

# CASCADE FLYER



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## **President's Message:**

Who knew that Johnny Carino's was next to Best Buy, not Staples? Well not me, sorry about that. As expected the roads were also an icy mess clogged with last minute shoppers. Still, the turnout for our holiday feast was great and a fun time was had by all.

I for one, was happy to snag a used Canadian airport guide, another tiny step to actually flying there someday.

A good change of pace, but it will also be good to return to our tried and true schedule. So once again we'll meet on the Third Thursday of each month at 6pm for tall tales, a pot luck at 6:30pm and a formal program at 7pm.

This month we'll wrap up Norma's Christmas Charity, collect this years chapter dues (\$10), plan this month's flyout and more.

## **Calendar:**

17 January – Monthly Meeting

19 January – Monthly Flyout

21 February – Monthly Meeting

23 February – Monthly Flyout

21 March – Monthly Meeting

23 March – Monthly Flyout

18 April – Monthly Meeting

20 April – Monthly Flyout

## **Web doings:**

Check out current and past CO-OPA newsletters, view our membership list and view hot aviation links on our website at:

[co-opa.com](http://co-opa.com)

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

## **My INBOX:**

New hours for the Airport Café. They will now be open from 8am to 3pm Monday thru Sunday. Be sure to drop in on them from time to time.

In a sign that Spring may be near, Aero Air is busy adding their paint job to the former Butler DC-7 fire bomber airplanes.

Save the dates: Prineville Airport Day will be on August 10<sup>th</sup> this year. The Airshow of the Cascades at Madras (S33) will be Friday night August 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Dan Buchanon, the paraplegic hang glider pilot, is already booked to headline the night show. If you have not seen Dave's act be sure to catch it this year. More on his web site:

[www.danbuchananairshows.com](http://www.danbuchananairshows.com)

The City of Bend has sent the new proposed KBDN master Plan to the FAA, and it bounced right back. Luckily only some language clarification has been asked for so far. In any case don't expect any more major projects for a few years. A relief after the last few years of serious construction, and hopefully the old ramp can last until more money shows up.

## ***UAV's in CO:***

EDCO briefed some members on the local UAV scene. It seems like drone testing is proceeding near OSU, but they have no idea how pilots can find when, where or what. I feel safer now.

Plans for drone flying at Warm Springs are also proceeding with possibly other areas to follow. The main hold up at this point seems to be the FAA which is long past their congressionally mandated deadline to formulate a drone plan. I assume they would rather get it right than be on time.

The new twist is that EDCO, after spending our tax dollars to get things going is proposing a for profit company to manage drone testing in the North West. I wonder how we sign up to get our share of stock?

## ***December Flyout***

Due to the foreboding weather forecast our hardy group braved the icy roads to gather at Jake's Diner for a hearty breakfast. We must have been an ugly looking crowd as they hustled us into the back room so as not to scare the regular customers.

Unlike the forecast, the weather for our December (not)Flyout was clear and blue. At least until 30 minutes after breakfast when the weather abruptly went zero/zero. Once again our superior planning skills prevented the need for us to show superior flying skill.

The forecast for the January Flyout is sunny with a high of 47F so maybe we can break the mid-winter slump.

## ***Newsletter Inputs:***

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