



# The Bend High Desert Flyer of Chapter 1345

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## PREZ SEZ:

Hello everyone. If you haven't heard yet, there are a couple of things that have happened in the past month.

First, our trusty secretary/ Treasurer, was injured during his final competition run down the "Half Pipe" at Mt Bachelor (not)! ...in his wildest imagination (maybe). No, Jack was sidelined by black ice and is in recovery mode. But in his absence last month, Faye Phillips has stepped up and is the new "Chapter 1345 Secretary & chapter member"! Thank you Faye!

Also the B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" is scheduled to arrive in Bend on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>! We have already had a volunteer meeting and have the posters and hand outs to start spreading the word! Yes, we are putting on a dance that Friday night and we have the backing of the local dance community behind us! This is going to be a blow-out fun time!

Last month's meeting was all about the "3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical Reform" and the implications of going "naked" and it's not all that bad! Mike Pederson gave a short but interesting discussion about the engine he is developing. I hope he'll be bringing it to a future meeting so we can watch history come alive.

Also the B-17 event was certainly a topic of conversation. Again, volunteers are needed! Remember that this is your chapter and many hands make short work. Even if you're not up to being part of the preliminary staging, sign up now for the days of events! We really do need our members to step up here and be counted on.

This month's meeting is Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Robertson "Bend Builders Assist" hanger, located @ 63032 Powell Butte Hwy.

Dale Anderson has been gaining a lot of interest and members to his "Young Eagles" meetings that start at 4 o'clock with a "hands on" work shop, learning construction techniques. Then at 5, diving right into "Flight Planning" and, how (or what) do we do now! Senior members are always welcome to come in and share their expert knowledge.

At 6, the grill will be hot as well as the Pizza with our evening meeting around 6:30!

All are welcome so, drag a friend, neighbor or anyone interested in this silly thing we call "Aviation", out to our meetings!

*Thomas Phy,*  
*President*

## Treasurer's Report

Financial For period: 01/01/17 to 02/28/17

TOTAL INCOME	\$596.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$459.00
NET INCOME (loss)	\$137.00
<b>TOTAL CASH IN BANK</b>	<b>\$3152.64</b>

**Payments outstanding**                      **NONE**

*Jack Watson, Treasurer*

## February Meeting Minutes

Due to Jack's accident detailed minutes not available – see Prez Sez for summary

### Unleaded avgas and SB115

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Hello pilots, and thank you ALL for your powerful and timely response to my request for letters and hearing attendees to oppose SB 115, which would have made it illegal to possess or use leaded Avgas in Oregon on Jan 1, 2022. The committee got over 70 letters making the issues of safety and availability clear to legislators, and the 20+ people who showed up at 3 pm on Wednesday to testify were able to refute with FACTS the misinformation that was shared by Miki Barnes and her Aviation Watch followers. (Did you know that our approved unleaded replacement fuel is already available and we cheap and selfish pilots just don't want to use it because it's expensive?) The committee was very receptive to facts and ended the session with a much better sense of GA and the impacts of this type of short sighted bill. Thanks particularly to [Senator Baertschiger](#), a pilot and member of the committee, who was able to ask pertinent and insightful questions in the face of misinformation.

PILOTS -- WE MADE THE SYSTEM WORK!  
By taking a few minutes to write a letter and send it in, we showed legislators that we care, we vote, and we pay attention to what goes on. AND we expect them to proceed with bills based on real facts, not on misinformation!  
BRAVO TO YOU ALL; YOU DID GREAT!

**AND NOW WE NEED TO DO IT AGAIN**  
HB 2109 (essentially the same bill) IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR WED, 2/22 AT 8 AM IN HEARING ROOM D

The talking points are the same:

- This is an ongoing federal process and the FAA is proceeding in a timely fashion, but this is a new science and safety is paramount. There is no existing substitute for tetra-ethyl-lead currently and no absolute date when one will be available.
- GA will be grounded if an FAA approved alternative is not available -- including craft used in interstate commerce, for ag, search and rescue, as part of the emergency response to the Cascadia event, emergency services, firefighting, wildlife management, flight training, and recreation.
- Lead from avgas has NEVER even reached the federal air quality standard and airborne lead is fifty times lower than the federal standard at the Hillsboro airport -- DEQ's 2016 study.
- Elevated lead levels in children have been traced to lead house paint or glass or toys, NEVER to aviation lead.

**Don't wait! RIGHT NOW email your comments to the House Committee on Transportation Policy:**  
Send it to: [htp.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:htp.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)

Include the bill number, 2109, the committee name House Committee on Transportation Policy, your name and county, and the hearing date (2/22/17).

**LET'S MAKE SURE THE LEGISLATORS GET THE REAL FACTS!**

And i will see you hardy souls who show up on Wednesday in the Capitol Building in Hearing Room D (on the main floor)

**From Mary Rosenblum**

Oregon Pilots Association

## **Young Eagles Support Group Meeting**

**(everyone interested in aviation are welcome to attend any/all sessions)**

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting starts at 4 o'clock with a "hands on" workshop, learning construction techniques. Then at 5, diving right into "Flight Planning" and, how (or what) do we do now.



**Having fun at the February Young Eagles meeting**

## **B-17 Visit to Bend -- Kick Off!**

EAA National has sent the flyers, banners and sponsor packages. For the 4/27-4/30, 2017 visit. We have an eager group of volunteers that want to make this a successful event, and for those that didn't get to the meeting last Sunday, we have a full plate on our hands!

Press flight is on Thursday, Friday we have the swing band "The Notables" already booked for the evening activities (Thanks Brenda!). Charlie Brown has contacted the "Pickled Pig" and Paul is feeding the flight crew at no charge! The rest of the EAA staff will be getting a discounted rate as well. Thanks Charlie!

Dale Anderson and Kim Muinch are tag teaming, being the volunteering coordinators. Please contact them to help on the days of the event (emails are above).

Know anyone with an antique car/ motorcycle? Ask them to show it off. Most likely, Saturday will be open for having Cars/ Bikes/ Planes on the ramp for show & tell.

The Central Oregon "Civil Air Patrol's Senior members & Cadets" will be helping and providing night time security.

So talk up sponsors, start talking to your friends and neighbors. School groups are welcome but, we have to schedule them so we're not over run. We will try to put raffle tickets together and need someone to spear head that. We are able to raffle up to 10 flights at a reduced rate so, contact me for more details.

If you need more info (and who doesn't at this point) Please give me a call @ 541-306-1500

Thanks again for all the effort that is coming our way from all of you!

Thomas Phy  
President & Chief Bottle Washer

## Places to fly

**Every Friday -- Donuts at Lenhardts (7S9).** Lots of planes fly in on sunny Fridays. Remember it's under UAO's airspace, so if you're not talking to the tower, approach from the east and stay below 1200 ft.

**Every Sunday -- Breakfast at Lebanon (S30)** Fly down and take the FBO car in to the American Legion post for a great breakfast for 6\$. You'll find other pilots there, it's a popular place to eat breakfast on Sundays.

**Every Saturday -- Barbecue at Newport (ONP).** Every Saturday, you can drop into ONP for burgers on the grill at the FBO there. What a great excuse to fly to the coast! Admire that gorgeous paving job on the runway, too!

**First Saturday of every month -- Breakfast at Stark's Twin Oaks (7S3)** -- fly in for a great breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and grits, even!

**Second Saturday of every month -- the Hood River WAAAM Museum Open House (4S2)** Fly or drive in for the open house at the WAAAM Museum at the Hood River airport. You won't believe the thousands of flying aircraft and gorgeously restored vintage cars in those hangars! On the Second Saturdays, the cars drive visitors around and some of the war birds even fly if the weather permits.

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### THE FUN STUFF

#### Saturday, Feb 18

Creswell-Hobby EAA Breakfast (77S) -- Enjoy a pancake breakfast to start the weekend!

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#### Wednesday, Feb 22

**Hearing on HB2109. Salem.** It's 8 am. Grab some coffee and come down to Salem to Hearing Room D to make sure legislators understand what this bill could really do! If you can't be there, write a letter! Do it now, or the anti-aviation folk win. Details are at the start of this email.

**Mulino Chapter Meeting; (4S9)** Come to the new clubhouse in the FBO building at 6 pm for food and pilots! It's a great group and don't forget the Pancake Breakfast coming this July!

#### Saturday and Sunday February 24 - 25

**Sat: Pilot Lunch at Albany (S12)** Tony Hann serves free burgers and dogs to pilots! Come on down for lunch and pilot chat at the excellent FBO!

Sat and Sun:

**Northwest Aviation Conference!** Puyallup (PLU Thun Field) Yes, you can fly, there is a shuttle from Thun to the fairgrounds, but why not drive up even if it rains (rain? ya' think?) and check out the classes, seminars, booths, and Cool Stuff! Let it all remind us that there WILL be a flying season!

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#### Saturday March 4

**Stark's Twin Oaks breakfast (7S3)** Come down for eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry pancakes, and grits!

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#### Saturday, March 11

**WAAM Second Saturday at Hood River (4S2)** -- Ride in the antique cars, maybe a couple of planes will fly, have lunch and tour the awesome museum!

**Willamette Aviation Second Saturday. (UAO)** See their [website](#) to find out what this month's Wings Credit seminar will be: <http://www.willametteair.com/>

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#### Saturday, March 18

**Cresswell-Hobby EAA Breakfast (77S)** Come down for a good start to the weekend!

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#### Saturday, March 25

**Pilot lunch at Albany (S12)** Fly down to Tony Hann's FBO at the airport for burgers and dogs and pilot chat!

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#### Saturday, April 1

**Stark's Twin Oaks breakfast (7S3)** Come down for eggs, bacon, sausage, blueberry pancakes, and grits! That's no April Fool joke!

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Well, that calendar looks pretty darn thin to me but we have LOTS of good stuff coming up later on! I'll keep the Places coming with more cool things to do and keep you up to date on news that matters to us pilots.

You can sign up for this newsletter on the [OPA website](#), and please, if you are not a member [become a member](#). We're working hard for aviation and we members!

See you around ...in the RV4 if it ever stops raining!

**Thanks to Mary Rosenblum (OPA)**

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