

CASCADE FLYER



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NOVEMBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be on Thursday, November 20th, 6:00pm at the Bend Airport (S07) in the Flight Services building (The Flight Shop). ✈

OCTOBER FLY-OUT !!!

by Don Wilfong

Time has slipped by and Norma and I have been busy as can be working on rental properties etc. and have neglected to pick a spot for the upcoming fly-out this month.

Our meeting/potluck will be next Thursday, October 16 at the Flight Shop and the Fly-out will be the following Sat. Oct. 18.

Norma and I will be unavailable for the meeting but will try to go on the Fly-out.

I contacted our President Nancy Lecklider and she has agreed that if I would e-mail all of you and ask that you contact her with your suggestions for a Fly-out "She would pick a spot this month". Please call her ASAP at 330-1853 or e-mail her with your suggestions at leckone@bendcable.com. ✈

HILLSBORO FLY-OUT

by Ed Endsley

I don't know if you heard about our mass exit at Hillsboro... This is funny. When we saw Tom Ellesberg on the tarmac after his performance we were headed to the gate to cross the field to our planes as planned earlier. McMinnville Radio had confirmed that morning that the TFR would open at 4:15 and when we landed, ground confirmed the same thing. But when we got to the gate, no dice. Stone wall. Actually chain link and barbed wire and locked gate. One of the pilots had a cell phone and called the tower and talked a long time. He

SEPTEMBER FLY-OUT



by Don Wilfong

On our regular fly-out Sat. (Sept. 20) the Wilfongs were involved in the wedding of one of our Sons so we did not go on the Fly-out to the Hillsboro Air Show. I understand that some of our group went and had a great time. Gary Miller and Mike and Ann Bond went and thanks to Becky at the Flight Shop they had V.I.P. Tickets and V.I.P. Treatment while there. There were probably others that went and enjoyed that I am not aware of.

On Sat. (Sept. 27) some of us flew to Astoria for their Annual Pancake Breakfast, Air show, Static Display of Civil and Coast Guard planes and helicopters, tours of the Coast Guard aircraft and facilities, a Bazar for the ladies, hot-dogs, hamburgers, assorted beverages, display booths and other things to see and enjoy.



There were quite a few older planes on static display.

The Blackjack Squadron, of RV planes, put on some very impressive precision fly-bys, there were other fly-bys which included the drop of a Subaru car from several hundred feet by a Coast Guard helicopter, a number of older and newer aircraft including the new 4 place RV-10, bi-planes, a Beach 18, demos by gyro-copters and some flying and static displays by RC planes to name a few.

The only people from our group, that I saw, was Jerry Rozelle in his yellow and white Cessna 195, Mike Brownlie in his Turbo 206 (Mike spent most of the day flying Young Eagle flights) and Norma and I with our guests Don & Boots Bolduc in our 182. I thought we had three of the prettiest planes there.



Norma & I with our guest Don Bolduc from Bend. His wife Boots was also there but she took the photo.

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

by Nancy Lecklider

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a good one. We had some very lively discussion on a variety of subjects and a great presentation by Gary Miller which enlightened many of us on what is available on line to help us with flight planning and other aspects of our aviation activities.

Dale Evans talked about some of the things going on with the City and the Airport Advisory Committee. The nominating committee gave the results of their search for candidates for office, which was not very encouraging. They have proposed, Gary Miller for President and me for Vice President. Personally, I think Gary is a great selection for President but If there is someone who would like to be Vice President I would be delighted to vote for them. We also, need a candidate or two for Secretary/Treasurer so be prepared to make some nominations from the floor so we have a viable slate of candidates to consider for next year's officers.

Now, and I mean right now, I want each one of you to mark your calendars for the rest of this year and for 2004 so that you remember our meetings. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each and every month, at 6:00 p.m., unless something earthshattering occurs. I would like to think that we are all responsible adults, (After all, we were capable of learning to fly a complex machine.) and don't need reminding every time but the biggest excuse I heard for not being at the last meeting was that, "nobody told me" or "there was no newsletter".

On the agenda for next Thursday meeting will be a couple of things we need to decide. One being what would you like to do for Christmas? There are several choices, such as, continuing to support the young girl we helped last year, choosing a new recipient of our help, donating to an established charity or not doing anything. Think about it so we can discuss it and make a decision next Thursday.

The other agenda item that needs to be discussed and decided is the nomination of officers. Please,

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NOVEMBER FLY-OUT !!!

by Don Wilfong

One of our memorable Fly-outs was the last time we went to John Day. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

They have a couple of courtesy cars and we all went down to the "Grubstake" where everyone ate their fill. The food, service and conversation was good.

I think it is time to go to John Day again... so... let's all meet at the Flight Shop at 09:00am for a 09:15am departure on (Saturday, November 22nd.). If the Saturday weather does not agree and Sunday looks okay then let's change to Sunday.

If the weather is just plain bad... would you like to go to a local eatery for breakfast and some hangar flying?????

I would appreciate your thoughts on this... so... please e-mail, Don Wilfong dwnw@bendcable.com ✈

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It was a beautiful flight both ways with hardly a bump anywhere. We had a fun day and the weather was fantastic. There was a fog bank hanging off the coast as we were leaving to come home but mother nature held it at bay for the entire day. The coast South appeared to have been covered by fog all day long.

This fly-out was not on our normal weekend (usually the Sat. following our potluck/meeting on the 3rd Thur. of each month). Several of our members wanted to go along but other commitments kept them from being able to.

I believe that as winter and it's unpredictable weather approaches we may find that impromptu fly-outs, to take advantage of good flying weather, may be in order....let me hear from you with any suggestions you might have for fun places and dates for fly-outs. ✈



Old and new. Van's new 4 passenger RV-10 and a Starduster Too SA300 bi-plane.

Hillsboro Fly-Out from page 1

wasn't one of our group so I stepped over and told him to mention Tom Ellesbergs name... So he just handed the phone to me. I explained the situation as we knew it: he expressed dismay about McMinnville and denied that ground control would have told us that so I asked to speak to the tower supervisor. He said he WAS the supervisor... My response was to say "May I speak to the air boss or the FAA representative?" He replied, please hold..... He came back to ask if he could call us back in twenty minutes? I asked him to please hold and handed the phone to Mike Bond. Mike talked to him in his inimitable British business accent and must have convinced him of our veracity because he did call us back. But he said it would be at least 30 minutes before they would allow us to depart and we all MUST be off the ground in 20 minutes... It was really a lovely series of conversations... Finally someone arrived



Ellsberg checking his controls before landing with the Bend contingent of planes impounded in the safety zone in the back ground

to open the gate and take us to the planes where we feverishly prepped and propped only to wait, engines running, while they released the YAK act! Here we are sitting in the safety zone holding short of the runway watching this YAK do repeated knife edge turns right at us filling the windscreen. YOW, duck. I'll bet the FAA will have something to say to the air boss... Then it was "into position & hold; cleared for immediate takeoff" over and over as close as I have ever experienced. About seven planes in all. PDX approach was a little nonplussed with this spate of traffic popping up all at once. Interesting to hear them get confused. It was a wonderful flight back, over an hour late, after sunset but before dark. Thanks and congratulations to Michael and Ann Bond and Gary Miller for leading such a grand adventure. Beautiful flight. Remember to ask them about the VIP lounge!!! Wow! ✈

Dear C.O.- O.P.A. Members, from page 1 as I said before, give this some serious thought and be prepared to make some nominations and to vote.

One last thing to nag about. It is getting close to the end of the year and I would like to remind all of our chapter members that our local dues of, \$10.00, is due, January 1st. Let's pay up so that it doesn't drag on and on. Also, we have several people on our roster who have not paid their state dues. I know it can be confusing because the two dues are paid separately and at different times but please, lets keep these dues current. It kind of gives us some status in the state organization to have one of the larger more active chapters and we don't get credit for your participation if your dues are not paid. Here is a quick link to the [CO-OPA Membership Application form](#), please take a moment to download, fill it out and bring it to the next meeting.

See you next Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Flight Shop, potluck. ✈

FROM THE ASTORIA FLY-IN, AIR SHOW

Pictures Courtesy of Don Wilfong

