**GEORGE BOGARDUS**

1914 – 1997

George is responsible for the federal licensing category of 'Experimental' aircraft. In 1947, under a special license, he assembled and flew a modified LONG-Wimpy on an incredible trip from Troutdale, OR to Washington, D.C., demonstrating to the Civil Aviation Authority that homebuilt airplanes were both safe and reliable. The officials agreed and the new category became law. For the first time, pilots could legally fly aircraft they built themselves.

Inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Fame - 2006

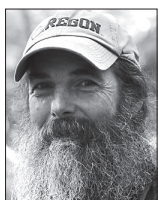
George Bogardus and "Little Bee Gee." Photo provided/David Walton

## Do it yourselfers to 'fly-in' to Jim Wright Field

COTTAGE GROVE – The first recorded airplane landing in Cottage Grove occurred on June 14, 1919, in a field off South 6th Street. The party included four planes, Oregon Governor Olcott et al., and one pilot who excited the several thousand spectators by performing some daring stunts and maneuvers. One resident was so taken with the magic of flight that he went home and started to build his own plane.

Oregon has a long tradition of aviation and that can-do attitude coupled with a fierce independent streak. In 1921, Oregon established a state board of aeronautics to register pilots and airplanes. This included inspection and issuing license plates, much like the ones for cars. It didn't matter to the state inspectors whether the plane was home-built or from a factory, the aircraft just had to be safe and airworthy.

When the federal government got around to regulating airplanes it was under the Commerce Department. Thus began a tussle between the government and the makers of their own planes that had been approved by Oregon, but denied certification by the Feds. A group of flyers known as the Beaverton Outlaws flew into the face of this authority. They had gravitated to the private Bernard's Airport in Beaverton, a gravel-strewn field. The pilots didn't take kindly to the federal inspectors poking into their flying business. They figured, rightly, that they were licensed



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by Oregon and they were going to go right on flying despite threats of fines.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration (forerunner of the FAA) eventually took Oregon to court but the case was dismissed. Pearl Harbor ended the debate as all civilian flight within 100 miles of the coast was banned. Many of the trained Oregon pilots, being fairly young, volunteered and became valuable members of the Army Air Corps.

Oregon aviator George Bogardus, who was one of the Outlaws, took up the fight after the war. In 1947 he flew his home-built, federally unlicensed airplane, "Little Bee Gee" from Troutdale, Oregon to Washington D.C. There, he petitioned Congress and this led to having homemade aircraft approved for flight under an experimental category license. On his way home, he made a detour to New York City to do a victory lap around the Statue of Liberty.

Bogardus' actions led to the formation of the Experimental Aviation Association whose 170,000 members, with their home-built planes, make up about 15 percent of the general aviation fleet. He is enshrined at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society (OAHS)'s Museum on Jim Wright Way, named for another famous Oregon aviator who left us too soon.

The spirit of building one's own plane is still with Oregonians. On Saturday, Aug. 31, the second annual Great Oregon Home-Built Fly-In will descend on the west end of Jim Wright Field. There will be a pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and all-day activities. I spoke with

Tim Talen, an organizer, who shared some highlights of the Fly-In.

"We want to remind folks that Oregon cornered the market in aeronautics in the 1920s, and that Oregonians (stood) up for the right that a man with reasonable intelligence and abilities can build and fly his own plane," Talen said. He went on to say that there will be planes from the 1930s and 1940s as well as a Heath-Henderson – a home-built powered by an inline four-cylinder 1920s motorcycle engine.

"Of course, you never know who or what will show up," Talen added. There are almost sure to be some RV planes – the most successful kit form of home-built plane. Located in North Plains, Oregon, Van's (Richard VanGrunsven) Aircraft has had more than 10,000 RVs built and flying worldwide.

Janice Scanlon, executive director of OAHS told me that the museum will be open, as well as the restoration hangars, for tours, where visitors can observe the process of historical aircraft being lovingly brought back to life. This often involves making missing parts.

"One of the most interesting (things) to me is just to listen in on the stories pilots are sharing, along with tips and advice," Scanlon said.

There will be historical DVD presentations all day. Come early for the pancake fundraiser breakfast and see some very interesting pieces of Oregon aviation history – and even more interesting, the unique breed of Oregonians who insist on building and flying their own planes. Same as it ever was. Folks from Creswell, feel free to fly on over!

## HELP STOP PET OVERPOPULATION

### CG offers specials for spay/neuter

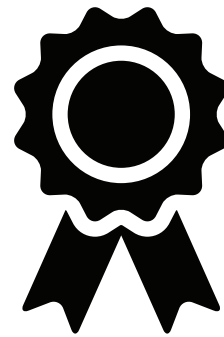
COTTAGE GROVE & CRESWELL – The Humane Society of Cottage Grove is offering special coupons, including:

– 50 "mom cat" special coupons: good for \$50 off the cost of a cat spay at veterinary clinics in Cottage Grove and Creswell.

– 50 tomcat special coupons: Good for \$25 off the cost of a cat neuter at veterinary clinics in Cottage Grove and Creswell.

Coupons expire on Nov. 30. These coupons are not good with any other HSCG spay/neuter programs. Coupons are available at 'This 'n' That Corner, 33 N. 8 St., Cottage Grove. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. More info: Janetta, 541-942-2789.

## 2019 WOE awards

**Art**

**Lexie Smith**, Cactus Painting

1st, Firework Cityscape 2nd

**Jayna Stahl**, Under the Sea

2nd;

**Rindy Fleming**, Birds w/ heart

1st;

**Cindy Stahl**, Spring Day 2nd;

**Wade Flagg**, Scroll Saw

**Portraits**: Bellushi 2nd, Keaton

3rd, Whitely 1st

**Jeremy Brooks**, Acrylic

Abstract Galaxies 2nd;

**Renaee Gillespie**, Black and

White Mountains Best of Show

**Alicia Nilsen**, Frenzied Flight

3rd, King of the Roost 2nd,

Alaskan Cabin 1st

**Produce**

Tegan Booher, Carrots 2nd;

Patrick Dearth, Brussel Sprouts

2nd

**Photography**

Tegan Booher, Tuna Goat 1st;

Alicia Keepers, Bridge 3rd,

Bee on Flower 1st, Castle 3rd,

Pool Reflections 2nd, Window

Reflection 2nd, Cathedral 1st,

Snow Dog 1st, Beach Sunset

1st, Brice Creek 1st; Troy

Fleming, Mom & Baby 3rd;

Rindy Fleming, Chapel 2nd,

Crocus 1st, Mossy Wood 2nd,

Cards 1st; Jaymee Stahl, Echo

3rd, Peaceful Pink 3rd, Autumn

Stroll 1st

**Textiles**

Robin Hampton, snowman

sock 2nd, knitted dog sweater

2nd, knitted hat 2nd; Alicia

Nilsen, crochet purse 2nd;

Teri Harter, kid's fun quilt 1st,

kid's lap quilt 2nd, Christmas

quilt 1st; Jill Allshouse, T-shirt

quilt 3rd, flannel quilt 2nd,

flower basket quilt 2nd; Dwyann

Nichols, thread catcher 2nd, lap

quilt 1st

**Food Preservation**

Patrick Dearth, stewed toma-

atoes 1st, plum jam 3rd, pickled

beets 1st, albacore tuna 1st

**Produce**

Tegan Booher, carrots 2nd;

Patrick Dearth, Brussels

sprouts 2nd

**Arts & Crafts**

Wade Flagg, Wooden Carved

Hummingbirds Best of Show

Adult, Wooden Carved

Dragonfly 2nd; Patrick Dearth,

Pelican Mobile 1st, Bee & Tulip

Mobile 2nd; Alicia Nilson, Puff,

The Magic Dragon 2nd, Cub

Scout Tie Slides 3rd

**Livestock**

**Master Showmen**: Jr., Cole

Heisler; Int., Christopher

Saucedo; Sr., Natalee Brink

**John Raade Award**: Ashley

Woodhurst

**Harrolds Dairy Fair Play**

**Award**: Natalee Brink

**Premier Exhibitors:**

**Goat**: Max Saucedo

**Rabbit**: Anastasia Saucedo

**Poultry**: Cole Heisler

**Pigeon/Dove**: Natalee Brink

**Cavy**: Catalina Saucedo

**Herdsmanship**: Taylor

Patereall

**Best in Show:**

**Goat**: Nathan Storment;

**Rabbit**: Noah Gabbard;

**Poultry**: Rowan Hass;

**Pigeon/Dove**: Natalee Brink;

**Cavy**: Catalina Saucedo

**Showmanship:**

**Rabbit**:

**Jr. Champion**: Benjamin

Saucedo;

**Reserve**: Colton Cruedeled;

**Int. Champion**: Christopher

Saucedo,

**Reserve Champion**: Taylor

Patereau;

**Sr. Champion**: Kaylee McHugill,

**Reserve Champion**: Anastasia

Saucedo;

**Cavy**:

**Jr. Champion**: Benjamin

Saucedo;

**Int. Champion**: Christopher

Saucedo;

**Reserve Champion**: Nathan

Storment;

**Sr. Champion**: Kaylee

McHugill;

**Reserve Champion**: Catalina

Saucedo;

**Pigeon/Dove**: **Int. Champion**:

Abby Stuner;

**Sr. Champion**: Natalee Brink;

**Reserve Champion**: Evie Smith;

**Goat**:

**Jr. Champion**: Benjamin

Saucedo;

**Reserve Champion**: Cole

Heisler;

**Int. Champion**: Nathan

Storment;

**Sr. Champion**: Kaylee

McHugill;

**Reserve Champion**: Max

Saucedo;

**Poultry:**

**Int. Champion**: Abby Stuner

**Sr. Champion**: Kaylee

McHugill; Turkey

**Jr. Champion**: Cole Heisler

**Goat Awards:**

**Dry Yearling**: Cole Heisler;

**Boer**: Nathan Storment;

**Jr. Kid**: Max Saucedo; Sr.

**Doe**: Max Saucedo;

**Dam & Daughter**: Max

Saucedo;

**Best Udder**: Max Saucedo

**Novice Showmen**: Shaleigh

Hass, Rowan Hass, Shelby

Stuner, Jacob Stuner, Xyla

Lemke, Jaxon Rindlisbacher,

Kaleb Riley, Xavier Riley, Emma

Gabbard, Rosalie Gabbard,

Roxanne Balm

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