

Another route

After Gilbert Pierce picked up the Clipper, (now known as Red Lady) at Evergreen Field in Vancouver, WA, he flew her to Tennessee and sent this note September 1, 2004 to share his route.

We were flying a stock Clipper, 108 hp. with two adults aboard. We left Evergreen Field and made The Dalles our first stop. The view was awesome all the way. Our next leg from The Dalles to Pendleton was followed by an awesome stretch from Pendleton to Caldwell, ID. Caldwell to Burley was boring by comparison but Burley up to Pocatello, Soda Springs, and Montpelier, was a real trip. We followed the highway through the mountainous part. It was easy as the valleys were wide, no wind and cool. Toward Bear Lake we crossed a high ridge before a flat and predictable flight most of the way to Texas, although we did see some very diverse country.

We went directly to Rock Springs, the highest airport with over a mile and a half of runway and flat land all around. Getting out of there was no problem. We followed I-80 from Rock Springs to Cheyenne and from then on, it was straight flying mostly 500' to 1000' for the fun of it, the exception being the leg from Rock Springs to Greeley, CO. We went high for the cooler temperature.

Overall it was an easy, scenic flight and I highly recommend it.