



# COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER

OF THE SHORT WING PIPER CLUB

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## COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER NEWS

### President Dave Luse

The August meeting in Madras Oregon, though sparsely attended, was a great time. Sam and Sandy Archer, from Independence, Joan and Paul Good from Eatonville Washington, and Sally and I attended.

Sally gave a short report on preparations for the 2011 convention in Spearfish South Dakota. Planning is well along, and many volunteers have stepped up from around the country to help. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity, contact Sally. She would certainly appreciate the help.

A convention website is available on the Shortwing Piper home page. I will be showing a short "PowerPoint" presentation on the convention at the September meeting in Prosser.

Following a short meeting in the Madras FBO, courtesy of Rob Berg, we adjourned to watch the "premier" Central Oregon Airshow. Aside from the award of Best Classic to Paul and Joan Good's Piper Vagabond, the highlight of the show was a short demonstration of a USAF A-10 Wart Hog. This twin jet aircraft can seemingly turn as short as a Tri-pacer and carry as much or more ordinance as a four engine B-17, and land short enough to get into Grove Field (2600') easily. It was an amazing demonstration of an amazing aircraft.

Mark your calendars for September 25th, our meeting in Prosser Washington.



We will meet at the Barn Restaurant for lunch and a meeting at 12:00.

We will then head outside to wander among the colorful hot air balloons on the airport. This is "The Great Prosser Balloon Festival", certainly among the most beautiful aviation events in our region during the year.



Prosser Washington is also the location of the "first" chapter meeting of what is now the Columbia River Chapter. Almost 30 years ago now several of us with short wing Pipers met in Prosser to form a local chapter, of the TPOC - Tri-Pacer Owners Club.

With winter weather moving inexorably our way, it is time to think about non-flying projects that will keep us through the winter. Aircraft upgrade projects, adding ratings to your certificate, volunteering to help with the 2011 convention or whatever. I, for one, am still working on my "multi-engine instructor" add on. I have been flying a client's PA-23 (Piper Aztec), and should be ready for the check ride soon. I'll keep you informed of my progress.



That's it for August. Hope to see you at the Barn in September.

## FLIGHT PLAN

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

PROSSER, WASHINGTON (S40)  
12:00  
RED BARN RESTAURANT  
NORTH SIDE RUNWAY  
AIRCRAFT PARKING ADJACANT

OCTOBER 16, 2010

ALBANY, OREGON (S12)  
LUM YUEN RESTAURANT  
TAXI TO SOUTH END OF RUNWAY

LAST MEETING OF YEAR