

# CASCADE FLYER



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## *President's Message:*

Just about any day at the airport is a good day, but last Saturday the 2007 Bend Airport Appreciation Day was a great one. We had a rocky patch planning the event this year, but in the end it all worked out. The proof was in all the smiling faces enjoying their outing to the airport. Many thanks to all those that helped out!

Tim Proctor, the Redmond Tower Manager, was our guest speaker last month. We've heard his guiding voice for years and it was great to put a face to a voice and have time for a bit of chit-chat. Tim also gave us the bad news that the RDM radar project is running late. Even worse there are no plans to install a radar screen in the tower, only the approach controllers will have access to the radar data.

This month our meeting will be on the normal schedule. Ed Endsley will provide the details about this month's speaker. Meet at the Flight Services building at 6pm for some hanger flying, at 6:30pm our famous pot luck and then our formal meeting at 7pm.

## *Calendar:*

- 21 June - Monthly Meeting
- 23 June - Monthly Flyout
  
- 14 July - CO-99s Poker Run
- 19 July - Monthly Meeting
- 21 July - Monthly Flyout
  
- 16 August - Monthly Meeting
- 18 August - Monthly Flyout
  
- 20 September- Monthly Meeting
- 22 September- Monthly Flyout
  
- 18 October- Monthly Meeting
- 20 October- Monthly Flyout

## *Web doings:*

The Central Oregon 99s will be hosting a Poker Run on July 14th. They will be flying to Madras, Prineville, Redmond and Bend airports before finishing up with a noon BBQ at Sunriver. Register by mail before July 10th. If you are interested there are more details on their web site:

<http://www.centraloregon99s.org/upcoming-events.php>

For other aviation goodies check out our chapter website:

<http://co-opa.rellim.com/>

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

## *My Inbox:*

Not everything that lands in my Inbox is good news. The sad news that just landed in there is that our Bend Airport Manager, Greg Phillips has taken another job. Greg will be moving up in the world to be Deputy Director at the Missoula International Airport in Montana. Maybe he can also grow some dental floss over there in his spare time.

Progress at KBDN only came in fits and starts before Greg took the reins as Airport Manager. Since then it is hard to count the fine projects that he has shepherded to completion. New hangers, level aircraft parking, an AWOS, the Epic Aircraft factory, Cafe 3456, Nelson Road relocation and especially the new runway have all happened largely due to Greg's diligence at finding funding and then making things happen with it.

Greg Phillips will be greatly missed and we wish him well in his new job.

## ***Random Thoughts:***

Most of my flying is purpose driven. Even when I am flying for pleasure it is usually with the goal of getting somewhere and usually there is a schedule involved. But sometimes you just have to fly with no destination, no timetable, just for the joy of it.

June is usually a good month for it. Last winter was mild, but nothing beats a leisurely late spring flight. The chill of early spring is gone and the heat, smoke and dust of summer are not yet here. Warm but not hot and just a few bumps in the air.

So last Sunday, rested from the hustle and bustle of the previous day's Airport Appreciation Day I just headed off in a south-easterly direction. Why to the SE? No good reason, other than to enjoy an area I had not flown over for a while.

The scenery is not quite as dramatic as over the Cascades but the High Desert has its own beauty. The terrain is level and free of people and structures so the day calls for sweeping over the desert scrub at a low altitude to appreciate the textures of the earth.

10 thousand years ago Fort Rock was an island in the middle of a big lake, with native Indians visiting it for the good fishing. Now it looks like an abandoned fort guarding a sea of Rabbit Brush. No site seeing flight nearby is complete without a 360 around the big structure.

Continuing on to the south I find myself flying over Summer Lake and the marsh surrounding it. In the mid-summer heat this area will be fairly turbulent but today the air is smooth. Last year's fire damage to Winter Ridge just to the west is clearly visible as my Cessna cruises by.

I could just keep floating south past the California border but the Bend Airport runway closes at 7pm so it is time to head back up north. Along the ride back I'll swoop over the sand dunes east of Christmas Valley then over Horse Ridge and back to Bend and the ramp. What a great way to spend a lazy day!

Sometimes flying is just about the flying.

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## ***Editors Note:***

Thanks to Don Wilfong for the photos from the May fly-out. Pendleton National Weather Service had an open house celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the predecessor to NOAA, of which they are part ... Also, note the B-25 and the Doolittle Raiders memorial.

## ***June meeting:***

Plan to attend the Thursday, June 21, 2007, Central Oregon - Oregon Pilots Assoc. meeting in the Bend Airport Flight Services Terminal Building at 6PM for a pot luck dinner and a very special program. Everyone is welcome!

Mike & Kathy Custard of Advanced Aviation will show the Titan 3/4 scale Mustang and describe their award winning kit builder assistance company.

This program should not be missed. Check out their way cool website:

<http://www.advancedaviationinc.com>

Don't miss this opportunity for a very entertaining and informative evening. Bring your friends for flying fellowship, fine food, and fabulous fun!!!

Celebrate Summer Solstice at the Bend Airport!

Ed Endsley, CO-OPA Program Chair

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!***

August 25 OPA Convention in Albany, chaired by President-elect Joe Smith,

Here are a few facts to entice early commitments to attend: Held in the middle of the three-day Albany Art & Air Fair, the OPA convention will cost members very little. A package for the full day, Saturday August 25, will include breakfast, lunch and the evening banquet with a guest speaker. The package for members will be \$40, and banquet-only cost will be \$30. Advance registration will be required for the banquet. Tent camping with an aircraft will be free, along with free admission to all events including OPA forums, free entertainment, and free transportation around the airport and to the adjoining fairgrounds.

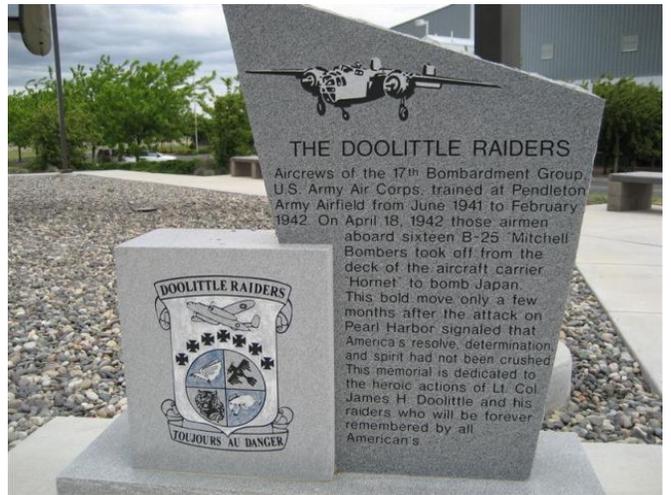
Mark your calendars now for a great event on August 25: the first OPA convention since 1992.

Dave Martin, President, OPA

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***The convention date coincides with our local Madras Airshow, but you can make it to both, weather permitting ...***

**Pendleton Flyout, May 20th, 2007**



## Oregon Flight Services for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - FS21

FS21 is the latest step in modernizing and consolidating the flight service system. Since the time Lockheed Martin Corporation won the government contract and began providing flight services on October 5, 2005 until most recently, there has been little change in the manner in which pilot weather briefings were conducted. That process is finally changing. Flight Service Stations across the nation are in the process of either consolidating to the 3 Major Hubs located in Prescott, AZ; Fort Worth, TX; or Ashburn, VA; or they are being refitted with the new FS21 system.

The Automated Flight Service Station located in McMinnville, Oregon (MMV AFSS) was founded in January of 1987 and on June 4, 2007 will cease operation. Services will be provided by the Western Service Area Hub located in Prescott, Arizona. Several of the Specialists the local pilots currently work with in Oregon will be the very same Specialists the pilots will work with in Arizona. Pilot weather briefings will still be provided on **1-800-WX-BRIEF (1-800-992-7433)** and your call will be automatically directed to a briefer that specializes in your area. The current **“866” phone number** will no longer work after MMV AFSS has closed. There is **NO CHANGE to the “INFLIGHT” Frequencies** across the state or the manner in which pilots use them. Pilots will also be able to interact with the briefer using their home or office computer and the Pilot Web Portal. ([www.afss.com](http://www.afss.com))

### Web Portal features:

- A personal home page customized with selected weather products for your specific areas of interest.
- Access to the same weather products, NOTAMs, TFRs, and SUAs as your briefer.
- All applicable “Local” NOTAMs will be available; eliminating the need to call the out-of-state destination AFSS for additional information.
- A personal profile that can include your favorite flight plans, routine and emergency contact information and aircraft performance data.
- Links to other aviation information and events.

### Some New System Benefits:

- Enhanced safety by improved situational awareness between pilots and specialists.
- More personalized and efficient service (due, in part, to the pre-stored pilot provided profiles).
- Optional notification by e-mail or text message for hazardous weather and TFR alerts that impact your filed flight plan. (This will be a “future enhancement”)

### AFTER JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

- Airport authorities will use a single exclusive toll-free NOTAM phone number that will route the caller to the appropriate Flight Data position for NOTAM formatting and dissemination. For NOTAMS, please call **1-877-4-US-NTMS (1-877-487-6867)**.
- A separate phone number for automated Telephone information Briefing Service (TIBS) is provided. For TIBS, please call **1-877-4-TIBS-WX (1-877-484-2799)**.
- Pilots wanting IFR or Special VFR clearances or to cancel an open VFR Flight Plan by telephone will now have a single exclusive phone number to use anywhere in the nation. For CLEARANCES or CANCELATIONS, please call **1-888-766-8267**.

We will still be dedicated to providing the very best service to the aviation community in Oregon even though our physical location has changed. We will personally miss Oregon and the lives we have established here. Of the 18 remaining Professionals, 5 are destined for the Prescott Hub and 2 for the Fort Worth Hub. For the most part, the remaining will enjoy retirement in the Pacific Northwest.

*From the MMV AFSS Staff and Specialists*

*Sent to EAA chapters, but a reminder of the Fly-Fest ....*



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Oregon EAA Chapters,

We need your Help!

The second annual Norwest Fly-Fest will be held this summer over the weekend of August 25, 26. We will have a full Airshow, featuring, Eddie Andreini, Doug Jardine, Kathy Hirtz, Dr. D, Bud Granley and Renny Price. Additionally we will offer over 20 Forums including presentations on Aviation Insurance, Garmin, LSA, aircraft fabric, metal and composite construction and many others. The Oregon Air and Space Museum will offer a full breakfast both Saturday and Sunday starting at 0830, before the show opens to the general public, and many GA vendors will be present offering everything from the latest avionics to tie-down systems.

Two areas that will receive special attention are our LSA area featuring 6 or more LSA manufacturers and our Young Aviators area sponsored by the Lane Aviation Academy, NASA and others. There will be a larger EAA presence at this year's Fly-Fest and part of that will be an active Young Eagles program. We want to be able to offer as many young people as possible Young Eagle Flights during the event. With that goal in mind we need Young Eagle pilots to sign up for the event. The Young Eagle flights will be conducted from runway 34L/16R away from the Airshow to enhance safety and ease of operation. What we do not want to do is advertise Young Eagle flights heavily and then not have enough pilots to make it work. Young Eagle Pilots will receive a substantial fuel discount and free admission to the event.

If any of your chapter members would like to sign up as a Fly-Fest Young Eagle pilot please have them go to our web site, [www.norwestflyfest.com](http://www.norwestflyfest.com) (Flying In page) and fill out a Young Eagle Pilot registration form.

I encourage as many of your members as possible to attend the Fly-Fest and enjoy the local hospitality here in Eugene. We will not be able to offer on site camping as we had planned, it's just too big a hassle with the TSA, but rental cars and hotel shuttles are available at the terminal for those who plan to remain over night. Links to local hotels can be found on the web site.

Thanks for your interest in the Norwest Fly-Fest and I hope to see you this summer.

Sincerely,

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