



Columbia River Chapter

of the Short Wing Piper Club

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Meeting Report

The last meeting in our 2005 Flight Plan at the Salem Airport "Flight Deck" Restaurant was attended by eleven rugged northwest pioneers, all driving in. We had high gusty winds and rain. Those attending were Bob Fitts, Monmouth, OR, Rich Waldren, Newberg, OR, Rich's friend Don Sheldon, Hillsboro, OR, Joe and Lucille Winter, Keizer, OR, Sally Luse, Camas, WA, Glen Geller, Beaverton, OR, Dan and Patricia Cathey, Cottage Grove, OR and Frank and Theresa Rush, Independence, OR. Thanks to Ron and Sue Gullickson our hosts and Joe and Lucille Winter for following up for the Gullickson's.

The food is good at the Flight Deck and I will return for lunch, however as a meeting place it is not good, very noisy and we couldn't hear from one end of the table to the other. I don't plan to schedule any more meetings there.

The picture of the group didn't come out, sorry about that. You know who forgot to take it and it was on my checklist too!

Many thanks to Sally Luse for getting the "Thank You" plaque done for Ron and Sue and bringing it to the meeting. She is still working on the banner.

The plaque will be presented to Ron and Sue on November 9, 2005. Many thanks to them for holding the Columbia River Chapter together for the five plus years including the 2005 National Convention.

Dan and Patricia Cathey volunteered to host a meeting in Cottage Grove at the museum on May 6, 2006. This will be a brown bag meeting. Thanks Dan and Patricia.

Dan invited the Short Wings to join the Oregon Antique and Classic Aircraft Club and to fly with them on their air tour in July. If you have decided not to fly to the convention in Kingston you might add this one to your calendar. I'm sure that Dan will update us at the May meeting or via a future newsletter.

Glen Geller reported on upcoming events at NWAAC and invited us to come fly with them. Pull up their website at <http://www.nwaac.com> and in between our scheduled events go fly with them to some of the interesting places they have scheduled. Call some of your Short Wing buddies and go as a gaggle.

The above reminds me of the problem we have always had in the northwest with the different terrain and weather patterns, its almost impossible for our far ranging members to fly to each scheduled meeting. In the original Washington State Chapter we tried having a Vice President for the east side and one for the west side, but I'm not sure how successful that was. Do you think there is any merit in trying to establish a "Flight Coordinator" for each half of our two states, ie, Eastern Washington, Western Washington, Eastern Oregon and Western Oregon? In between our scheduled events the "Flight Coordinator" would determine a place to fly to for breakfast, lunch or a fly in, and call members in his/her segment and try to assemble a group flight.

I do not wish to take on any more than I am doing now because I have a Tri-Pacer project to rebuild. *So talk to me, what do you think, any ideas, any volunteers?*

Into the Future

I still have not heard from the “Cub Doctor” on his tube and fabric restoration seminars. I had planned to include a survey in this newsletter to determine how much interest there would be within our membership. If and when he answers my letter, I will give you the details. I am thinking I would try to schedule it here in our hangar and in between our regularly scheduled meetings if there is enough interest in doing that.

We are working on the CRC Flight Plan for 2006 and will include what we have firmed up with the meeting notice we plan to mail out in January 2006. The overall plan for next year will be to hold meetings at places where we can have more privacy to include an educational theme in as many meetings as we can develop some material to present.

For the above I’m looking for volunteers with an informative educational presentation on flying, navigating (including from right seat), fear of flying and ways to overcome, using GPS, how to hear and understand the radio, maintaining our Short Wing Pipers, and would be willing to present it at our meetings.

A Columbia River Chapter membership list is included with this newsletter for the use of our members only and will be send via “snail mail” to all members. Please DO NOT release this list outside for any other purpose. Also included with this mailing is a survey asking if you would be willing to have your information put on the CRC website since I have received several requests from chapter members to list them on the website. Return this self-addressed form ONLY if you wish to be listed on the website.

Piper continuous loop trim cables. Alternate supplier. I have just received the following information from www.mcfarlaneaviation.com “Our continuous loop trim cables are FAA-PMA approved for J-3, PA-11, PA-12, PA-14, PA-16, PA-20, PA-18, PA-18A and PA-22. We can also manufacture custom length cables if requested and offer stainless cable as an option for the float plane application”. If you need one of these cables you may wish to compare their prices to Univar’s prices.

“Late Breaking News”

Mr. Glen Geller has just accepted the Vice President’s position of our chapter. Glen resides in Beaverton, OR. Thank you Glen – Welcome aboard.

Look forward to seeing y’all in 2006

Fly Safely
Frank Rush