

# Columbia River Chapter of the Short Wing Piper Club



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NEWSLETTER

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Happy 2011 to all of our Columbia River Chapter members.

How lucky we were in scheduling our January meeting at Independence Airpark. Saturday the 22nd was the first VFR day we have had for several weeks, and it turned out to be short lived. Sunday, the Willamette Valley was again blanketed by fog. Twenty-five hardy souls attended. The longest distance flown goes to Shane and Robyn Mahoney from Evergreen Sky Ranch in Auburn, Washington; Longest road distance goes to Doug and Rava Stewart who traveled all the way from Cashmere, Washington join us. We all had a great brunch at the Starduster Café on the field, but the best part was a desert of brownies, lemon bars, and coffee that Sam and Sandi Archer kindly brought. Thanks Sam and Sandi.

Kaaren McGlynn graciously volunteered to replace Sue Gullickson as Secretary of our chapter. Sue has held the position for several years and is in need of a break. All of our thanks go out to Sue for the outstanding job she has done with minutes and with the newsletter, and thank you and welcome to Kaaren for volunteering for this important position.

Rich Waldren volunteered to take over as Treasurer which Bill Boyle has been filling since our loss of Frank Rush. Again, Thank you very much to both Bill and Rich. The transition to Rich will take place as soon as possible.

Gail Boyle and Doug Stewart displayed a sample of the certificate and frames that will be awarded to the best aircraft in each category at the Spearfish Convention. Gail designed a

beautiful certificate and Doug has arranged for the framing. Chapter members selected the frame they thought best complemented Gail's certificate.

Larry Jenkins, Scholarship Chairperson for the SWPC sent a very nice letter to Theresa Rush after Frank's passing, thanking her for all the donations to the scholarship fund that came in Frank's name. My thanks, also, to everyone from our chapter who made contributions. One of our previous scholarship nominees is now a working AP/IA. Another is working as a flight instructor at Central Washington University, and yet another is currently studying at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

At Saturday's meeting, Bill Boyle submitted the name of a young lady from Independence, Oregon for a 2011 SWPC Scholarship. She is an 18 year old private pilot, a student in the aviation program at Big Bend Community College, and she has a very good GPA. Those present voted to forward her name to Larry Jenkins as the Columbia River Chapter's 2011 scholarship nominee. I think Frank would agree that this is about the best tribute we could give him. His legacy will

live on in all of us who continue to fly and cherish short wing pipers.

Flying weather so far for the new year has been very hard to find. Here at Grove Field in southwest Washington, we have had over one month of steady east winds, interspersed with snow, freezing rain, and other interesting anomalies not conducive to training students. About all we have been able to do is instrument work and some multi-engine training. I have been trying for two weeks to get my airplane over to Scappoose for its pitot-static check.

Scappoose has an instrument approach, but 1W1 does not. The scenario has been:

1. Can't get to Scappoose.
2. Can get to Scappoose but can't get home.
3. Can go both ways but the pitot-static guy is gone.

I am scheduled to try again tomorrow, 1-11. The forecast calls for freezing rain. I'll let you know later if I made it.

Well...another day, another dollar. Got the Cessna over to Scappoose before the freezing rain came in and got Rich Stewart's Tri-Pacer 8914D back to Grove Field. Rich just bought the airplane from Ron Spurgeon who many of you may

remember. It is only one of two Tri-Pacers new to Grove Field. Jerry Nibbler also bought a nice 1956 Tri-Pacer. His is (or was) sitting at Evergreen Sky Ranch near Auburn, Washington, awaiting a ferry permit. It's nice to have a few Tri-Pacers here again. Hopefully we will see both Rich Stewart and Jerry Nibbler at future CRC meetings.

One of our new member families, Shane and Robyn Mahoney live on the field at Evergreen Sky Ranch. They have invited us to have one of our chapter meetings there, and it was unanimously decided to do so. (See the schedule below) Thank you Shane and Robyn.

Have you been reading all the articles in the trade magazines about the "paperless cockpit" and "electronic flight bags?" I have had a chance to use the iPad as well as the Garmin 690, and I am impressed. Because I do IFR training, I must have current IFR charts and approach plates for our area. VFR training also requires that I have current Seattle and "K" falls sectional charts. My subscription for those charts alone, two of which come out every 56 days, costs me about \$120 / year. The approach plates, which are

updated every 28 days, add to the expense and paper work of staying up to date.

There are now several programs available for both the iPad and PC based computers that allow you to download charts and approach plates for very reasonable costs. Of course, the Garmin 690 also has them. The big difference is cost: The iPad or PC - about \$700- \$1000. The Garmin 690 about \$2700, and the Garmin Aera about \$600. The major difference is that the iPad is a computer as well as a navigation device, so at the end of your flying day, it goes to the motel with you for checking weather and sending e-mails.

The Apple iPad I use has a GPS function built into it. It seems to be very accurate in the tests I have done so far, both in the air and on the ground. I purchased for about \$80, a program called Foreflight, that allowed me to download to the iPad every sectional chart in the United States, as well as all the low altitude enroute charts, and all the instrument approach plates. When flying, the iPad display shows your position moving along the aeronautical chart or enroute chart. It is a phenomenal aid to IFR flying, as it gives instant

geographical orientation...right up to the beginning of the instrument approach. The program I am using does not yet have geo-referenced approach plates, so your position will not show on the plate as you navigate the approach. Other programs that do are available for a little more money. I think this may be the real deal.

Though the dedicated GPS units perform much of the navigation better and have more detail, the benefit of the iPad is that it is a full function computer as well. Even the air carriers are talking about paperless cockpits now. Keep in mind however, that most of these aids are not certified for IFR flight, (including the Garmin 690 - what happens when the batteries die?), so flights must still be made using the old steam gauges. Even then, it is a giant leap forward from where we were. If you have used any of these products, we would like to hear your thoughts on them. Send us a blurb for the newsletter.

We received a note yesterday from the Convention (Carol VanVleet) saying that she had received the first reservation for the Spearfish convention. Theresa Rush and Linda Cochran from our chapter were the first to register. Good

going Columbia River Chapter. We are planning a group Columbia River Chapter flight to the convention, through the northern (Rockies) route if weather permits. That would take us from here to Kalispell, MT, then through the Rocky Mountains following US 2, and on to Miles City and Spearfish. We would love to have you join us for the flight.

CRC members discussed Meeting dates and locations for the remainder of 2011, and came up with the following schedule:

MARCH - Saturday, March 19th - 1200 at Aero Maintenance - Pearson Field - Vancouver. Brown bag lunch

MAY - Saturday, May 7th - 10:30 at Twin Oaks Airport. Come early for fly in breakfast.

JUNE - Monday, June 27 - Thursday June 30 - NATIONAL SWPC CONVENTION Spearfish South Dakota.

JULY - Saturday, July 16th - 10:00am - Creswell Oregon. Come early for fly in breakfast.

SEPTEMBER - Saturday, September 17, 1200am - Mahoney hanger -Evergreen Sky Ranch Auburn WA

NOVEMBER - Saturday, November 5th, 1200am - Lum Yuen Restaurant - Albany Muni - Albany Oregon

# **FLY SAFELY: SEE YOU IN MARCH**



## **ATTENDING THE CHAPTER MEETING IN INDEPENDENCE**

### **Left to right**

#### **Kneeling**

Sandi Archer - Kaaren McGlynn - Trisha Enck - Gail Boyle

#### **Sitting First Row**

Robyn Mahoney - Linda Cochran - Theresa Rush - Lavern Atwood - Lucille Winters

#### **Sitting Second Row**

Sally Luse - Rava Stewart - Sam Archer

#### **Standing**

Jerry Atwood - Shane Mahoney - Jim Thames - Rich Waldren - Doug Stewart - Ron Enck - Phil Pirrotta  
Bill Boyle - Brian McGlynn - Joe Winters

