

PILOT: Flying is a family affair for Heads

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tail-wheel DPEs in Central Oregon. Lasecki had to search extensively for a qualified DPE to give Head his knowledge and practical evaluations in his Cessna 140. He finally found David Koebel from Hood River who agreed to fly his own plane to Sisters, and the date of the test was set for several weeks away.

And then winter made a snowy arrival in Sisters. Head spent most of his preparation time studying charts and manuals rather than flying his airplane.

“It worked out fine for Tyler,” said Monte. “The flying part is easy for him. He needed to study more than he needed to log more flight

hours.”

The day of the evaluations, known to the pilot community as the “checkride,” began as Koebel adeptly landed his plane at the snowy Sisters Airport. Watching the landing, Head knew he would have to demonstrate equally proficient skills in order to pass and earn his private pilot certificate. After greetings and introductions, Monte and Lasecki left them at the Outlaw Aviation hangar for several hours of the oral knowledge test.

“Tyler was nervous, but I think Walt and I were even more nervous,” Monte said. As the first SHS Flight Science student to be taking their checkride under their tutelage, they were anxious to find out if the collaboration between Outlaw Aviation and SHS was adequate to produce a proficient teenage pilot.

The Sisters Airport

presents its own set of situational challenges, including a short runway, with a hill at one end, and a fence and road at the other, and unpredictable cross-winds. Add to that the challenging winter weather, not to mention flying a tail-wheel airplane, the conditions were as difficult as they could possibly be. According to Koebel’s comments after Head successfully completed both the knowledge and practical components of the test, SHS and Outlaw Aviation are preparing “very well-qualified pilots.” After two and a half years of dedicated studying and persevering through airplane setbacks, Tyler Head passed his checkride with flying colors, and earned his FAA Private Pilot certificate.

Head is currently attending Central Oregon Community College (COCC) pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in the Aviation

Professional Pilot Airplane program. Having achieved his private pilot rating outside of the COCC curriculum, he can apply for credit for the private pilot courses and labs (flight time) that would normally be required for the degree. He has already started training for his instrument pilot certification with Monte and Lasecki at Outlaw Aviation in their new FAA-certified simulator. Once he passes his instrument checkride, he will receive credit for the instrument courses and labs, further reducing the classes he needs to take at COCC for his aviation degree.

As a SHS graduate, he also takes advantage of the Oregon Promise which covers part of his tuition expenses for classes at COCC. As a private pilot, he is eligible to interview with Alaska/Horizon Airlines for the commercial pilot incentives, including

flight training scholarships and signing bonuses. His goal is to become a commercial airline pilot.

“We are so grateful for the support Tyler’s had learning to fly here,” said Nile Head. “The aviation community at Sisters is really special. It’s so supportive, like it used to be when I was a kid and my dad would take me to the little community airport, and the pilots would be so friendly when we walked up to their hangars. You just don’t see that anymore. But you do at Sisters. The neighborhood pilots that bring their own planes out to fly the students, the teachers at the high school, the Roundhouse donors, the July 4th fly-in, the CFIs and other students at Outlaw Aviation. They’re all over-the-top encouraging. We’re very lucky to have this traditional aviation culture, right here in Sisters.”

FINALISTS: Meet-and-greet set for March 23 at SPRD HQ

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- **Kris Harwell:** Harwell is currently the interim executive director of SPRD. Before taking up that post, she was the finance manager at SPRD. Before coming to SPRD, Harwell held numerous sales and operations positions in the private sector including owning a plumbing company. She has done business course work at both the University of Nevada and Central Oregon Community College.
- **John W. Keates:** Until recently, Keates was the director of parks and recreation for the City of Bothell, Washington. Prior to that, Mr. Keates was park, trails and facilities director for the Mason County Parks, Trails and Facilities Department in Shelton, Washington; business manager of parks and recreation for the City of Chelan, Washington; and the director of parks, recreation and cultural services department in the City of Enumclaw, Washington. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Western University Washington.

Interviews with the SPRD board of directors and a community panel will be held on March 23, followed by a community open house where members of the public will be invited to come by to meet the four finalists. The open house will be at the Sisters Park & Recreation District Coffield Building at 1750 W. McKinney Butte Rd., Room 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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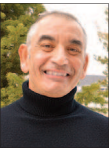


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