested.**

**This is the first of a series of articles written by former Young Eagles  
WHERE ARE THEY NOW**

**DANIEL WEAVER**

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. When I was growing up my family and I did a lot of airline flying and I was always in awe of the mechanical complexity of the giant metal tubes hurtling through the air at 500mph. At a very young age I had made up my mind that I wanted to be a pilot when I grew up. However, given that none of my family members were pilots I didn't really have anyone who could guide me on the first steps to becoming a pilot. As a present for my 13th birthday my aunt took me to my first Young Eagles rally in Sequim. At the rally I got the opportunity to take the controls of an RV-9 and for the first time it started to feel like learning to fly was an achievable goal. As part of the Young Eagles program the EAA provides a free online private pilot ground school which I started vigorously studying. The free ground school gave me a strong foundation of knowledge which came in handy my senior year of high school I when was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship which covered part of the cost of my PPL. Since then I have gone on to pursue my commercial pilot and flight instructor ratings and I am now working as a charter pilot and instructor at KCLM and doing my best to set my students up for success.



## April Flyout to Arlington - Quite the Airshow!!

Friday, April 4, provided us with green grass, blue skies, warm temperatures and light winds. What a nice day for a flyout! Apparently, others agreed; eleven airplanes carrying 18 adventurous souls met in front of Ellie's restaurant at the Arlington Airport for lunch.

Our scheduled arrival was to be 11:30, allowing time for photographs before traipsing over to the restaurant for lunch. Amazingly, all were on time! Those arriving included John Ward in his Pipistrel Sinus, Ken and Skip Brown in their RV-9A, Scott Alair with Sid Vandiver in Scott's Lancair Legacy, Richard Howell in his Sling, Carl and Deanna Hicks in their Cessna 180, Jay Pearlman in his J-3 replica, Jeff Smith in his RV-8A, Rick and Donna Stoffel in their RV-4, Bill and Dot Shepherd in their Swift, Bud Davies and Scott Brooksby in Bud's Cessna 152, and, of course, Tracy and myself in our Piper PA-11.

Where was our fearless chapter president? Ray Ballantyne normally attends our flyouts, even if it means missing a highly anticipated golf game, but this time his ride was in Oregon having new avionics installed. More costly than lunch!

It's always a challenge for the restaurants we visit on our flyouts to seat people in a large group near each other. Most do a great job, as did Ellie's this day. Seating took three tables which were adjacent, allowing visible communication for all and audible communication among most. Windows provided views of airplanes taking off and landing, what more could we ask for? Service was excellent – hats off for Ellie's!

Our flyouts allow get together time in a relaxed atmosphere not found in our other chapter activities. Seating arrangements result in new friendships and conversations include all kinds of subjects. Every time I attend one of these, I learn something new about the people that have come. I noticed as Tracy and I taxied for departure that several conversations were still ongoing on the ramp.

The flight home for Tracy and me was smooth with wonderful views of mountains, water and islands, and we enjoyed the memories we shared and stories we heard. I'm sure the others that gathered at Ellie's today had a similar experience.

Barry









## Minutes of March 2025 Gathering

Date: Mar 29, 2025

- Chapter President Date: Mar 29, 2025
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1018 in the Terminal Conference Room, Wm. R. Fairchild Intl. Airport (KCLM), while Chapter 430 members and guests were finishing off the wonderful breakfast prepared and presented by our hospitality directors and volunteers.
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 41 members and 6 guests attending.
- Ray led thank-you's and applause to our hospitality directors - Charlene and Kevin Tracy and our other volunteers.
- Ray announced that 50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit our chapter scholarship fund, are available for sale today and the winning ticket will be drawn before the conclusion of today's gathering.
- Welcome guest(s): Charlie Parker, Brenda S., Norma Nelson, Maureen Griggs, Debbie vanden Heuvel, and Ted Boothroyd
- January Gathering Minutes were approved as written. (No February gathering or minutes, in lieu of NW Aviation Trade Show and Conference)
- Ray acknowledged miscellaneous correspondence with EAA HQ and representatives of Sequim Valley Airport.

### Old Business:

- Treasury - Our financial picture reflects funds of approximately \$4600 for scholarship, \$162k for building fund and \$3500 in the operating accounts.
- Membership Tracy Halsted - now stands at about 100.
- Fly-out Barry Halsted - David Miller headed up the effort for a March Flyout to Arlington (KAWO), but the weather was not cooperative. The event was converted to a pleasant drive-out for lunch at the Big Elk Restaurant in Sequim - attended by 6 people. February's flyout to Bremerton (KPWT) drew 20 folks and a bunch of airplanes.
- 2 ultralight projects, donated by Chapter VP Rick Vaux are receiving inquiries. Ernie Hansen has taken on the selling of the Kitfox Lite and Dream Classic machines, including engines.
- Clubhouse/Hangar - Ray reported that we are trying to work out ways to address challenges with county zoning, water and septic requirements.
- Build and Fly Richard Howell - Spring weather is improving and that will make it easier to have a couple of focused events for kids and their parents to participate in workshops to do some model aircraft building and flying. Details to be announced.
- VMC/IMC Club - Harry Cook reminds us that we have regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Turnout has been great. We share and learn about real world flying for VFR and IFR. Next meeting is April 9th.
- Young Eagles Bud Davies - The June 14th event is scheduled at Sequim Valley Airport (W28). We need pilots and planes. Please take the opportunity to participate in this effort. Look for inspiring articles in upcoming chapter newsletters that share how valuable and rewarding Young Eagles can be. Other events this year - July 19 Port Angeles (KCLM) and Aug 23 Sequim Valley (W28).

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### New Business:

- Merchandise - EAA 430 Chapter logo items are available for sale today - hats \$20, shirts \$25.
- Website hosting and email services have been moved to new servers. Thanks and applause to Ken Brown, Erik Petersen and Andy Sallee.
- Scholarship Dave Miller - At the moment, the chapter has funding for about 1.5 years.
- Our Chapter's application to administer an EAA Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship for 2025 has been approved. Jazmin Stamper is our candidate.
- Raise the Roof Pledge Dinner - now scheduled for Wed May 14th.
- Ground School Discussion Group - Ray discussed briefly about starting another series of bi-weekly sessions, suggesting that Saturdays 9:30 to 12:00 at KCLM terminal conference room works well. David Miller has stepped up to be the point of contact.
- Flying Start Harry Cook - Harry is hosting a program which welcomes, inspires, and educates aspiring aviators about their pathway to becoming a pilot. A few volunteers are needed to help with various tasks at the Saturday May 17th 10:00 am event. Pilots - please consider offering a flight to a potential new aviator. See Harry for publicity items, including cards and bulletin board pin ups. A press release is also available.
- Ted Boothroyd offered that he is accomplished at organizing car show events for fundraisers and is available if something like that would be of interest to the chapter.
- Aviation Swap Meet - Ray has been working with folks at Harvey, Bremerton and Chehalis to organize an event. Stay tuned for more.
- Hangar Liquidation Sale - Saturday April 5, 9:00 am -12:00 pm, Bellingham (KBLI) - "E" hangar
- Projects
  - Ernie Hansen - Experimental Super Cub, fitting a new Catto 86" non-planar propeller
  - Harry Cook - Sonex Waix B, tail on, landing gear on, brake lines charged.
  - Rick Stoffell - RV-10, completing extended-range fuel tanks.
  - Doug Medena, RV-10, IO-540 and windows.
  - Erik Petersen - has come up with a \$100 dry-bot solution for engine bay
  - James Russell - Firewall and longeron work on Cenk Özer's RV-4.
- Business portion of the gathering was adjourned at 1119.
- Program - Pilot and mechanic Jerry Weiler's fascinating presentation about life and flying on The Peninsula and landing on glaciers of the Olympic Mountains.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary



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