

# President's Message:

Uh, oh. According to Intellicast.com, there is a better than 50% of rain for our Fly-out this coming Saturday. Weather.gov agrees. Not much wind or rain is forecast, but since as a group we are fair weather fliers it is best to plan a hearty Fly-in breakfast for this Saturday.

If you have a favorite breakfast spot to recommend then come come join us at our October with your vote. We meet in the KBDN Flight Services Building this Thursday, the Third Thursday, 17 September 2015, around 6pm. Pot luck at 6:30pm, and the usual 'formal' meeting at 7pm.

By now you should all have received snail mail about the upcoming OPA quarterly meeting and special election. Bring your questions about that, and anything else aviation related to our meeting.

#### Calendar:

- 15 October Monthly Meeting
- 17 October Monthly Fly-out
- 19 November Monthly Meeting
- 21 November Monthly Fly-out
- 17 December Holiday Party!
- 19 December Monthly Fly-out
- 21 January Monthly Meeting
- 23 January Monthly Fly-out

### September Fly-out:

For our September Fly-out we decided to brave the strange new airspace around Salem Airport (KSLE) to get to Independence Airport (7S5).

With no chart updates, no AF/D updates, and dire warnings about angry FAA personnel if we slipped, we decided to charge in anyway.

Gary Miller, Don Wilfong, and Maxwell in 57R decided on the passive aggressive approach. Use Flight Following and blunder through the airspace. When they quizzed Seattle Center the response was: "Don't worry about it, we got you on rader."

Mike and Ann Bond, sans Fergus, in 23Q took the issue head-on and contacted KSLE tower. For their trouble all they got was: "Cleared to transit Class D airspace, report Independence in sight."

So basically a non-event, when in doubt, or even when not, get in touch with the guys there to help us. The airspace is still in flux, but for now it looks like the image on the next page.

After that "excitement" we had a nice Breakfast at the Star Duster Cafe on the field. While we ate we watched a New Standard give rides while other cool planes came and go. Pretty much the perfect fly-out.

For an extra kicker, 57R then took a side trip to grass strip at Dietz Airport (OR40). Hard to find nestled in with the grass farms, but worth the trouble. With the Aurora Tower opening it will be a bit trickier. See the next page for details.

### Airspace Changes:

It used to be if you kept up with your charts you would be on top of current airspace changes. No more, now the FAA expects you to read the fine print in the Federal Register. So in case you missed it, see below for important changes. Changes that will not be on the charts until December.

Aurora now has a Tower, and attached Class D restricts airspace around Lenhart (7S9), Mulino (4S9), Skydive Oregon (OL05) and Dietz (OR40) Airports. Plus it blocks airspace over I-5 and the Willamette River.

Salem now has an expanded Class D. One that includes airspace that has no radio or radar contact with the tower. That pretty much

### Airspace Changes (Cont):

makes the west side of the ridge off limits if you approach Independence Airport from anywhere other than high or to the east.

### Web doings:

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co-opa.com

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