

CASCADE FLYER



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President's Message:

Our November meeting was jam packed. Jay Bunning gave a short, but very interesting presentation on the differences between fixed wing and helicopter FARs pertaining to cloud and obstacle clearance. If nothing else Jay convince me to spend more time refreshing myself on the FARs.

Also thanks to Kelly Coffelt, Prineville Airport manager, for dropping by with some other are pilots. It sounds like we have pilots at S39 we can profitably do some outreach to. We are, after all, the Central Oregon chapter. Our new years resolution should be to see if we can reach out and expand our ranks a bit.

As has been our custom for many years, our December meeting will be off the airport at a fine local restaurant. This time we'll meet at 6pm at Johnny Carino's, in the same parking lot as Staple and Home Depot. There will be a Yankee Gift Swap of aviation trinkets, new and used. Bring a wrapped gist if you wish to participate.

Calendar:

20 December – Annual Partay!
22 December – Monthly Flyout

17 January – Monthly Meeting
19 January – Monthly Flyout

21 February – Monthly Meeting
23 February – Monthly Flyout

21 March – Monthly Meeting
23 March – Monthly Flyout

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Web doings:

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

co-opa.com

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

Norma's Christmas Charity:

This years charity project is moving right along thanks to the diligence of Don Wilfong and his friends at the Pilot Butte Middle School. Almost all the gifts have been purchased and wrapped. Everything is scheduled to be delivered Sunday evening.

Many thanks to those that contributed to Norma's Christmas Charity and to Don for coordinating everything. It is a good thing we do in Norma's memory. As always 100% of the donations go to the kids. We'll hear in January how it all went.

My INBOX:

Good news happening at the local airports this month. Epic Aircraft, now funded by Russian venture capital, has finalized the purchase of the Cessna building and plans to add dozens of employees. Let's hope they are successful and can keep their knee caps.

Aero Facilities has started construction on a new 7 unit, 14,300 square foot hanger on the east side of the Bend Airport. No sales have been reported yet but they must be confident the market for hangers is about to improve.

My INBOX (Cont):

Up in Madras, Aero Air has already flown in the first of their planned air tanker fleet of a dozen jets. The airplanes will be based and maintained at the Madras Airport. Due to runway limitations at Madras they will need to operate out of the Redmond Airport when conducting fire fighting operations.

It has been a long recession but things are starting to brighten just a tad in Central Oregon. Fingers crossed.



Guess who left his seatbelt dangling?

Pacific City Airport:

At the November meeting of CO-OPA, Sisters member John Dunlap reported that the Oregon Dept. of Aviation is evaluating its 16 non-federally funded airports for financial and safety issues. The airport at Pacific City has been identified for potential closure due to safety concerns. Dunlap frequently flies his Cessna 180 into the airport, and believes that the closure of the air strip would severely impact the local economy and limit emergency evacuations for the coastal community. The airport currently serves as an emergency

Pacific City Airport: (Cont):

landing strip for planes departing from Tillamook and Newport airports and the surrounding area. Dunlap encouraged OPA members to express support for Pacific City and other small airports by contacting ODA Director Mitch Swecker.

- Robin Holdman

November Flyout

As one would expect, the weather for our November Flyout was pretty iffy. Rather than brave the intermittent snow squalls in the air we wisely retreated to the warmth and companionship of the Airport Cafe.

After breakfast Jerry Campbell put his glider away for the year so you know it is now officially winter. Any bets on when he assembles it for spring?

As I write this the December Flyout forecast is for 60% chance of snow with 1 to 2” of snow Friday night and another inch Saturday. Sounds like another good fly-out not to fly.



Chiloquin Flyout, February 2012

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