



# EAA 430 FLYER

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## AUGUST 2025



### From the Left Seat With President Ray Ballantyne

*Hello EAA 430*

This month's Left Seat is dedicated to our building project. We have been through a challenging time trying to establish a home for the chapter.

Beginning in early 2020, Sequim Valley Airport (SVA) was asked if we could build there. The general area where the existing trailer sits and the area to the west was suggested as a good location. SVA was willing to provide a long term lease at no cost. In May of 2024, SVA changed the location offered on the airport excluding the trailer site. We agreed to the site north of the new hangar and worked with SVA on a 50 year lease. Because of county requirements we found that water was a necessity and was not easily obtained.

Exploring all options, the building committee looked at Pt Angeles Fairchild Airport and found a double hangar available for sale with all utilities. It seemed like a slam dunk, but the condominium owners voted against EAA430 having a chapter home there.

Looking back at SVA, we have received a third proposed lease of 30 years at no charge and this is their final offer.

While there is a possible building site at Fairchild, we need to decide whether we accept or decline the SVA lease proposal before August 30, 2025. Discussion with the Board of Directors will take place on August 22. The Board will then present the issues involved to the membership. After that there will be an email ballot to each member to determine if we agree with the SVA lease proposal.

There will be more information provided in the days ahead, but the decision has to be provided to SVA by August 30.

I'm confident it won't be long before we're in our new home.

Ray

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**Aug 22 BOD Meeting  
 Mariners Cafe 0900**

**Aug 23  
 YE Rally at KCLM  
 1100**

**Air Affaire W28  
 Aug 30**

**VMC/IMC  
 Sept 10  
 Mariner Cafe 1900**

**Sept Gathering  
 Sept 27**

**Please  
 Young Eagle Events  
 Aug 23 and Sept 20  
 PILOTS NEEDED**

**This Smile Says It All**

**CONGRATULATIONS, JAZMIN !**



## EAA 430 Scholarships At Work



### Jazmin's Family Celebration

Jazmin was the first and only graduate of EAA430's Build and Fly Program. Her parents were steadfast in their support and that makes all the difference. She quickly picked up the simulator flying and went on to the LT-40 that had been built. I watched her first flight with Robert Ball at the Olympic Silent Flyers field. I thought Robert was giving a demonstration flight - solid, level, controlled... It was Jazmin flying! Now she has gone on to solo for real! Fair Winds, Jazmin. We are all so proud of you.

- Linda Priddle



Thanks to Dave Miller



Timeless Tradition

## July FlyOut

Sequim this July did not experience our usual weather. We had less sun and more wind for sure. Both affected our flyouts. I say flyouts (plural) because we tried twice.



Most flyouts are planned within a few days of the flight so that the weather forecasts don't stretch over a long period of time. But our July flyout was mapped out far in advance to match Concrete's annual fly-in. And while it appeared good weather would prevail, such was not the case. Flyout day arrived with fog and low clouds. The forecast called for improvement so I watched closely, but 9:00 am came and it was still IFR in the area. For the first time ever I extended the flyout go/no go time, announced I was not ready to give up, and asked all wanting this flyout to happen to stick it out for a while. By 11:00 am the cloud cover between Arlington and Skagit was 1400 ft and visibility was 10 miles. While VFR, the cloud cover was less than my criteria for flyouts of this distance so I cancelled it. In doing so I advised that Concrete's fly-in was in full swing and that Tracy and I intended to proceed on our own. Bud Davis said he was also going so the three of us (two airplanes) met up with Ray and Lisa Ballantyne and Richard and Mary Ann Howell for lunch. They and many others had camped.

But what about a true July FlyOut? Wednesday and Thursday were looking good, so I emailed our members that we'd make Friday Harbor on Wednesday our July Flyout. We could meet at noon for photos. Naturally Wednesday arrived with fog and low clouds. Slowly the fog lifted but low clouds prevailed. By go no-go time (9:00) the islands were scattered or clear and Port Angeles was VFR. The flyout was a go! By 11:00 Port Townsend was clear, too. So off we went. Nine of us (John Ward, Aidan Lara and Emilee Westcott, Bud Davies and Scott Brooksby, and Richard and Mary Ann Howell, and Tracy and myself) arrived in time for photos and the walk into town. Lunch was at the Downrigger Restaurant followed by ice cream on the way back.

**July was a busy flyout month. Hopefully August will be a bit more peaceful!**



# July FlyOut's Many Forms



The Hungry



The Brave



The Wow Factor



## Another Score for an EAA 430 Member

Thanks to Deanna for a wonderful presentation. Learning about all she had to conquer to make this flight was a study in skill and persistence. Deanna completed it in 2 days out of the allocated time of 4 days!! While sick! And if sick wasn't enough, the turbulence, heat and bad weather at the start of hurricane season flying across the states was hell for her. Hats off to this strong, capable lady!!

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[AIRRACECLASSIC.ORG](http://AIRRACECLASSIC.ORG)



## Bremerton Swap Meet

Dava McNutt,  
Rich Lyon,  
and Richard Howell  
Swappin' stories



## EAA Chapter 430 Membership Gathering Minutes

**Date: July 26, 2025**

- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1005, hangar #15 at Sequim Valley Airport.
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 41 members and 1 guest attending.
- Guests - Chapter member Jay Pearlman introduced his brother, Richard
- June Gathering Minutes were approved as written.
- Correspondence - EAA HQ sent our banner, Gold for 2024. There have been ongoing exchanges between our Building Committee and Sequim Valley Airport board and also the Port Of Port Angeles (Fairchild Airport) about leases and other building topics.

### Old Business

- Treasury Tracy Halsted - (Ray) reported funds of approximately \$5500 for scholarship, \$2870 operating and just about \$220,000 in our building fund. The majority of the building fund money is in CDs, earning interest.
- Membership Tracy Halsted - Paid membership now stands at 110.
- Scholarship Dave Miller - (Ray and Dave) noted that we've two of our kids attending EAA Air Academy this year. Nathan Nelson has just returned home. Jazmin Stamper has just arrived at Oshkosh with EAA AirVenture running at full power.
- Build and Fly Richard Howell - (Richard) has initiated a small email campaign to share plans about our next Build and Fly event. The mailing targeted only parents (and kids) who have indicated interest during our Radio Control Simulator sessions at a couple of Young Eagles events last year. Richard showed the plans for a small hand launched glider "Jr's Pride", built from balsa, that we can use to explore and learn model building skills. We'll also have our "Silly Stick" R/C trainer to give attending kids a hands-on flight experience. We're waiting for responses to decide next steps.
- Young Eagles Bud Davies - (Bud) lead off with a request for volunteer pilots. We already have 38 kids signed up for our August event in Port Angeles. Young Eagles flight experiences that our volunteers provide, have repeatedly demonstrated to be significant moments of inspiration for kids to build on - not only learning to fly, but also as they continue on with their education and career tracks.
- Fly-out Barry Halsted - (Barry) reported that the July fly-out to Mears Field (3W5), Concrete, WA was unfortunately canceled, due to weather - low cloud ceilings. Nevertheless, a few folks ventured out on their own, as Concrete was hosting its annual fly-in event. Look for Friday Harbor (KFHR) to be our alternate destination for July.
  - Poker Run Scholarship Fundraiser - August and September will be the time to get five (5) Washington Pilots Association (WPA) Passport Stamps on your entry form. 17 airports are listed. Stamps on your form from any 5 of the listed airports, plus your \$20 scholarship donation, will put you in the game to be held at our September gathering.
    - A few printed forms are available today at the sign-in table. Expect to receive an email soon with an entry form and all of the details.

## EAA Chapter 430 Membership Gathering Minutes, Con't

- Building Committee Report - (Barry) brought us up-to-date with what's going on regarding a few topics.
  - Port of Port Angeles (airport) - could there possibly be a property lease rate reduction? No. Likely not. We would anticipate a \$0.10 to \$0.12 per sq. ft., per month (x 12 months) annual expense.
  - Sequim Valley Airport (SVA)
    - The lease proposal that had been on the table, was withdrawn.
    - A new lease proposal has been offered by SVA and is currently under review by our building committee.
- Ray led a shout-out for Ernie Hansen and Harry Cook for successfully managing and completing the sales of Rick Vaux's ultra-lite airplanes w/engines donations.
- MOSAIC - (Erik Petersen) gave his take on the newly approved rules and highlighted a few of the most welcome changes we can expect for Sport Pilot privileges and many aircraft.

### New Business

- Diamond Point Airport Appreciation Day - Gordon Tubesing reminded us about their event on Saturday August 9th. Pilots planning to fly in, should please submit the [Prior Permission Request \(PPR\)](#) form and agreement online - prior to arrival. <https://2wa1.org/arrival-ppr-2/>
- Unity of Effort - (Linda Priddle) told us a bit about what to expect for the event - also on August 9th. *Olympic Silent Flyers* hopes to have a booth and to offer R/C simulator sessions to kids.
- Sequim Valley Airport, [Air Affaire](#) - Emily Wescott reminded us about the Saturday, August 30 event on Labor Day weekend. <http://olympicpeninsulaairaffaire.com/>
- Port Townsend will host their Airport Day on Saturday, August 2.
- Aviation Swap Meet - August 9th is also the day for a swap meet at Bremerton Airport, hosted by several local EAA Chapters, including EAA 406, EAA 84 and EAA 430. Activities are also expected to include Valve Cover Races, food deals at Amelia's Hangar restaurant – and airplane camping, for those so inclined.
- **No August EAA 430 Membership Gathering.** Enjoy AirAffaire.
- Chapter Elections - The nominating committee, Tracy Halsted and Richard Howell, will be assembling the slate of candidates for our board and director positions. The election will be conducted in November. Please take the step of being involved. It's fun and rewarding. Let Tracy, Richard or any board member know that you'd like to take part. (Expect a list of all positions to be made available soon.)
- Ground School Discussion Group - Ray will lead a session on Thursday, July 31 at 7:00pm in the Port Angeles Airport terminal conference room. The key topic of the evening will be air traffic control (ATC).
- Projects
  - Dava McNutt - C-182 repairs and finally having her airplane back in the air.
  - James Russell - Cozy Mk IV, James was pleased to acquire a hard-to-find retractable nose gear assembly for his project.
- The Business portion of the gathering was adjourned.
- Deanna Bender shared her riveting account of the 48th annual *Air Race Classic (ARC)* (women only), where she piloted her 1957, C-180 Skywagon from start to finish of the challenging 2,400 mile route - Fairhope, AL to Spokane, WA . The *Sky Waggin' Chicks*, Deanna along with her friend Michaela Johnson, flew the only tail-dragger aircraft in the race!
- Once again, Kevin and Charlie and a cast of volunteers, hosted another wonderful burger lunch.

## Engine Dehydrator Plans by Erik Petersen

I promised Erik to include this info in the last two newsletters...Here it is, finally. I've just included the intro and the link to simplify access.

**Commercial engine dehydrators are available with various features, including self-recharging silica, and typically cost around \$1,200.** Considering the price range of \$50k-\$100k for an engine, this cost is relatively minor.

An alternative approach involves purchasing a larger quantity of silica gel than needed, allowing for the silica to be swapped out when it requires recharging. The used silica can be taken home, baked, and reused for subsequent cycles. This method costs approximately \$100.

The engine dehydrator can be assembled in under an hour, though sourcing the parts may take longer than the assembly itself. The mechanism is straightforward. See Figure 1 and the design in Figure 2 for reference.

The required parts include airtight containers, one of which should be large enough to accommodate the air pump. The link below will give the complete assembly instructions.



<https://eaa430.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/diy-engine-dehydrator-compressed.pdf>

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