

# CASCADE FLYER



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## **President's Message:**

The City of Bend is working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> revision of the KBDN Fly Friendly program. The helicopters are taking the brunt of the criticism but the fixed wing people are not being held blameless. There will be comment forms and a progress update at our monthly meeting.

The fixed wing complaints are the usual: flight over Cimarron City, low flight over houses, very early and very late flights. Please void those if possible and safe.

Let us meet at the KBDN Flight services building at 6pm for bold tales of flying, enjoy our infamous potluck at 6:30pm and have a short formal meeting at 7pm.

The Central Oregon forecast for our Saturday Fly-Out is for sunny weather. Salem is Mostly Sunny as is the coast. But the coast is forecast to be gusty. Let's put our heads together and come up with a good plan for the weekend.

## **Calendar:**

19 June – Monthly Meeting

21 June – Monthly Fly-out

4 July – Sisters Wings and Wheels

17 July – Monthly Meeting

19 July – Monthly Fly-out

21 August – Monthly Meeting

23 August – Monthly Fly-out (S33 Airshow)

18 September – Monthly Meeting

20 September – Monthly Fly-out

## **My Inbox:**

Court filings show the seven companies involved in the Evergreen bankruptcies had \$40M in assets, \$100M in secured debt and \$300M in unsecured debt. Even the secured debt holders will not do well.

I have confirmation that some museums are being approached to buy some airplanes from the Evergreen Air Museum so the banks are, not surprisingly, going after the money.

## **Random Thoughts:**

I had a chance to tour the new Sisters Airport courtesy of an ORAVI meeting. Wow have things changed for the better. There is a new runway, new owners, courtesy cars, courtesy bikes and a healthy and growing business community. Be sure to check it out soon, maybe at their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Wings and Wheels.

## **Web doings:**

Dues are due! Both for OPA and for CO-OPA. CO-OPA dues are \$10/yr, and you can pay them to Gary Miller <[gem@rellim.com](mailto:gem@rellim.com)>.

OPA dues are \$25/yr, and you can pay them online on their web site:

[www.oregonpilot.org](http://www.oregonpilot.org)

Check out current and past CO-OPA newsletters, view our membership list and view hot aviation links on our website at:

[co-opa.com](http://co-opa.com)

To access the members only areas the username is "BDN" and the password is "123.0"

## ***B-25 Grumpy visits Bend Oregon***

Power and gorgeous gut rattling noise, eager to leap, the B-25 Mitchell bomber from the Historic Flight Foundation is a complete sensory overload... [www.historicflight.org](http://www.historicflight.org)

Fathers Day 2014 was blessed by the Wings and Wheels event at the Bend Airport sponsored by EAA Chapter 1345 "High Desert Flyers" who hosted the B-25 visit.

Among other exhibits the Foundations B-25 "Grumpy" was the center of attention as it made numerous flights over Central Oregon. The sound of 3400 horsepower from the two Wright Cyclone radial engines brought tears and memories to many people. This historic sound is a rarity in the jet age.

John Sessions, Historic Flight Foundation founder, director, and chief pilot, said their mission is to showcase the historic advances in flight made by people who were tremendously



creative and innovative, accomplishing extraordinary feats of engineering that developed an amazing era in aviation. Co-pilot: Colonel Greg Bulkley, US Air Force, Retired; Roberto Otero, crew chief and mechanical magician, his 18 year old assistant Jeffery Nikolaidis who did a little of everything, and



support specialist Dan Blanchard, all accomplished a great presentation!

Climbing aboard is entering into an austere utilitarian environment. The cockpit is all business in a 1940s way, Sessions mentioned that the controls are not boosted and flying it is an athletic endeavor. At engine start the plane shudders in anticipation as I did also. During the take off run the acceleration comes on with enthusiasm. Rotation comes fast and climb is spectacular. It was interesting to note the control cables moving in the pulleys along the seat. Air rushed through the cabin from every nook and cranny making a fleece flight suit seem appealing. The views from the machine gun bubbles in the nose and overhead were great but I saw no targets. A low level run at

about 300 knots really means business and is impressively intimidating from the ground!

Many thanks to all who provided this reminder of our national accomplishments and the people who employed this amazing machine to protect our country and further our technical prowess.

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John Sessions, pilot; Greg Bulkley, co-pilot; Veteran sculpture, by Richard Crnich



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