

CASCADE FLYER



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

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President's Message:

Turnout was sad for our Annual Holiday party but those that did attend had a great time. We made up in camaraderie what we lacked in numbers.

There were lots of wonderful sides to complement the club provided Ham followed up by great desserts. Once again our potlucks can't be beat.

Our old favorite Yankee Swap was a success and there was no tail wheel spring in sight.

Our bad weather streak for flyouts continued. December's alternate destination was the Black Bear Dinner for a virtual fly-out that continued the bear theme from the party. Attendance was a bit better than Thursday's and a good time was had by all.

A New Year has begun so how about we all make a resolution to reserve the 3rd Thursday of the month for some quality time with the CO-OPA!

Be sure to come this month with some new enthusiasm and maybe with a new guest or two. Meet for hangar talk at 6pm, pot-luck at 6:30pm and our formal program at 7pm.

Calendar:

17 January- Monthly Meeting
19 January- Monthly Flyout

21 February- Monthly Meeting
23 February- Monthly Flyout

20 March- Monthly Meeting
22 March- Monthly Flyout

17 April- Monthly Meeting
19 April- Monthly Flyout

15 May- Monthly Meeting
17 May- Monthly Flyout

Web doings:

For the usual chapter news and other aviation goodies check out our chapter website:

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

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

My Inbox:

There has always been confusion because the OPA has billed membership dues on the members anniversary of joining the OPA and the CO-OPA has billed all its members in January. That confusion will end in 2009 as the OPA moves to the same calendar year system that CO-OPA has been using. The side effect of the conversion will be that 2008 dues will be even more confusing that ever as the OPA works to prorate the members from the old system to the new system. Details of the conversion will be in the next PropWash.

Random Thoughts:

Many exciting things are happening at the state OPA level recently.

Our new president Joe Smith has hit the ground running and started reinvigorating the board.

Most obviously you will have noticed that you did not get a paper copy of the most recent PropWash. The PropWash is now electronically distributed from the OPA web site. Printing a paper newsletter was a great expense and hassle to the OPA.

Eliminating it goes a long way to getting the state finances in balance. You can grab a copy of the most recent issue here:

<http://www.oregonpilot.org/archive/2008Propwash/PropwashJanFeb08.pdf>

Random Thoughts --- continued

There are two other options for getting the newsletter. For \$15 a year you can sign up to get a paper copy snail mailed to you as before, or you can request to get a email with a link to the newsletter as soon as a new is available. For either option you can send an email to memberservices@oregonpilot.org.

Expect more changes soon as a result of a board retreat held in Sunriver last December. For that event most of the OPA officers and chapter presidents met over three days to share ideas and brainstorm about what the OPA would like to do in the next two years and how to get it done.

Maybe this sort of approach, in miniature, is appropriate at our level too. I propose that we as a chapter work out as a group what we want to accomplish locally, decide on some realistic things we can do and how we can do them. Just like at the state level there must be things we can do more of, less of, or just differently to better effect than before.

One thing we really need to work on is getting the weather to cooperate on our fly-out days!

Gary

**January CO-OPA meeting:
Happy New Year!!!**

Plan to attend the Thursday, January 17, 2008, Central Oregon - Oregon Pilots Assoc. meeting in the Bend Airport Flight Services Terminal Building at 6PM for a potluck dinner and a very special program. Everyone is welcome!

We will start 2008 with a video presentation on the BIG flat screen TV in the lobby courtesy of Professional Air:

<http://www.proairservices.com>

and Butch Roberts who will also be supplying a choice of aviation videos to choose from. Start the New Year with an aviation night at the movies!

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

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COOPA Xmas Party



As Gary reported, we had a great party, attended by a 'select' few.



Fortunately we were able to boost attendance using the 'bear' essentials

The party was followed, 2 days later, by our fly-out 'drop-back', the Black Bear Diner



Fly-outs

(or is it FLYs-out; can never figure that out)



In an effort to offset Gary's disappointment about the lack of cooperative weather for the last few months, here are some pictorial memories of past fly-outs.

Don Wilfong dug into his photo archives and memories to provide the following ...

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST.....

Over the years we have had many enjoyable fly-outs to a lot of interesting and fun places. One of my favorites was the Flying M Ranch, northwest of McMinnville. Unfortunately, for pilots, the beautiful rustic lodge/bar/cafe was sold and we will never have the opportunity of going there again.

If you were lucky enough to have been there, you will remember the "one-way" grass and gravel strip that gave one a certain pucker factor the first time you flew in. After landing and having a lot of runway still ahead of you many said "heck, that was easy, I don't know what I was nervous about".



The east/west runway was located in a narrow valley with tall trees and mountains to the west.

Aircraft parking was about 150 feet in front of the lodge along the north edge of the airport property. The lodge was a magnificent log structure with rustic décor and you could sit and watch your plane and see others come and go while you enjoyed your meal. The food was good, there was plenty of it, and the prices were not out of line.



The lounge was very interesting with the bar being made from a large log cut in half lengthwise and appeared to be suspended by large logging hooks that were once used to lift logs onto rail cars and/or trucks. There was an old buggy suspended from the ceiling, which added to the old west effect of the place. As pilots, we were always unable to partake of any of the wares from the bar.....so.....Norma and I rented one of their cabins one night and had a great dinner, a couple of drinks, and danced to a live western band.



There was a creek running down the north side of the canyon right behind the lodge, which was situated on the north side of the runway near the west end. On the south side of the strip was the road leading into the Ranch and on the hillside was the horse facility where you could rent riding horses if you chose. As far as I know, you can still fly in and take advantage of that if you wish.

MEMORIES – continued

We miss being able to fly there as we had made many trips ourselves in addition to the fly-outs we had from time to time.

It won't be very long until fly-out weather is with us again and I would like to schedule some places the members would like to fly. If you have any suggestions on places to fly and/or any ideas on what we need to do to get more members to our meeting/potlucks please let me know. The meeting/potlucks are at the Flight Shop on the third Thursday of each month and the fly-outs are on the Saturday following. We hope to see you at both!

Don Wilfong,
Temp Fly-out Chair

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (NPRM)
Part 0, Section 000 (a) 1(c)

Section I - No pilot or pilots, or person or persons acting on the direction or suggestion or supervision of a pilot or pilots may try, or attempt to try or make, or make attempt to try to comprehend or understand any or all, in whole or in part of the herein mentioned Aviation Regulations, except as authorized by the Administrator or an agent appointed by, or inspected by, the Administrator.

Section II - If a pilot, or group of associate pilots becomes aware of, or realizes, or detects, or discovers, or finds that he or she, or they, are or have been beginning to understand the Aviation Regulations, they must immediately, within three (3) days notify, in writing, the Administrator.

Section III - Upon receipt of the above-mentioned notice of impending comprehension, the Administrator shall immediately rewrite the Aviation Regulations in such a manner as to eliminate any further comprehension hazards.

Section IV - The Administrator may, at his or her discretion, require the offending pilot or pilots to attend remedial instruction in Aviation Regulations until such time that the pilot is too confused to be capable of understanding anything.

The 2007 Darwin Awards

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed; honoring the least evolved among us, and here is the glorious first place:

When his 38-calibre revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California, would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

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