

CASCADE FLYER



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DECEMBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, December 18th, 6:00pm at the Bend Airport (S07) in the Flight Services building (The Flight Shop)



After our pot luck dinner we will have the 4th Annual Gift Exchange "Chinese Auction Style". This is not intended to be a stressful event. The last three years were a lot of fun and this year should be even better. Anyone that brings a wrapped gift will get a gift. Both husband and wife should bring gifts. Since the partner may be non-flying then gifts only slightly aviation related are encouraged as well. It should be something that you already have but don't need anymore. Therefore, it doesn't have to be in perfect condition, just something which may have some value to someone else. Wrap the present to your own personal style (brown bag, plastic bag, garbage bag, fancy paper). Everyone (men, women, children, young, and old) should bring a present to receive one. You don't know what treasure you may receive unless you come and join in the fun.. ✈

C.O. STUDENT ATTENDS ERAU

by Mark Holden

It was a short six weeks after high school had ended that I stepped into my new dorm at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU).



Mark Holden

After spending a few days settling in and meeting all of my suite mates, it was time to attend the first day of classes.

NOVEMBER FLY-OUT



by Don Wilfong

The best laid plans of mice and men sometimes do not work out the way planned. Careful plans were made to go to John Day and we were looking forward to going back to the Grubstake Café where we had a great time some months ago.

The weather was checked several times and e-mails were sent to keep everyone up to date and assure them we really were going to go.....well.....almost as an after thought I called the F.B.O. to verify that the two courtesy cars would be available (after all who would be using them on such chilly Saturday morning??). Guess what....they were both gone for the day. A few quick calls checking weather etc. and the destination was changed to Klamath Falls.



The Pilot Butte Airport, cold and snowy

Steve Wright in his 180 h.p. Skylark and Don and Norma Wilfong in their Skylane flew from Pilot Butte Airport out to Bend where our group had started gathering. The light powdery snow covering Gary Miller's T-210 swept off easily, so when Gary got there his plane was free of snow and about ready to go.

Bob and Nancy Lecklider's plane was in the shop so they had been invited to fly with the Wilfongs, Ed Endsley rode with Gary Miller, Steve Wright flew by himself, Mike and Ann Bond flew their Cardinal RG and Ken and Mary-Louise Sandine flew their Bonanza. Count them, that is five planes and eleven people. Not bad for a winter fly-out.



Norma, Nancy, Ann, Bob & Mike.

The trip down was great with about a

30 knot tail wind which gave us all some fantastic ground speeds. As usual the airwaves were kept busy by the ongoing position reports, the "where are you" and the "I see you now" chatter. As we got closer to Klamath Falls two F-15s crossed our paths and headed out over the lake to enter finals to runway 14.....so the tower decided to send all of us to runway 25....boy he insisted we have at least 3000 feet of separation between us as we were landing. We thought we had adequate separation, but he made both Ken and Steve do go arounds. Ken says he now has the record for go arounds on our fly-outs as he had to do one on the last trip to John Day.



The World's "Problem Solvers" enjoying the Satellite Café,

We did all get on the ground okay and headed for the Satellite Café in the terminal building where we had good food, good service and our friendly discussions solved most of the world's problems. We enjoyed some F-15 activity while we were there. Nancy called her Sister and she came out to visit and eat with us. It is hard to imagine two such nice girls from the same family.

On the return trip we all stayed a little lower to avoid the stronger head winds. Gary, being the free spirited soul he is, flew up the West side of the lake while everyone else flew up the East side. The Wilfongs with the Leckliders as passengers explored some on the way back looking at what appeared to maybe have been a landing strip some time ago. Bob said no and a friendly debate continued most of the way home. We landed at the Pilot Butte Airport so Bob and Nancy could experience our airport and see where we live.

All in all it was a great Fly-out and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We wish you could have been there too... well... maybe next time. ✈

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ERAU Student from page 1

“Can anyone explain to me what kind of weather might be associated beneath an upper level low pressure system?” asked my Weather 201 teacher. As I sat through my first class at ERAU, I kept thinking to myself, “Am I really here? Has my career as a professional pilot really begun?”

Almost three years later, I can truly say that my desire to become a professional aviator has only grown with each passing semester.

For those of you whom I have not yet met, my name is Mark Holden and I was born and raised in beautiful Central Oregon. I graduated from Redmond High School in 2001 and shortly after, I began attending



[Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. in Prescott, AZ.](#) I am currently part way through my third year at ERAU and near senior status.

There are many misconceptions about what ERAU is as a university so first let me try and clear up some of these. Embry-Riddle is a four-year private university with nearly every degree concentrated on aviation. There are three colleges: College of Arts and Science, College of Aviation, and the College of Engineering. The most popular Bachelor of

Science at the university is Aeronautical Science (AS).

The AS degree focuses on courses that pertain to a professional aviator after completing the core requirements (math, physics, english, etc). To give everyone a small flavor of the kinds of courses an AS student takes, I will list a few classes below each with a brief description:

AS 213 – This course is a basic introduction and overview of Crew Resource Management (CRM)

AS 309 – Aerodynamics is discussed and studied in plentiful detail ranging from parasite drag to problems that arise when exceeding critical mach.

AS 311 – Turbines is the main topic of this class. The class begins with a quick history on jet engines and goes into detail on how every section of a jet engine works and beyond. This class is one of my personal favorites!

AS 425 – This course is one of the final classes in the AS degree sequence in which students learn all about autopilots and flight management systems. I will be taking this class in the coming fall semester.

In addition to on-campus academic courses, an AS student also has to complete the flight courses taught at ERAU’s flight-line at Prescott Love field located only 2 miles from the campus. The sequence of these courses can be a little confusing to explain so bear with me and I will be more than happy to answer any questions that may arise. For the most

part though, the degree calls for a normal progression from private pilot to multi-engine, then a instrument rating add-on followed by a commercial pilot certificate. Some students, such as myself, go on to take the CFI/II class and a few more upper level flight courses. These courses are normally taken only by students who have declared area of concentration (Professional Pilot).

ERAU is recognized as an industry leader in aviation education. And even with the current, recovering state of the industry, I know that great things will become of my career. Beginning in Fall 2004, I will become a part-time Instructor Pilot (IP) at ERAU and from there, only time will tell what my career path will be. However, the idea of flying for Horizon Air has always been an attractive option. But again, I continue to remain flexible as numerous people have told me I should be.

That is a basic overview of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and what some of my experiences have been. Please understand there are many important aspects of the university, such as our career services, simulator lab, etc. that I did not mention for brevity’s sake. If anyone still feels confused about ERAU’s programs, do not worry, we are now on the same level. Ok, I am only joking but again, I would be more than happy to answer any questions in e-mail or at further OPA meetings that I will be attending. ✈

Fly safe out there!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM

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PLEASE FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION BELOW SO WE CAN VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST.

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Central Oregon Chapter dues are \$10.00 paid annually on January 1st., each year. State O. P. A. dues is \$20.00 and paid annually on the 1st. of the month you originally joined.

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DEAR C.O.- O.P.A. MEMBERS,

by Nancy Lecklider

Dear CO/OPA Members and Friends,

I hope all of you marked your calendars for our meeting and Christmas Party on Thursday, the 18th. I wasn't here to remind you since we were on a trip to Cabo enjoying the sun.

We are going to have a lot of fun so be sure to come. Bring a gift to exchange, hopefully something out of your flight bag that you don't need anymore. The Chapter is providing the main course so all you have to bring for dinner is something to go with baked ham like a salad, vegetable or dessert.

On the agenda will be the welcoming of our new officers and we will also, be glad to accept any contributions for our charitable project.

See you there, 6:00 p.m., at the Flight Shop, Nancy Lecklider, your soon to be past president.

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DECEMBER FLY-OUT

by Don Wilfong

We didn't get to go to John Day in November so let's plan to go there this month. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the last trip to John Day and the good food and service at the Grub Stake Café.

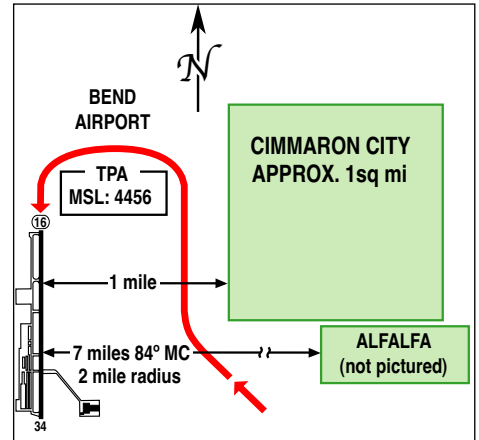
Weather is always a consideration this time of year so the alternate will be either Sunriver for the Trout House or Chiloquin where you just walk across the highway to Melita's. If everything else fails we can go to a local eaterie if everyone wants to.

I know it is close to Christmas which may keep some people from enjoying a fly-out but I think there are a number of people who will want to go.

The Plan: Saturday December 20, at 09:00 meet at

the Flight Shop for a planned departure by 09:30.

Remember...tis the season to be jolly!! Happy Holidays !! ✈



REMEMBER, FLY FRIENDLY

PICTURES FROM THE KLAMATH FALLS FLY-OUT

by Don Wilfong



Bob, Mike, Ann, Mary Louise, Steve & Ken



Mike, Mary Louise, Ken, Ed, Ann, Steve, Norma, Gary, Nancy, Bob & Don



At the Pilot Butte airport, Don's 182 is all snuggled in to keep it warm.



Steve taking a picture of the F-15. Quite the contrast...

