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## Message from the President

Mark your calendar for our October meeting on October 28th, it is going to be very interesting. Thanks to all of you that brought refreshments to our last meeting, Donna appreciates your monthly donations of goodies.

This will be my last message as your president. I will be out of the country for the month of November and at our Christmas party in December, you will be choosing a new president. I want to thank all of you who have been so much help to me this last year.

See you December 12th at Joshua's Restaurant. If you have not attended the party before, it is a time for awards and this year we will have a much larger room, so socializing will be made easier.

*Bob Cummings*



## Calendar

- October 14**     **Board Meeting** 9 a.m.  
82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim
- October 28**     **Chapter Meeting** 7 p.m.  
Speaker: **Bob Duncan**  
Alaska Airlines Pilot who has designed  
a water survival suit  
**Monterra Clubhouse**
- November 11**   **Board Meeting** 9 a.m.  
82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim
- November 18\*** **Chapter Meeting** 7 p.m.  
Speaker: **Chuck Wheeler**  
Port Angeles College Instructor,  
Metal Fabrication & Welding  
Jim & Bev Cone's Home/Hangar

### Note

Due to serious illness in their family, the Cones will not be able to host the October Chapter meeting. We will meet in the Monterra Clubhouse.

From Old Olympic Hwy., turn onto Gunn Rd. (opposite Barr Rd.). Turn left (west) onto Finn Hall Rd., and in a short distance, right (north) onto Monterra Drive. The Clubhouse is straight ahead. A map is on the EAA 430 website.

\*Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Chapter Meeting will be held one week earlier than usual.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### EAA Christmas Dinner Party

December 12, 2009

Joshua's—Port Angeles

Social 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.

### Short note from the NOTE\$keeper

Current Balances for our accounts as of October 1, 2009

- Checking :                      \$1,024.16
- Savings :                        \$1,667.22
- EAA Scholarship Fund:       \$2,201.40

**EAA Chapter 430**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting:** Board of Directors

**Location:** 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim.

**Date:** October 14th, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Preident Bob Cummings. Members present were Vice President Richard Bielawa; Editor Joan Masterson; Activities Coordinator Donna Sommer; Treasurer Ken Brown; Ex-Officio Gary Johnson; Young Eagles Coordinator Russ Sides.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

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

**Membership Report:** None.

**Young Eagles Report:** Russ Sides stated the Chapter needs to spend the \$200 received from Y.E HQ. It must be used for Y.E. purposes and cannot be put in the Scholarship Fund. After discussion the Board voted to use the funds for a dedicated Y.E. camera with memory chip compatible with the donated photo printer.

**Activities Report:** Donna Sommer reported that the October meeting speaker will be Bob Duncan, Alaska Airlines pilot who will talk about a new survival suit he has developed. The November speaker will be Chuck Wheeler, Peninsula College welding instructor. Donna reported that Dava McNutt has an FAA Safety Meeting scheduled in March 2010. This will be a joint EAA 430/CCPA event at a time and place to be determined. Donna also stated she is organizing a tour of Coast Guard Station Port Angeles in 2010.

**Old Business:**

**Nominations:** Gary Johnson reported he is still trying to find a candidate for Treasurer. Russ Sides suggested Dan Donovan and Gary said he would contact him. Gary also mentioned the need for a new Young Eagles Coordinator, a volunteer position.

No other old business.

**New Business:**

**December Board Meeting:** Ken Brown proposed that there be a December Board Meeting to provide a transition between incoming and outgoing officers. The Secretary reviewed the 2008 records and confirmed that this had been done last December. The meeting date would be December 9<sup>th</sup>, however the venue may need to be changed. Bob Cummings offered his home. Board agreed to follow up on the matter at the November meeting.

**Meeting Announcements:** In response to a question, Donna Sommer stated she is placing meeting announcements in both local newspapers.

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Raffle: Russ Sides expressed concern for new raffle items and the need to promote this within the membership. Ken Brown proposed spending \$100 from Chapter funds on items from aviation supply sources. Discussion followed and gift cards and GPS updates were suggested items. Ken said he would research this and report.

Donna Sommer reported the passing of Jack Hartman who had been a Chapter member in earlier years and a frequent visitor to Trent and Donna's hangar at Sequim Valley Airport.

There was no other new business.

Next Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 9:00AM at 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert M. Hicks,  
Chapter Secretary.

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### **Representatives Call on White House to Reject User Fees**

More than 100 members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 20 urged President Barack Obama to reject user fees as a way to fund the FAA, and instead retain the efficient fuel excise and ticket taxes currently used to fund the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. In supporting documents sent to Congress with the Fiscal Year 2010 budget proposal, the White House indicated its intention to raise some \$9 billion through "direct user charges" in the FY 2011 budget.

In the letter, 118 members—representing more than a quarter of the entire House of Representatives—told President Obama, "[T]he House has opposed this approach in legislation to reauthorize the FAA in both the 110th and 111th Congresses. Therefore, proposing user fees to finance the FAA would be a non-starter in the House."

In their letter, 55 Democrats and 63 Republicans call the current funding system, "a stable and efficient source of funding," and say they believe a user fee-funded system "will place an undue administrative burden, and associated costs, on system users—particularly small businesses and general aviation users.

They go on to say that if the president includes a user fee proposal in the FY 2011 budget, it will be, "a major distraction from the number one priority, the Next Generation Air Transportation System."

"I sincerely hope that President Obama and his administration carefully weigh the well informed and carefully considered views expressed by the members of the Congress signing this letter as next year's budget proposals are developed," said AOPA President Craig Fuller

**EAA Chapter 430**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting:** General Membership

**Location:** 165 Tyler View Pl. Sequim.

**Date:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by President Bob Cummings. Flag salute followed, with Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and guests were recognized: Jim Mueller, Sequim.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the August 29<sup>th</sup> 2009, meeting as published in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as published in the Newsletter without comment.

**Membership:** Trent Sommer said he had a name tag available for new member Dale Conn.

**Activities Report:** Donna Sommer introduced the program speaker LCDR Keith Trepanier, USCG.

**Young Eagles:** Russ Sides reported that the new honorary Young Eagles Chairmen are the US Airways flight crew from the safe emergency ditching of their airliner in the Hudson River earlier this year. They take over from Harrison Ford. Russ reported that the Y.E. event at Jeffco (OS9) was a success. Twenty-one kids were flown, a reporter from the Port Townsend newspaper was on hand, was given a ride by Jeep Larson in his RV-8, and wrote a good review of the event. Pilot response was very good, with pilots from four Chapters on hand. Russ gave special thanks to Ground Crew members, specifically mentioning Joan Masterson, Mary Brown and Donna Sommer. Russ stated the Chapter flew 112 kids in 2009 and that the 2010 YE dates are published on the Chapter website. He made an appeal for pilots in 2010.

**Project Reports:** Pat Wiederhold reported his RV-7A has avionics installed and working, and the canopy and windshield are installed. He gave special thanks to Jim Cone for his help. Jim Cone reported the engine is mounted in the RV-12 and he is troubleshooting avionics problems. Russ Sides reported he is working on the fuselage of the Rans S-19. Russ acknowledged the help he has received from Chapter members.

**Old Business:**

**Scholarship Committee:** Ken Brown stated that a very upbeat email had been received from Chris Bacchus, a scholarship aid recipient at Big Bend College.

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**Tool Crib:** No new action reported.

**New Business:**

There was no new business, however, the membership was reminded that there is Chapter merchandise for sale and members are encouraged to make purchases.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 82 Living Waters Lane, Sequim at 0900 hrs.

A short break was taken at 7:20 PM for refreshments and sales of raffle tickets.

**Program:** Donna Sommer introduced LCDR Keith Trpanier, USCG who made an entertaining Power Point presentation on the history, missions, aircraft and ships used by Airstation/Coast Guard Port Angeles. The presentation was very well received, and Donna presented LCDR Trepanier with a "Thank You" Chapter coffee mug.

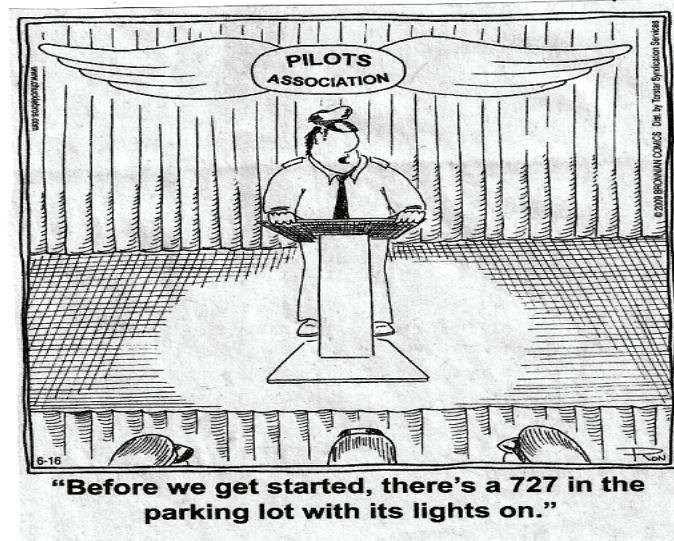
Next Chapter Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Location will be at Jim & Bev Cone's home/hanger, 165 Tyler View Dr., Sequim.

**Raffle:** Raffle was conducted. Three winners were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Hicks,  
Chapter Secretary



## **PIREP from Russ Sides**

### **EAA Welcomes New Young Eagles Co-Chairs.**

#### **Harrison Ford names Sullenberger and Skiles as successors to lead EAA Young Eagles Program**

**EAA announced Tuesday (September 29) Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles, known for their emergency landing in the Hudson River in January, as the new co-chairmen of the EAA Young Eagles Program. EAA member, pilot, and famed actor Harrison Ford, having served for five years as the chairman of this program that inspires and educates youth by sharing with them the inspirational of aviation activities, introduced his replacements in a news conference at the Santa Monica Airport, in California. \***

**Now for bits and pieces from the current chapter Young Eagles coordinator Russ Sides (by the by we need a replacement for Russ in 2010, since he will be unable to continue as coordinator next year). Ken Brown has a new EAA jacket sporting a badge for 300 Young Eagle Flights. Way to Go Ken!**

**Perhaps you remember me asking for your old editions of Sport Aviation, Flying, and Kit Planes magazines so we could leave them in selected waiting rooms. Gary Johnson has an excellent suggestion. Put a new label on the magazine directing people to our web site, then leave in a waiting room, doctor's office, auto dealer, barber shop, Jiffy Lube, wherever.**

**Winding down after a great summer which included four Young Eagles rallies and a good Indian summer so far, and with the days getting shorter, we will be spending more time in the shop or hangar working on or contemplating the next touch up, repair or new project. Since I am working on a Light Sport project, a Rans S-19, I am focusing on the whole concept of light sport. When this was first advanced by the EAA some years ago, I thought, "Why?" Well now, after it has been here for five years in the USA and Canada, I'm better in tune with the "why".**

**It's simply more affordable and a good start vehicle for a student. Looking around, we are seeing a plethora of aircraft qualifying for light sport, some like the Cub and Ercoupe have been around since our youth. Now the light sport has been in Europe for quite a while, just not identified as light sport. In fact, there are a number of those now being imported into the USA and Canada. Cessna has one being built in China, I'm not to keen on that one, but that's just my subjective opinion. I look closer to home to Vans with the RV-12 or Rans with the S-19 or the S-7 or S-6. Perhaps the Cub from Yakima or the Cub from Texas. How about the Zenith 601 or 750, or 701 from Missouri, even Sonex? If looks are not foremost in your mind and performance and low entry fee is uppermost in your mind, then the Sonex is a winner. With the Sonex using the Aero Vee engine, the cost is kept much lower since that engine is 1/3 the cost of the Rotax 912.**

*\*See p. 9 for a reprint of an unsolicited letter to EAA Headquarters from Sully and Jeff.*

**Two thoughts come into my mind.**

**First, we most likely have a number of people who, for any number or reasons, are not flying or flying less because of the purchase price or fuel price. Well, remember these light sport are burning 5 gph instead of 10 gph. Then, realizing many of us only fly from 50 to a high of 100 hours per year, makes me think joint ownership is a viable option. Many pros and cons I know, but two of the biggest pro arguments are cost and comradery. Since both Rans and Zenith build a certified copy of their light sports, it is legal to fly those as trainers and joint ownership. Yes, I know you can have joint ownership of a kit and for the owners to fly and train others. But many people are just not inclined to build.**

**There are a few Rans S-6s available in the neighborhood of \$30K. Imagine five people banding together at \$6K per person to start. Even increase the number up to 10 and that shrinks the entry price, keeping comradery. You may still be able to rent one of the old hangars at CLM for \$160 per month. (Not long ago I heard of a newly-built S-6 for \$52K.)**

**The other thought rambling in my noggin is scholarships. We are providing a stipend towards an aviation education. Great cause and we should applaud ourselves. Deep into this project I'm working on, I am realizing what a truly educational experience this is. Your thinking-cap really gets energized, research is required, and, of course, record-keeping and discipline.**

**Imagine two or more chapter members purchasing a kit and securing two youths, boys or girls, who think they aspire to become aircraft mechanics. These youths could be enrolled into a supervised work/learning program under adult mentoring by these chapter members. The youths will gain a lot of learning experience with such an endeavor, and they can log the experience for their resume'. They would have two possible avenues after the building experience. They can take the logged evidence with them to an FBO or repair facility and hire on as an apprentice, or enroll in a certified A&P course. They would know, after awhile, if this is something they would enjoy pursuing for a career.**

**Just some musing on my part as I wait for a part to arrive from the Rans factory. We could even think about this being a chapter project with all in the chapter who are so inclined investing in this project. Most of us would sit on the sidelines and cheer but help out with a few dollars. The project, once completed, certified and flown, could become a Chapter Young Eagles airplane. Imagine the chapter logo on the plane and members of the chapter who are qualified taking a turn flying Young Eagles.**

**Russ Sides EAA 430 Chapter member**

### ***From the Cockpit of Sully and Jeff***

We would both like to express to everyone in the EAA community our excitement about our new roles as Co-chairmen of the Young Eagles program. We are honored and humbled to accept this position within the EAA organization and look forward to working with you all to further this great cause.

Together we share a kinship as aviators and a responsibility to inspire those who follow. Our passion for flight and our sense of family in the company of other aviators must be introduced to the pilots, aviation professionals and enthusiasts who will follow in our footsteps. The EAA and its many members have challenged themselves to take the lead in this effort. The Young Eagles program has harnessed the enthusiasm and drive of the entire EAA organization to promote aviation and encourage, inspire and enlighten the aviation leaders of tomorrow. The two of us share that commitment with you. Together we will move forward and build upon the solid foundation left by those who came before us, working to inspire youth into aviation and promote their many achievements.

The two of us come from different aviation backgrounds, but a passion for flight binds us together, as it binds us all within the aviation community. Through the Young Eagles program partnering with you and sharing our passion for working with youth, both through our local EAA Chapters and our individual efforts. We are enthusiastic about moving forward with Harrison Ford's message that by applying themselves, being self disciplined and focusing on goals, a Young Eagle can "earn" the reward of flight. We would like to add our own emphasis on training, preparation and leadership to the EAA Young Eagles vocabulary. As professional pilots and through experiences on US Airways Flight 1549, the two of us know the value of these basic tenets of aviation and will promote and encourage their importance as our contribution to the EAA Young Eagles message.

To advance and ensure the future of general aviation, we must all join as ambassadors for flight and share our experiences with the generation that follows. As part of this effort, the EAA Young Eagles program has introduced many children and teenagers to a world they might never have had an opportunity to experience, and we are thrilled to join the EAA community in continuing this noble effort into the future. As pilots, we are united by our unique ability to break the bounds of earth and reach for the clouds. In partnership with the Young Eagles and youth education programs, we can share in inspiring and grooming the next generation of aviation enthusiasts and leaders. The two of us are eager to join with each and every one of you in making our mutual passion for flight the legacy we pass on to the aviators of tomorrow.

**Sully & Jeff**



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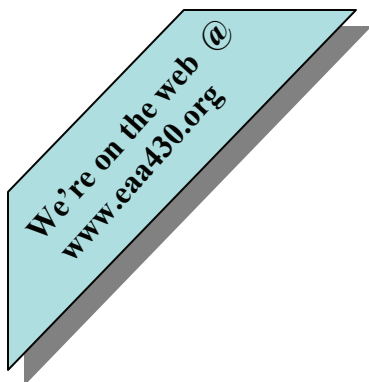
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**Chapter Meeting**

**October 28**  
**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**

Speaker, **Bob Duncan**  
 Alaska Airlines Pilot  
 Designer of a water survival suit

**Monterra Clubhouse**

