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From the Left Seat With President Ray Ballantyne

It's been a great summer to aviate in the Pacific Northwest. There have been many flyins and flyouts, and I just returned from a great flyin at the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River. During the pilot's dinner, our own Bill Sheppard was recognized as the oldest pilot flying in with his Aero 45 twin. There's more flying to be done, as we gather our airport stamps for the annual Poker Run!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for their service these past two years. Our board has worked hard to provide good leadership for our chapter. Not only have we accomplished a lot, but we have had a good time doing it. There will be elections of officers for the next two years coming soon.

Nothing new to report from the building committee. We continue to look for the best opportunity to get our own clubhouse.

Congratulations to Rob Stephens on the delivery of his new VL3 which is the world's fastest UL aircraft. Powered by a Rotax engine, his plane will go over 200 mph.

As the summer comes to a close, we will be meeting at Bud's hangar #15 at SVA for the last time in 2025 on September 27th. We will talk about MOSAIC and have a BIG poker game! In October, we will return to the conference room at Fairchild International for our Gatherings.

Back by popular demand, we have scheduled up another Chili Bingo night in the conference room at 5:00 p.m. on October 23rd. This will be a Chili cook off, so if you would like to enter the contest with your special chili, contact Charlie or Kevin Tracy. Also, if you have a great bingo prize you would like to donate, please let me know. Not only does that increase donations, it also relieves some of the burden of putting on the event.

Wishing you clear skies and tail winds,

Ray

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**Sep 19 BOD Meeting
 Mariners Cafe 0900**

**Sept 20
 YE Rally at SVA
 1100**

**Sep Gathering
 Sept 27 Hangar 15**

**VMC/IMC
 Oct 8
 Mariner Cafe 1900**

**Chili Bingo
 Oct 23 @ KCLM**

**Oct Gathering
 Oct 25**

**Young Eagle Events
 Sept 20
 PILOTS NEEDED**



More from Ray



I wanted to give you an update on some of our new aviators:

Sid Vandiver has enrolled in Olympia and is actively pursuing his Private Pilot License (PPL). Sid got engaged in aviation after attending a Flying Start event.

Gunner Rogers, our first Ray Scholar, just received his Commercial Pilot License at UND and is moving on to multi engine.

Gena Nickel, who just joined the chapter, recently earned her PPL in Auburn.

Jazmin Stamper, our second Ray Scholar, has received her student license and is working hard to get her PPL soon!

You're invited to a

Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night

EAA430 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Join us for a fun night of getting together for some chili and fixings and then playing Bingo for prizes! We are hoping to raise money to provide scholarships for the EAA Air Academy and scholarships to help young aviators with college. Recommended donation for dinner is \$20 and \$10 for Bingo card.

Contact Kevin Tracy to enter the chili cook-off at ktracy60@yahoo.com.

**Where: Fairchild International Airport
Conference Room**

When: October 23, 2025

Time: Dinner at 5:00 p.m.



Letters home from EAA AIR ACADEMY

Hello and thank you Chapter 430 those who support it and my family.
I had a great experience at the Air Academy, and the adventures that came with it.
I have also have made new friends and acquaintances, through the games and workshop, speaking of workshops,
I have done fun and new things, such as welding, making wing ribs, using sheet metal to make a pencil and phone stand, and even making a knee board out of composite.
Upon this finale day I am thankful for the people I met along the way, and the helicopter ride to top it off.
Sincerely, Jazmin C. Stamper.
August 1st



Jazmin Stamper



Nathan Nelson


Dear EAA Chapter 430,
Thank you for sending me to EAA air academy. This was a big opportunity for me and I think it will help me in the future. We have done many fun things like make wooden wing ribs and take apart engines and many more fun things these five days.
Thank you,
Nathan Nelson

Orcas Island Flyout

Wow! We had a great time at the Orcas Island flyout on August 12. This was one of our more unusual flyouts because lunch choices included multiple downtown restaurants in Eastsound or a picnic at the airport. And most chose the picnic!

Nine airplanes brought sixteen people to the island. Emily Westcott, Aidan Lara and his mother Sondra Pedlar flew up in Emily's C172, then wandered into town for lunch. The rest of us picnicked where we watched quite a few airplanes takeoff and land, but mostly just chatted and behaved like long lost friends. "We" were Ken (Brownie) and Skip Brown (RV9), Bill and Dot Shepherd (Swift), Dave and Joan Miller (180 hp Legend Cub), Christi Masi (Murphy Elite), John Ward (Pipistrel Sinus), Richard and Mary Ann Howell (Sling 2), Terry Smith (PA-11), and Ray Ballantyne flew with me in my PA-11. After lunch several of the picknickers walked into town for dessert.

The day was warm with very few clouds, and winds were light. Some of us flew directly to Orcas Island, others flew up along the west side of Whidbey Island and cut over toward our destination when we were north of Whidbey Naval Air Station. Ray and I flew along Whidbey both ways so we got to see Deception Pass twice. But either way the day was gorgeous and the all the scenery was beautiful. Mt Baker stood out to the east and all the islands were visible.

What a great way to spend the day!

Barry



Happy group of Orcas Island "Fly-outers"



John Ward flew in from Port Townsend



Bill Shepard's Swift



Dave and Barry's Cubs



The Clan at the picnic table

The light plane easy tug, or in reality the easy pull.

The concept of how to get the plane back in the hangar has been an inventive process for many pilots. While we can easily pull the plane out to the ramp in front of the hangar (usually with a little downhill slope) the effort to push it back is more difficult.

I currently have a Van's RV 9A with an empty weight of about 1000 with full fuel. My plane is normally full when in the hangar. My tools to put the plane in the hangar consists of:

- A Standard towbar and a Harbor Freight Badland ZXR 2500# ATV/Utility Winch with a Wire Rope and **remote control**. This is a 12V unit. \$80.00
- I have a 12V car battery on a tender for my use. (I had limited power in the condo hangar)
- I also replaced the wire rope which came with the winch with nylon rope with a +350# lifting capacity. \$20.00 Home Depot



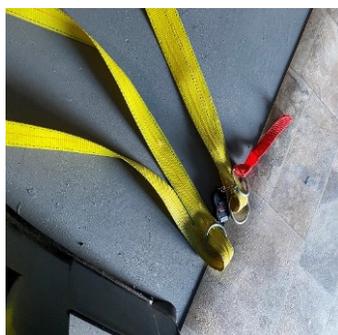
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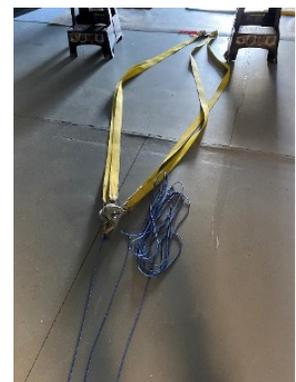
Battery w/ charger



On the shelf



Straps with Remote



Ready for next time

Board Dinner

The EAA 430 Board of Directors came together for a great dinner on Saturday September 13, 2025, at Kevin and Charlie Tracy's wonderful home. It was a time to review the contributions of all our directors and enjoy good food and company.

There were a variety of party gifts from Charlie, but the best ones were received by Joan Miller and Bud Davies.

A BIG thank you for all the work the board members accomplish.



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