



# EAA Chapter 430

Serving Northern Olympic Peninsula

June 2026 — Newsletter

## From the Left Seat with President Ray Ballantyne



Greetings Olympic Peninsula Aviators!

Summer is here! The June Gloom has faded, and the beautiful days will show the Olympic Mountains in all their glory. Now it's time to aviate to new or treasured locations around our beautiful nation. I'm looking forward to spending time in Idaho this month at some out of my favorite places.

Although the forecast was for possible thunderstorms, the June 6 Young Eagle rally weather turned out better than forecast. You will see the report later on, but suffice it to say it was a fabulous event where many hands (and airplanes) made light work of a big event. It's great to be part of an

organization where so many people see a need and fill it.

We've been thinking about our tool crib, and how to improve the process of providing important but seldom used tools for chapter members so they don't have to be purchased unnecessarily. Vice President Ernie Hansen suggested and is putting together a "loan list" where members can list specialty tools that they would be willing to loan. That way we don't need to have a place to store them. One of the most used items we have is the aircraft scales. Another tool that would benefit the chapter is a propeller balancer.

We've investigated purchasing a first-class balancer and have gotten a 10% discount from the manufacturer. We can apply for a rebate from EAA National for a total savings of over \$700. To raise the remaining \$3700.00 for the prop balancer, we will have another fun filled Chili Bingo night on July 8 at the KCLM conference room at 5:30 p.m. We anticipate raising the remaining donations needed from those that get their props balanced.

**Chapter Membership Gathering**  
Saturday, June 27 at 0930  
Sequim Valley Airport, Hangar 15 (lunch)  
<https://eaa430.org>

The Olympic Field (WA45) fly-in is Saturday June 20. It will start at 10:00 a.m. with RAF donuts and coffee and a presentation by the RAF President at the south end of the airstrip. Lunch will be served at noon up at the Larrance's house with live music starting at 1:00 p.m. We can all hope for good weather. Later in the day at 5:00 p.m., there will be a celebration of the life for Keith Kretschmer at Diamond Point Airport. I hope to see you at one or both events.

I'll miss being at the June Gathering on the 27<sup>th</sup> as Lisa and I plan to join the annual GlaStar fly-in at Smiley Creek, ID. At over 7000 feet elevation, it quickly reminds you to consider density altitude effects and taking extra socks for the chilly nights! Ernie Hansen will step in as Vice President for the meeting and our own Cecilia Aragon will provide the presentation on flying skills.

Let's go fly!

**June Young Eagles**  
Tracy Halsted

Thanks to you all for coming and donating lots of fuel to fly our 55 Young Eagles! It is highly appreciated, and the kids had a great time.

Attached is the pilot recap, showing the number of kids flown. What it doesn't show is the number of flights by each pilot. On that, Steve Emley won with 5 flights, followed by a tie between Ernie and Erik with 4 flights each.

Our next two events are July 11th and September 19th, both at PA again.

Hope to see you there.

Thanks again,  
Tracy Halsted

**EAA 430 Young Eagles Flown  
by Pilot**

Date	6/6/26
Pilot	Total
Ballantyne, Ray	8
<b>Byrnett, Bruce</b>	
Cook, Harry	
Davies, Bud	
Emley, Steve	5
<b>Funk, Brian (Chapter 609, Auburn)</b>	
<b>Gormley, Lane (Chapter 84)</b>	
Halsted, Barry	7
Hansen, Ernie	4
Howell, Richard	2
Lara, Aidan	9
<b>Norman, Mark (Chapter 84)</b>	
Ozer, Cenk	
Petersen, Erik	8
Rogers, Gunner	
Stephens, Rob	3
<b>Still, Mark (Chapter 84)</b>	
Stoffel, Rick	
Tubesing, Gordon	9
<b>Total YE's flown</b>	<b>55</b>

**EAA 430 Young Eagles Rally**  
Saturday, July 11 at 1100  
Wm. R. Fairchild Airport - Terminal  
<https://eaa430.org>

## EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship Success

Let's get right to it - Jazmin Stamper has earned her Private Pilot Certificate for Airplane Single Engine Land.

With Jazmin's hard work, the enthusiastic support of her parents and a boost from EAA Chapter 430's mentorship and administration of *EAA Ray Foundation Scholarship* award funding, she has become the second of Ray Scholarship recipients to achieve this goal. Jazmin was part of EAA 430's Build and Fly Program and also one of our Young Eagles.



Jazmin gets some recognition at EAA 430 - VMC/IMC Club



Jazmin with her mom, CFI Daniel Weaver and her dad

We'll look forward to hearing more from Jazmin about her journey, sometime very soon. In the meantime, perhaps she can take a breather and see about getting her driver's license. Congratulations Jazmin!



Proud mom, Alejandra

## An EAA 430 Young Eagles Rally Teamwork

Anytime you can get 55 kids into the air, good things are going to happen. Our first rally of the year proved that to be true. Kids are thrilled. Parents are happy. Pilots and ground volunteers are pleased and relieved.

and even a few sprinkles. It all added up to a remarkably beautiful flying day. What a treat.

Our pilot and airplane turnout was terrific. This is due in no small part to the persuasive charm of our Young Eagles Director, Bud Davies. In addition to several pilots who regularly volunteer, we had two pilots participating for their first time ever. It's definitely a worthwhile way to spend a Saturday. The next opportunity will be in July, so please let Bud know you'd like to pitch in to share your time and your airplane.

As you might expect, kids bring their own level of enthusiasm for a flight. To many, it's just an activity - something to do. Other's seem to think it's pretty cool and unusual, but perhaps not much beyond that. And then - there are

those that click. We keep a sharp eye out, hoping to pick out the "right-seaters", the ones who'll get the most out of having a few moments at the controls - flying the airplane. We fortunately were able to identify



Ray Ballantyne kicks off our June rally

A lot of things have to come together for a successful event and EAA Chapter 430 excels - neatly delivering a community service that has such positive impact on young lives.

Local weather always plays a big role at Young Eagles events. Adapting to current conditions is important, because we don't always get the ideal sunny Saturday we hopefully anticipate.

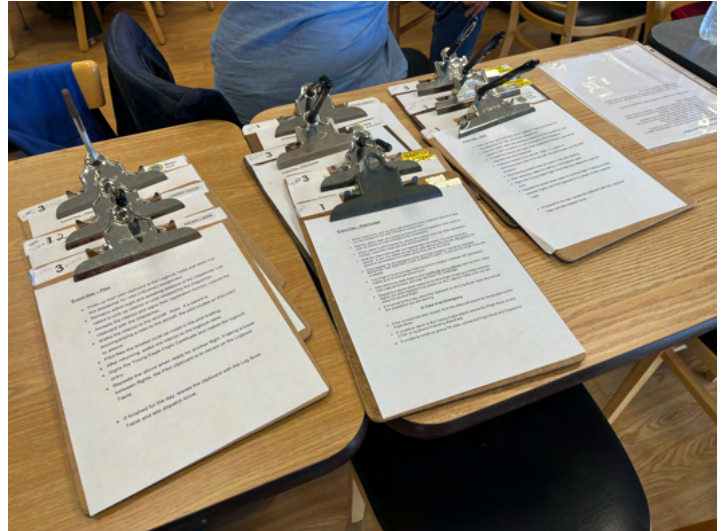
June 6 provided some clouds, a bit of sunshine, a little breeze



several keen prospects and did our best to get them in the co-pilot's seat for their flights.



June's rally went smoothly, thanks to the coordination of our experienced volunteers. We try to do three events each year, and for as long EAA 430 has been at it, it's easy to see



that practice pays off for the enjoyment and benefit of all.

So the next time you see Tracy Halsted, Joan Miller, Bud Davies, Linda Runion, Kevin or Charlene Tracy, Alejandra Stamper, John Meyers, Norm Nelson, Harry Cook, or any of the EAA 430 Young Eagles Team - please take a moment to thank them for the hard work they put in to make these rallies a success.

## Young Eagles Action



YE Pilot Dispatch



Steve and his Hatz Biplane



The Flight Line



Young Eagle at the controls



Ernie and his Super Cub

## Comic Relief

### Photo caption contest

Ok, here's a scene from our recent Young Eagles event. Fairchild Airport Manager, James Alton, is certainly in the middle of things, but there are plenty of other players in this picture.



*Your caption here...*

Your job is to come up with the best photo caption idea you can possibly imagine, and send it to [webeditor@eaa430.org](mailto:webeditor@eaa430.org). Anything. The funnier the better.

No slacking please. Let's put some real effort into this. It's a fine opportunity to think outside of the box. We absolutely can't wait to see what everyone comes up with.

Look for a winner in next month's newsletter.

## May Membership Gathering Recap

Once again, we grouped and aligned our chairs at Sequim Valley Airport and settled in to another of our pleasant summertime chapter membership gatherings.



As usual, we had some highlights - including Dave Gardner reporting on his successful off-airport landing, when the engine in his 1948 Stinson 108-3 suddenly decided to call it a day.

Our guest speaker, Rob Wells - attending his first-ever EAA Chapter meeting - shared details about how the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) works to protect irreplaceable airfields all around the country.



Some results of these ongoing efforts have paid dividends locally at Olympic Field Airport (WA45), in the hills next to Discovery Bay. This private airfield is currently slated to be our June fly-out destination. More on that elsewhere in this newsletter.



What chapter gathering would be complete without a bite to eat? Freshly grilled burgers were the order of the day, with everybody neatly lined up, just waiting to get their hands on one.

Thanks everyone! Oh, and BTW - join us in June when Cecelia Aragon will tell us about *Dancing with Gravity*.

### EAA Chapter 430 - Membership Gathering

Presentation - Cecilia Aragon

### Dancing with Gravity

Saturday, June 27, 2026 - 0930

Sequim Valley Airport

Hangar 15 (lunch)

### EAA Chapter 430 - Young Eagles Rally

FREE airplane rides for kids - ages 8 to 17

Includes log book, to record the flight experience,  
Free EAA Student Membership,  
Free Sporty's Learn to Fly Course (completion earns - a FREE Flight Lesson)

Saturday, July 11, 2026 - 11:00am - 3:00pm

Wm. R. Fairchild International Airport

Terminal Conference Room

### EAA Chapter 430 - Fly-Out

Olympic Field (WA45) Fly-In

Expect email with more info from coordinator Barry Halsted



**2026**  
**OLYMPIC FIELD FLY-IN**

**JUNE 20**

**Food at Noon | Music at 1PM**

Burgers | Salad | Drinks  
Optional Potluck (Bring a Side Dish)  
Overnight camping available!

OlympicField.com  
814 Casselary Road, Port Townsend, WA 98368



**APEX AIRPORT FLY-IN**

ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS  
CAR CLUB DISPLAYS GAMES

CELEBRATING OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF APEX AIRPORT!  
MUSIC BY BACKWOODS WINDJAMMERS OF BELFAIR

Saturday  
**July 11, 2026**  
Silverdale 8W5  
Car Parking: Contact Court - Follow Signs

**Bring Your Favorite Lawn Chairs and Appetite**  
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Drinks Provided by Apex Association  
Paper Plates and Plasticware Provided

**Food**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
Donations Appreciated

## EAA Chapter 430 – General Membership Meeting

Date: May 30, 2026

10:02 am call to order

43 members and 1 guests present

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes approved from April 2026
- Correspondence: KCLM airport manager construction plans for taxiway Alpha June 1<sup>st</sup>. Alternatives identified and will be with airport manager for the Young Eagles event on June 6th

### Old Business

- Treasurer/Membership
  - \$5000 in Scholarship, \$3300 Checking, \$233,500 Building.
  - 107 members,
- CAP continues Eric primary lead Ray proposed schedule change
- Communications: none to report
- May Flyout to Packwood ~10 people. June 20<sup>th</sup> Olympic Field WA45
- Building: possible sight already sold, nothing new.
- Flying Start, Disappointing, 3 interested, great support from EAA members
- Young Eagles June 6<sup>th</sup> in PA, 20+ YE Registered, Pilot briefing @ 10:30, flying @11:00

### New Business

- Keith Kretschmer went west April 30 @ 91Y.O. recognition.
- Dave Gardner briefing on off field emergency landing
- New aviators gave update of their respective progress
- Chili Bingo event scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> @ KCLM Conference room @ 5:30p (No VMC/IMC) Fund raiser for prop balancer

### Project Reports

- Multiple reports from those builders in attendance

Meeting adjourned 11:17.

Presentation: Rob Wells – Kodiak Aircraft and the RAF

### Important **June** 2026 Dates

- June 10th @ 7 pm VMC/IMC Club, Mariner Café
- June 19th @ 9am BOD, Mariners Café
- June 27th General Meeting @ SVA Hanger 15
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles in PA
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Chili Bingo fund raiser @ KCLM Conference room @ 5:30p

Respectfully submitted, Robert Stephens, EAA 430 Secretary