

CASCADE FLYER



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President's Message:

January is always a very thin month for the CO-OPA, so it was nice to see a fair turnout. The height of the meeting was to hear the wonderful results of our Christmas charity. We raised over \$500 and the good teachers from Pilot Butte Middle School managed to spread that over three children with a bit to their siblings too. We owe a great big THANK YOU to Don and Norma Wilfong for all their hard work on the program.

Nothing special this month. The usual meet and mingle at 6:00pm, chow down at the 6:30pm pot luck and 7:00pm meeting. All taking place downstairs in the KBDN Flight Services Building.

Calendar:

16 February – Monthly Meeting
18 February – Monthly Flyout
21 February – Taxiway Open House

15 March – Monthly Meeting
17 March – Monthly Flyout

19 April – Monthly Meeting
21 April – Monthly Flyout

17 May – Monthly Flyout
19 May – Monthly Flyout

Web doings:

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Web doings (Cont):

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

January Flyout:

Our luck was bound to run out, and it sort of did last month. But even when we could not fly we all had fun at the Hanger Cafe. The snow forecast for this month suggests a repeat in February.

My INBOX:

Gary Judd, KBDN Airport manager, has set up an open house for Tuesday 21 February, from 6:30pm to 9pm. The meeting will be downstairs in the Flight Services Building. The purpose will be to showcase the details of this years West Side Taxiway upgrade and to answer any and all questions.

If you have a hanger or a tie-down at KBDN then this project will seriously affect you. Even if you just land at KBDN this year this will affect. So come to the Open House.

In other news, there is no news on the KBDN Master Plan project. The city is awaiting the results of an economic projection report on the area adjacent to the airport. When that is done the plan should be finalized quickly.

Random Thoughts:

Good news. The city of Bend is nailing down the last details and will be breaking ground on the new West Side Taxiway. The new taxiway centerline will be 15 feet to the west of the old one, and it will be 5 foot wider. That gets KBDN up to C-2 standards.

There will be inconvenience, some hangers will be unusable for up to two months, taxi routes will change frequently as pavement comes and goes. but there will be no runway closures. There will be times when landings are limited to under 12,500, but we can probably work around that limitation.

Phase 1 will start before early March, and last about 33 days. That phase will finish the north portion of the project. Included will be a nice new runup area.

Phase 2 will replace the taxiway near the gas pumps and add tie down spots just to the west of the new taxiway and north of the gas pumps. That phase will take about 60 days.

Phase 3 will prepare, but not finish the taxiway in front of the Professional Air FBO and the

helicopter area. The bad news is that many south hangers will be closed off until the completion of phase 4. This phase will take about 44 days.

Phase 4 will prepare the southern portion of the taxiway and includes paving of the Phase 3 area. Included will be a nice new runup area and improved access to glider parking. It will cost us the 99's compass rose. This will take about 21 days.

Add it all up and by the fall we will have taxiways and a runway that we can be proud of for 20 years or more.

What's next on the improvement schedule after this? Nothing in 2013 and probably beyond. It all depends on funding and the will of ODA and the FAA.

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