

CASCADE FLYER



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President's Message:

Many thanks to our new airport manager, Gary Judd, for dropping in last month as our speaker. Gary has done a lot of things in the aviation world and had a lot of great stories to tell, Stories about flying air ambulance missions, managing John Day airport and about things in the works for Bend Airport. Luckily the airport has been just barely in the black and so Gary has the city backing to keep the local economic engine that is our airport moving forward.

This month our own David Dressler will be our featured speaker. David is an active pilot and a former air traffic controller. Building on that background David will be presenting an air traffic safety seminar for us. Now is the time for a little spring cleaning on our piloting skills. Come by and let David give us all a needed tune-up.

Plan to arrive around 6pm for general gabbing. Then bring a dish to share during our potluck at 6:30pm and stay for the formal program at 7pm.

Calendar:

21 May - Monthly Meeting
23 May - Monthly Flyout
30 May - OPA Quarterly Meeting

6 June - Bend Airport Day
13 June - Hayward Air Rally @ Bend
18 June - Monthly Meeting
20 June - Monthly Flyout

16 July - Monthly Meeting
18 July - Monthly Flyout

14-15 August - Palms To Pines
20 August - Monthly Meeting
21-22 August - Central Oregon Air Show @ Madras
22 August - Monthly Flyout
29 August - OPA Annual meeting @ Albany Air Fair

Web doings:

The Central Oregon Air Show at Madras Airport (S33) will be back in style again this year Friday 21 August and Saturday 22 August. They have posted this years schedule on their website:

<http://www.cascadeairshow.com/>

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

My Inbox:

Summer looks to be arriving with a bang and there is no end to the fun aviation events in the next month.

The Oregon Pilots Association quarterly board meeting will be held at 10am on 30 May in the COCC classroom at Bend Airport. Anyone wanting to meet pilots from around the state or to see how our state organization works please drop by and meet the group. Cafe 3456 will be catering the event but we still need a few volunteers to help with coffee and serving. Drop me a line if you can help.

The next Saturday, 6 June, will be the Bend Airport Day from 8am to 2pm. Things kick off with a \$5 pancake breakfast and really get going with an F-15 fly over at 9:45. As in years past expect to see helicopters, airplanes, vintage cars, airplane rides, static displays and much more. So come on out and show your support for your local airport.

The Saturday after that, 13 Jun, KBDN will host the finish of the Hayward Air Rally. The rally organizers are still looking for a few more people to help on the ramp from noon until 6pm. If you can help, contact: Chris Verbil info@hwdairrally.org.

You'll earn an event T-shirt for your trouble and show the visiting pilots our central Oregon spirit.

Random Thoughts:

Our winter weather curse has been broken, and gloriously so. Last month, for the first time since last fall, the weather gods smiled upon us for our monthly fly-out. The destination was Newport (ONP). The sky was clear, maybe a bit hazy, and the air smooth all the way there and back.

Our only confusion was which runway to use at ONP.. No two windsocks were pointing in the same direction at the same time. No windsock pointed in a consistent direction for more than a few seconds. Some pilots were landing on runway 2 and some on runway 16. Still, the wind was light and the runways are wide enough that we probably could have landed sideways on one if needed.

Once on the ground we were all able to pile into two airport courtesy vans for a short trip north, across the big bridge, to our brunch stop on a cliff overlooking the beach. I had a tasty Hangtown fry made from fresh local oysters that was wonderful. After that, nothing makes brunch better than to walk it off on the beach at low tide.

We all split up for the returning flights. Ed and I headed up the coast to Haystack Rock before pointing the nose of 6157R back towards the Sisters and home. No whales this time, but still a wonderful view.



What a glorious day for a \$100 brunch. So glorious that we just had to repeat it the next weekend. A large crew of us headed out to John Day airport (GCD) for another lovely flight and another scrumptious meal.

Our only problems were a long wait at the restaurant and a tire an airport courtesy car tire a bit low on air. All minor inconveniences along the way to another glorious day of flying.

Summer is coming back and the flying in Central Oregon is once again just glorious.

Gary Miller

FLY-OUT FUN.....On Sat. April 18 We finally had weather that would permit a Fly-Out.....It has been a long winter and it seems like every time we planned to fly somewhere on our regularly scheduled fly-out day (the Saturday following our potluck/meeting on the 3rd Thurs. of each month).....the weather gods were against us.



This time Mother Nature was on our side and we flew to Newport, OR. It was not a Bluebird day but the clouds were high and flying was great....

We had 4 Planes.....Mike and Ann Bond in their Cardinal RG, David Dressier and his neighbor in David's Cardinal RG, Gary Miller and Ed Endsley in Gary's Turbo Centurion and Bob & Nancy Lecklider with Don & Norma Wilfong in the Wilfong's Skylane.

We drove into town and went to Georgie's where we had a nice view of the beach and good food. It was certainly nice to be on a fly-out again. After we ate we walked down to the beach via a very long stairway with landings with benches.



Bob & Nancy didn't feel like trying the long stairway so waited in the car for the rest of us so they missed the group picture.

Bob, Nancy, Norma and I took one car and the rest of the group took the other. We took a little drive up to Otter Rock and back, so the other car beat us back to the airport by quite a bit and the others had all headed home before we returned to the airport. We had a very nice flight back to Bend where we dropped Bob & Nancy off and then we returned to Pilot Butte International Airport and tucked our baby into it's hangar to await another chance to ply the skies of this beautiful corner of our country.

FLY-OUT FUN ---- continued

We had a great time and it was especially nice to get Bob and Nancy back into our flying group. Since their 182 was damaged by hail some time ago and was totaled by the Insurance Co., plus a few other events in their lives had gotten them out of touch with flying for quite a while..... We Welcome them back and we look forward to seeing lots more of them in the future.

Blue skies and Tail Winds to you all
Don Wilfong

GPS System Reportedly On Verge Of Breakdown

by Eric Savitz, Barron's OnLine, May 19, 2009

Just when navigation software has begun to show up in phones, cars and a range of other gizmos, comes a report that the global positioning system on which they rely is getting close to a breakdown.

Picking up on an April 30 report from the U.S. General Accounting Office, the Guardian reports today that the quality of the GPS signals could begin to deteriorate as early as next year, "resulting in regular blackouts and failures - or even dishing out inaccurate directions to millions of people worldwide."

The GAO report asserts that some GPS satellites could begin to fail as early as 2010, and that it is uncertain whether the U.S. Air Force, which oversees the GPS system, can maintain current GPS service without interruption. The GAO report asserts that the Air Force has failed to take necessary steps to keep the system running smoothly.

The GAO report notes that the first GPS replacement satellites were due to launch in early 2007, but have been delayed until November of this year. Further delays could result in service outages. That could mean trouble for people simply looking for directions - and it has implications for the military as well, which uses the system for mapping reconnaissance and tracking hostile targets.

WOW !!! MORE FLY-OUT FUN.....

David Dressler e-mailed me and asked why we couldn't have more fly-outs than just once a month now that the weather was getting flyable again.....Well.....I said to myself "Self let's do it" and we did.....Sunday morning (Apr. 26) a group met at Pro-Air for a fly-out to John Day (I had called ahead and made arrangements for a couple of courtesy cars as the place is closed on Sundays).....We had 5 Planes, 11 People and 2 dogs.....We would have had 5 more people but Mike & Ann Bond and Bob & Nancy Lecklider were all a little under the weather and Harry McFadden's car broke down so none of them could make it.

Gary Miller took Ed Endsley and Gary's dog Max in Gary's plane, Steve & Bobbie Wright in their plane, David Dressler and his dog Ruby in David's plane, Don & Norma Wilfong in their plane and Andy & Susan Clark along with their friends Norm & Cindy Miller from Dallas, Texas in the Clark's plane (Norm is an ex Marine Pilot and is Currently an Airline Pilot).



It was a very pleasant flight and we picked up the two courtesy cars and drove down to the Outpost Cafe where we had good food and lots of hangar flying.....they were quite busy and had a couple of large groups in side rooms so we had to wait quite a while to get fed but it was worth it.

Don Wilfong

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Professional Air Service Center has several new technicians, most of whom have flown the way across the field from the Cessna Bend Factory, to join us here at Professional Air.

Mark Martens - Service Manager. Since 1978 Mark has risen in the aviation

industry from shop technician to manager of one of the country's largest Air Ambulance maintenance and overhaul facilities. Mark's current position at Professional Air is Service Manager for the maintenance department, the same position he held at Columbia Aircraft.

Richard Ingram - Director of Maintenance. Richard has been with Professional Air for five years and before that worked for Lancair and Columbia Aircraft.

Steve Hansen - Supervisor. Steve has been with Professional Air for over two years and has helped build and maintain our reputation with all of the 350 / 400 owners.

Kennen Andersen - Factory trained technician, who worked for the Bend Factory for 4 years before coming to us with amazing skill and credentials.

Steve Bird - Composite and paint wizard, worked at the Bend Factory for 7+ years.

Chris Partney - The newest addition to the Professional Air team.

There are some new faces here and we hope you will stop by and say hello and give us a chance to get caught up.

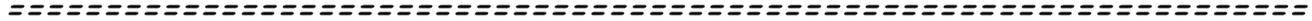


Don't forget Bend Airport Day, Saturday June 6th and the Balloons Over Bend is that weekend too.



Don't forget

FAA change ... effective March 31st 2010, paper certificates will no longer be valid. New credit card style certificates will be required for all pilot certificate holders. As of yet they are not requiring a photo. Applying through the FAA website can have your new certificate to you in a week.



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