



EAA 430 FLYER

Serving Northern Olympic Peninsula



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From the Left Seat With President Ray Ballantyne



Let me be the first to wish you Happy Holidays!

It's always amazing how quickly the days pass in November and December. It's also amazing how fast the annual holidays come up as we get older. But I love this time of year to be thankful and reflect on the events that took place in the past year. I'm so grateful for aviation and the magic of flying in my life - which has created so many friends, adventures, and memories. I'm also grateful for our EAA430 family who like to get together and will look after and help each other. I think our Flyouts, Gatherings, and Celebrations fall solidly in those categories. I look forward to the festivities at the Holiday Party on December 20!

So let's enjoy the ride of this life and spend it with others. Let's inform and educate those interested in the joys and accomplishment of flying.

We are currently working with the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron helping prospective young aviators work through the Sporty's ground school they received by being a Young Eagle. And our Ray Scholar, Jazmin Stamper, recently passed her Private Pilot written exam and is preparing for a long solo cross country. That's how we are keeping aviation vibrant on the Peninsula.

We gather at Fairchild Conference Room this month on Saturday November 29 with a delicious breakfast casserole, pastries, and fruit starting at 0930. The presentation will be a surprise because it has yet to be determined. I hope to see you there.

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**BOD Meeting****Nov 21**

9:00 Mariner Cafe

November Gathering**Nov 29**

KCLM Conference Room

VMC/IMC**Dec 10**

Mariner Cafe @ 7:00 pm

BOD Meeting**Dec 19**

9:00 Mariner Cafe

Christmas Gathering**Dec 20**

Cedars at Dungeness

EAA Chapter 430 - Board of Directors Nominees - Elections 2026 - 2027

Position / Office* (2 year term)	Nominees (candidates)
President	Ray Ballantyne
Vice President	Ernie Hansen
Secretary	Rob Stephens
Treasurer	Tracy Halsted
Membership	Tracy Halsted
Young Eagles	Bud Davies
VMC/IMC	Harry Cook
Hospitality	Kevin and Charlene Tracy
Flyout	Barry Halsted
Scholarship	Linda Priddle
Newsletter	Richard Howell
Communications	Erik Petersen
Web Editor	Richard Howell
Programs	[OPEN]

This is a revised
 slate of candidates.

Rick Vaux decided to
 not seek reelection.
 His long time of service
 and numerous contributions
 are so very appreciated.

Ernie Hanson stepped up
 to fill the void.

* Class I - elected, Class II - appointed by the President

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR



EAA CHAPTER 430

Holiday Party 2025

Annual Holiday Dinner
Saturday, December 20th 2025 at 5 pm
Cedars of Dungeness – Legends Room
Sequim, WA



October Presentation



Rob Stephens, EAA430 member and new owner of a JMB VL3 airplane, gave an excellent presentation about his aviation history and experiences. He then described the journey he encountered buying a new light sport plane with a turbo charged Rotax engine that will provide for almost 200 mph. He highlighted his trip to Salt Lake City to pick up his new beauty and also talked about his recent trip to Garmin in Olathe, KS to attend their training. Here in this photo, he is describing the final assembly of his aircraft at the factory.

Following his presentation, members were invited to check out the amazing airplane at the hangar next door. Thanks, Rob for such a great and informative presentation!



An inside look

Parachute release



A sweet ride from my nextdoor neighbor

OCTOBER FLY-OUT ROCHE HARBOR

By 21:00 on Sunday, Oct. 26th, the TAFs were looking good for the fly-out to Roche Harbor for Monday, Oct. 27th, so I sent out the “fly-out is on” announcement. By this time, I had 16 confirmed to attend. I called the Lime Kiln Café earlier in the day to advise them of our large group, but they said that a reservation wasn’t necessary, as the café is a cafeteria-style setup as first-come, first-served.

On Monday morning, there were clear skies and calm winds over the peninsula and broken clouds at 1800’ over Friday Harbor. Victoria was clear, and so was Orcas, so I decided that the fly-out was still on. It was a beautiful, smooth flight over to San Juan Island, and it was visible that Roche was clear of clouds. Upon arrival, there was a group of aviators waiting with a few arriving shortly after. Myself, Sondra Pedlar (my mom), and Linda Priddle (Emily’s C172M), Bud Davies (C152), Scott Alair (Lancair Legacy), Richard Howell and Sid Vandiver (Richard’s Sling 2), Rob Stephens and Ernie Hansen (Rob’s VL3), Ray and Lisa Ballantyne, and Wells and Evangeline Hutchins (Ray and Lisa’s Sportsman), Cenk Özer and friend Scott (Linda’s C150J), and Barry and Tracy Halsted (their C172M). 17 people and 8 planes in total.

After we took our group picture, we ventured down into town. The walk was a nice downhill stroll with great views of the harbor and the original Hotel De Haro. There were even a couple of people who called the hotel/resort to request a golf cart to meet us at the airport to be driven into town. After pushing a few tables together, it was great to get to socialize with everyone at lunch. It was also a treat to try the café’s homemade doughnuts and explore the original lime kilns.

If you haven’t made it up there, it is worth it, especially this time of the year during the off-season. Don’t forget to explore the mausoleum.

The flight home was smooth with clear skies and light winds. This was also one of our largest fly-out turnouts for 2025 and my first time acting as flyout coordinator. Thank you to all who attended!

Clear skies and tailwinds,
Aidan Lara





Good food,
Good friends

Waiting for
The late-comers



The lineup -
8 beautiful
planes in total

EAA Chapter 430 Membership Gathering Minutes

Date: Oct 25, 2025

- Our gathering kicked off with a delicious breakfast buffet. Thanks to our Hospitality team of Kevin and Charlene Tracy and other generous volunteers.
- Chapter President Ray Ballantyne called the Membership Gathering to order at 1018, in the Wm. R. Fairchild Intl. Airport terminal conference room.
- Ray led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with 30 members and 3 guests attending.
- September Gathering Minutes were approved as written.
- Welcome Guests - Nicolena Hutchins, her daughter Evangeline and Robert Fuller.
- Ray introduced Corrina Johnson and her daughter Paisley, representing Olympic Christian School - as they were collecting entries for their fundraising drive, featuring the prize of a local scenic airplane flight, to be donated by an EAA 430 chapter member.
- Correspondence
 - Announcement - LASAR, a Mooney aircraft parts and service center in Oregon
 - Safari Helicopters - Received notice that the company is for sale
 - Sequim Valley Airport - wrapping up communications regarding lease negotiations

Old Business

- Treasury Tracy Halsted - (Ray) Our chapter funds are reflecting \$4800 for scholarship, \$2315 operating and about \$233,500 in our building fund.
 - Our Chili Bingo night was attended by 31 and added \$1320 to our scholarship funds.
- Membership Tracy Halsted - Paid membership is now at 115.
- Build and Fly - Richard Howell reported that we had a nice event, attended by 4 kids and their parents on Saturday October 11th. Kids and parents worked to successfully build and fly balsa wood, hand-launched gliders. A couple of kids got some hands on flying of an R/C model before a technical issue grounded things until another day.
- Young Eagles Bud Davies - (Ray) shared that we flew 155 kids, with 3 rallies - including two at Sequim Valley and one at Fairchild airport in Port Angeles. 15 pilots, including several from neighboring EAA chapters, generously donated their time and personal airplanes to make our 2025 season a success.
- Fly-out Barry Halsted - Aiden Lara is Barry Halsted's designated flyout coordinator (DFC) for October. Aiden arranged for an October 16th flyout, lunch and a Cub Crafters factory tour in Yakima, WA - happily attended by 4 people in 3 airplanes. Aiden is also anticipating another fly out to nearby Roche Harbor on the 27th.
- Our hospitality team is circulating a volunteer signup sheet for breakfast helpers with the November 29th gathering, here at Fairchild airport terminal conference room.

EAA Chapter 430 Membership Gathering Minutes, Con't

New Business

- Election Update - The slate of nominees for our chapter Board of Directors has been included in our most recent newsletter. Most of our existing board members have agreed to serve again, for another 2 year term. There will be some switching of hats for Secretary, Scholarship, Newsletter and Website editors. All positions only have 1 nominee each, at this time. If this doesn't change, our chapter bylaws require only a confirming show of hands by a majority of those present to be recorded during our regular Membership Gathering in November. If you have interest in serving on the chapter board of directors, please let any board member know.
- New Aviators Update
 - Sid Vandiver - has logged about 19 hours of flight training experience. Sid graduated "top of the class" in his ground school training class.
 - Jazmin Stamper - (Ray) working to prepare for the "long cross country" portion of her training requirements.
 - Genna Nickel - has completed her training and received her Private Pilot certificate. She's exploring opportunities for scholarships and funding to continue training towards her instrument rating.
 - Kevin Tracy - has accumulated about 75 hours of flight training time in his Ercoupe and is preparing for the cross country portion of his training.
 - Nathan Nelson - (Norm) flew in a Champ, part of the Port Townsend Aero Museum collection, from Jefferson County (0S9) to Sequim Valley (W28).
- Projects
 - Erik Petersen - Cozy Mk IV working on drawings and engineering approvals for repairs.
 - Cenk Ozer has received his newly overhauled engine and is hopeful he'll have his RV-4 back in the air within 30 days.
 - Harry Cook - Sonex Waix B, AeroVee engine assembly and firewall forward tasks.
 - John Ward - has new digs for his Pipistrel Sinus motorglider – a hangar at Jefferson County Airport!
- Our EAA Chapter 430 Christmas Holiday party is planned for Saturday, December 20th - 5:00pm. Tickets are expected to be \$50 per person.
- The Business portion of the gathering was adjourned at 11:02.
- Today's program - Rob Stephens, VL3 Journey (all about Rob's adventures, choosing and acquiring a brand new JMB VL3 aircraft).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Howell, EAA 430 Secretary