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A Tribute to Ralph Trefney

It was a crystal clear day to fly in the mountains, no clouds and just very slight turbulence. Five planes and their owner-pilots showed up at Sequim Valley Airport at 9 a.m., Monday, July 20, 2009.

Tom Hart and his Cessna 182 flew lead plane with passengers Patty Minor and Mike Lynn carrying the device to spread Ralph's ashes.

Trent Sommer and his RV6 and passenger, Bob Cummings, followed Tom Hart's "green machine", then Ken Brown's Piper Archer and passengers Richard Bielawa and Jim Cone, then Mel Rudin's Velocity with passenger Ralph Lyon, then Alan Barnard with passengers Joan Masterson and Mike Gawley.

We all left Sequim Valley Airport in close succession, but due to the different airspeeds of each plane, we separated soon. We all met up about a mile south of Hurricane Ridge in a wide right hand turn and the Green Machine, with the precious cargo, headed north on the Elwa River and salvo'd the ashes of our dear friend over the lakes and forest of the upper Elwa River basin. We then proceeded north to the coastline of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, east again over the Coast Guard base, then a wing salute over Blue Ridge Farms Airport and finally back to Sequim Valley Airport to land.

Rest in Peace, Ralph.

Bob Cummings

EAA Chapter 430 Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Board of Directors

Location: 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim.

Date: July 8th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by Gary Johnson in the absence of Pres. Bob Cummings. Members present were Vice-Pres. Richard Bielawa (part time); Secretary Bob Hicks; Editor Joan Masterson; Membership Coordinator Trent Sommer; Activities Coordinator Donna Sommer.

Minutes: Minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as submitted to Officers by email.

Membership Report: Nothing new to report.

Activities Report: Donna Sommer confirmed that July speaker will be Charles White of Micro Devices discussing Vortex Generators. Donna reported that the State Patrol Aviation Division representative scheduled for August has had to cancel due to budget cuts. Coast Guard speaker has agreed to move up to August.

Young Eagles Report: Russ Sides confirmed the special Y.E. event at Sequim Valley for the Basque kids from Spain is on for Saturday, July 11th. Expectation is for 15 kids. It was suggested that the Airport trailer be used as HQ instead of the Chapter tent. Russ stated that insurance was in place and he was still looking for pilots. Gary and Trent committed to fly.

Russ reported the Port Townsend FBO has asked Chapter 430 to hold a Y.E. Flight Rally at Jeffco. However, Port of Port Townsend is requiring they be "Named Insured" on the Chapter's insurance. Discussion followed regarding logistics of any event at Jeffco particularly regarding safety of kids and parents and access to aircraft parking area.

Discussion by Board of possible third public Y.E. Flight Rally to be held at Port Angeles. Dates discussed are August 8th and September 12th. No decision reached.

Old Business:

Scholarship Program: Nothing new.

No other old business.

New Business:

Board discussed local youth using or planning to use the EAA/Sporty's Online Private Pilot Ground School. Gary Johnson offered to provide a Young Eagles flight to any youth needing it to qualify for the course.

Trent Sommer reported receiving a call from Jim Cone advising of the death of Ralph Trefney. Patti Trefney wants his ashes scattered by air and to have some Chapter Members present.

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Chapter activities were important to Ralph. Trent said they were tentatively planning for Monday, July 20th, and he will advise final plans.

Next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12th, 2009 at 9:00 AM at 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Hicks,
Chapter Secretary

MAJOR MILESTONE!



IT WAS A **RED LETTER DAY** TODAY FOR PAT WIEDERHOLD. HE LIT UP THE PANEL AFTER WORKING FOR SIX MONTHS. THE SMOKE STAYED IN THE WIRES!

HE IS ONE VERY HAPPY CAMPER.

Jim Cone, July 18, 2009

EAA Chapter 430
Meeting Minutes

Meeting: General Membership

Location: Hangar 10, Sequim Valley Airport

Date: June 27th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 11:10 AM by President Bob Cummings. Flag salute followed, with Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the May 30th, 2009, meeting as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made, seconded and approved to accept as published in the Newsletter.

Membership: No report.

Activities Report: Donna Sommer reported that the speaker for today from Angel Flight West had not yet arrived. (Speaker arrived with companion shortly after this report.) Speaker for the July meeting will be Charles White with a presentation on Vortex Generators.

Visitors: Donna Sommer introduced Carol and Richard Hough, friends of Tom Hart, visiting from Tyler, Texas. Richard was a dispatcher for Reeve Aleutian Airlines. The couple is on their way by Piper Commanche to Iliamna, AK.

Jeep Larson introduced Steve Luxton, a Port Angeles High School and Peninsula College graduate (simultaneously), who he is mentoring. Steve's goal is to be a Naval Aviator and is presently taking the EAA/Sporty's Online Private Pilot Ground School. It was noted that he is the third local person doing that.

Young Eagles: Russ Sides was absent out of town. Ken Brown announced the date for the special Y.E. event for the Basque kids is July 11th, commencing 10AM at Sequim Valley. The date for the special event for the Global Family Alliance kids from Belarus and Ukraine will be July 18th, subject to confirmation. The date and location of a public Y.E. event in August is not yet set.

Scholarship Committee: Minutes of a recent meeting of the Committee are attached to the June Board Meeting Minutes. Richard Bielawa suggested some changes in the details, specifically beginning recruiting in September for the following year to allow more time for evaluation.

Communications: Ken Brown presented a request from Andy Sallee for a possible memorial fly-by July 3rd over the home of the late Hal Parker, former Pan Am pilot. Jeep Larson will coordinate this.

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Tech Counselor/Flight Advisor: Jim Cone being absent there was no report.

Project Reports: Dan Donovan reported progress on the rebuilding of his Bearhawk. He stated time was a problem. Richard Bielawa stated he has fixed the avionics problems and his helicopter is ready to fly. He reported he has completed 10 hours factory flight training at Rotorway. Bob Hicks reported on the fix for a weeping fuel tank rivet on the RV-6.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chapter Librarian Jeep Larson stated there had been no call for library items in the two years he has been Librarian. He proposed the library be closed. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed without dissent to terminate the library. Further discussion showed the will of the membership was for the library items to be put in the Raffle for the next 3-4 months. Any items not taken are to be offered to the Port Townsend Aero Museum for their library. Any items not taken are to be discarded.

There was no other New Business.

Next Board Meeting: July 8th at 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim.

Raffle: Raffle was conducted by Richard Bielawa. Two winners were drawn. A short break followed.

Program: Donna Sommer introduced Melinda Denton of Angel Flight West, Spokane, who presented the story and mission of Angel Flight, including a 10 minute video presentation. Melinda related some of her personal experiences as an Angel Flight volunteer pilot flying out of Spokane. Following her presentation Melinda was presented with a "Thank You" Chapter coffee mug by Donna.

Next chapter meeting will be held July 25th 2009, at 11: AM at Hangar 10, Sequim Valley Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

A chapter potluck and barbecue lunch followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Hicks,
Chapter Secretary

Three Valuable Lessons

By Jim Cone

After preflighting the plane, I prepared to take off for the 20-minute flight back to ZZZ1. No AWOS or ASOS was available, however, I had received a weather briefing a few hours before and it was obviously a clear, no-wind evening. I expected to contact ZZZ2 [Class D] after departure for a clearance and a squawk code for flight following back to ZZZ1. I attempted to transmit my movements on the CTAF while taxiing and taking off at ZZZ. There was no other traffic in sight, so I was not surprised to receive no response. However, when I tried to turn on the runway lights via PCL [Pilot Controlled Lighting], nothing happened. This should have been the first clue that the problem was with my radio. Instead, I assumed the lighting system was not working, so I proceeded to take off using only my landing light to stay on centerline.

Immediately after takeoff, I circled to gain altitude, to avoid nearby mountains (which I could see) and to stay out of Class D until cleared. I called ZZZ2 Tower, but got no response, despite repeated attempts to call. At that time, I squawked 7600. At 4,500 feet I leveled off and circled for a while. I did not want to return to ZZZ as there were no runway lights. I decided I should just continue to ZZZ1 as it was close by, familiar, no mountains around, and the lights would be on. I proceeded toward ABC, my sole turning point toward ZZZ1. In the meantime, I got out my handheld communication radio and tried to connect the various cords to the radio, a mike switch and my head phones. This was a disaster. In the darkness of the cabin I could not keep the cords straightened out and still fly the plane.

I gave up with the handheld. I opted to reconnect to the plane's radio. Unfortunately, while doing this, I overshot ABC, significantly. I realized it when I saw in front of me ZZZ4. Knowing this is a very busy commercial airport, I knew I was past my mark and had to get out of there fast! I turned around and headed back to ABC. This time I switched to the last approach channel I had used. To my pleasant surprise, the radio worked. I told the Controller who and where I was, the situation, and that I was squawking 7600. He was immediately helpful and asked if I needed to declare an emergency. I said...no, but I needed to be vectored away from ZZZ4 and back to ZZZ1. I eventually got back and landed safely with no further radio faults. There were 3 lessons I learned that night.

* First, find some way to assure I have working radios before taking off, if at all possible. This was the first time I had landed at an airport without even an AWOS/ASOS, so I did not think about having a radio problem while still on the ground.

* Second, I lost situational awareness during my fuss with the handheld. This was the most dangerous condition of the entire episode. This turned out to be a 'no cost' but valuable lesson.

* Third, I was not prepared to use my handheld in the dark. Consequently, I have now 'pre-wired' and taped up the cords so that if needed in the future, there will be no mess to contend with.

Flashlights are tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

EAA Chapter 430 said Goodbye to Ralph Trefney Monday, July 20, 2009

From Sequim Valley to the Olympics, to the Straits and over Blue Ribbon Airpark, his wife, Patti Minor, and 12 chapter members in five airplanes bid fairwell to Ralph.



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| Alan Barnard | Tom Hart |
| Ken Brown | Mike Lynn |
| Richard Bielawa | Ralph Lyons |
| Jim Cone | Joan Masterson |
| Bob Cummings | Mel Rudin |
| Mike Gawley | Trent Sommer |



July 15, 2009

To date, the FAA inspector has agreed that the accident was probably caused by one of the rotor blades delaminating which caused a "hard-over". The NTSB has not yet investigated.

Trent Sommer, Jerry Tonini and Michael Lynn work to tie down the helo. **Thanks to all** who helped get the helicopter off the field while Richard Bielawa and guest co-pilot, Orv Neisingh, got medical attention. Fortunately, they both faired better than the helo and lived to fly again. Special thanks to Michael Lynn, who volunteered the use of his truck and trailer to get the helo back home..



Young Eagle Rally for Belarus Kids July 18, 2009



We brought David Boerigter (The Dutchman) out of retirement to help fly Young Eagles on July 18. This was our annual rally for the Global Alliance group who host the Belarus youth. Ken Brown was there with his usual support, flying his Piper, and his “Let’s Go Fly” smile. The picture below is of Ginny Wilken, who also flew missions. The lady shown with Ginny is one of the host mothers; she loved her flight. The chapter had two rallies during the month of July, the first one was for the group of Basque youth. Both of these rallies proved to be smaller than the host families had first been told. Nevertheless, we had two good rallies, where youth were introduced to the miracle of flight, many for the first time in a small aircraft.



We will not have a Rally during August. Providers just have too many other demands on their schedules for the month. The next scheduled rally is for 12 September 2009.

Volunteers are welcome to help with set-up, picture-taking, and escorting youth to planes.

Russ Sides, Young Eagles Coordinator



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360-681-3222

Additional details of items are on the web site www.eaa430.org

Please notify the editor when an item has been sold. *Joan Masterson* 360-681-4441
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Do you have any duplicate tools, hardware, supplies, novelties, airplane "stuff", that you would like to contribute? If so, please bring your donation to our next meeting.

If you have any questions, contact our Raffle Chairman, Jerry Tonini, 360-683-4830

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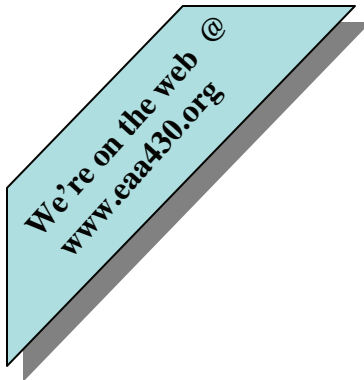
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Chapter Meeting

July 25
Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: **Charles White**
 MicroDevices/
 Vortex Generators

Sequim Valley Airport
 Hangar 10

