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## Emergency Strips in Peril

by John J. McKenna Jr. MSFS

The Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) is calling on pilots to help prevent the Canadian government from plowing up a couple of mountain airstrips that provide critical emergency diversion points for aircraft crossing the Rockies.

A 60-day public comment period on a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment of the grass strips at Banff and Jasper, Alberta, began on Sept. 27. COPA President Kevin Psutka is urging pilots (not just Canadians, anyone can write in) to e-mail their support comments to [commentaires@telus.net](mailto:commentaires@telus.net) to retain the strips, which are on two of the three major mountain-pass routes commonly used by light aircraft. <http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/296-full.html#188276>.

## Webcams Assist in Preflight Weather Briefing

Astoria Airport (from Dan Sealy): [www.brevins.com/webcam](http://www.brevins.com/webcam). It is remotely controlled by the user via the internet and looks directly at AST if you select the preset for the airport (or just move the camera to that area.) The site also has an additional static camera in Astoria and Seaside.

Check out [www.oregonpilot.org](http://www.oregonpilot.org) for more webcams.

## Aviation Tourism Takes Off

On May 21-22, 2005, Northwest Aviation Association will host its first aviation tourism event.

What is aviation tourism?

Each time we, as pilots, land at an airport that is not our home base, whether for that hundred dollar hamburger, to fuel up or take a weekend away, we become a tourist. But because we use an airplane, we become an *aviation* tourist.

**Fly2Fun**, NWAA's new aviation event, will connect the pilot with fly-in destinations, events, activities and suppliers at the Linn County Fair & Expo in Albany, Oregon, adjacent to the Albany Airport (S12).

Non-aviation exhibitors will be provided resources and training on how to market to the pilot community. Whether it is as simple as adding the airport location to their brochure or making sure their front desk people know they will pick up guests at the local airport, **Fly2Fun** is committed to

enhancing the relationship between tourism and aviation.

This event will also be an opportunity to educate the non-flying public on the economic impact aviation has on their community.

In addition to the exhibitors of pilot supplies, avionics, services, aircraft displays and gear, **Fly2Fun** will offer educational and safety workshops that augment the theme of aviation tourism.

Featured speakers are Rod Machado, author and humorist and Bill Lishman, whose ultralight flights with the geese inspired the movie, "Fly Away Home."

As with the predecessor event, Oregon Air Fair, **Fly2Fun** is a free, family-friendly event for aviators of all ages (or those who want to be.)

Check out the event's website for updates at [www.Fly2Fun.org](http://www.Fly2Fun.org). For sponsorship or exhibitor information, email [Fly2FunEvent@aol.com](mailto:Fly2FunEvent@aol.com) or call Gwen Graham at 503-381-0997.

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## From the President

**W**hat a year this has been. I am amazed by what each Chapter has been able to accomplish this past year. To jog your memory, let's take a look back.

First off, it would be appropriate to recognize the Beaverton Chapter. This chapter has always been a buzz of activity and has earned the "Chapter of the Year" award for 2004. They have set the standard for meeting the goals and objectives of OPA. BCOPA has promoted aviation with the non-flying public by providing introductory flights for grade school and high school students, participating in Angel Flights, and sponsored the Aircraft Extravaganza at the Stark's Twin Oaks Airpark in September. Their newsletter, *Plane Talk* continues to be one of the finest in the state, earning them the Newsletter of the Year honors. This award was very special indeed this year as it honors the memory of Clarence LaCrosse. Of course BCOPA continues to provide a social forum for pilots through their monthly meetings that feature interesting and exciting guest speakers. Their annual summer picnic and Christmas Party exemplifies their high commitment and spirit. Congratulations to the Beaverton Chapter.

Other chapters in the state remain quite active too. For example, the folks from the Albany Chapter have formed an airport commission which is driving several airport enhancements. The Corvallis Chapter continues to help maintain the McKinzie Bridge State Airport by sending in a work party this summer which performed much needed painting and maintenance. The Baker City Chapter stepped up, led by our very own Mel Cross, to

pull off a very successful airshow. Polk County continues to award scholarships for aspiring young aviators. The members of the Yamhill County Chapter have been very busy this year too. Their list of activities include their annual Plane Wash, flour bombing, Poker runs, OPA/EAA summer picnic, and, of course, regular potluck meetings and Christmas dinner. There are MANY more accomplishments that I have not included here due to space constraints, but it is clear that we have much to be very proud of. Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time, talents, energy to make these things happen. The spirit of OPA is alive and well indeed.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to attend the OPA winter Board meeting in Lebanon on November 20th. We will be electing new officers for 2005. We are looking for folks to step up and take on leadership roles. Several offices are open including the President-Elect and Regional Director positions. Additionally, the job of President will be up for grabs too. After two years of service, I feel it would be in the best interest of OPA if I turn over the leadership to some new talent. If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please make your nominations to me or any OPA officer. For a full description of the duties of these offices, please visit the OPA website for a downloadable copy of our By Laws. Any member in good standing for a period of more than one year is eligible to hold office. The President, President-Elect, and the Vice President for Legislative Affairs must hold a pilot's license.

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## Chapter Chatter

**BEAVERTON:** *Reported by Gwen Graham, Newsletter Editor*

September's meeting was a real winner for attendance with over 50 people who drooled over an assortment of the new, glass-cockpit aircraft. Lancair, Cirrus, Cessna and Mooney were present.

October's meeting was also well-attended for our first annual Oktoberfest. The speaker was Mike Wright from Evergreen Aviation Museum with a presentation on the moving and restoration of the Spruce Goose and SR-71.

November's meeting will end the year at Stark's Twin Oaks. All BCOPA members and officers extend their appreciation to Bob and Betty for their hospitality for most of the 2004 meetings for use of their hangar.

At the November meeting we will have the age-old and always enjoyable hangar flying. Everyone is encouraged to tell a flying tale on the 5<sup>th</sup>. It's also our first time at having a potluck at a regular meeting.

New officers are being recruited for 2005. The full slate will be introduced at the annual Christmas Party on December 3 at Sweetbrier Inn in Tualatin.

**CENTRAL OREGON:** *Reported by Gary Miller, President.*

Bend Airport Manager, Greg Phillips, has put out a call for volunteers to tend an audio operations center. ODA has provided this device to allow us to gather statistics on airport operations that show this is an active airport, worthy of the investment the city has finally begun to make. Contact Greg at [gphillips@ci.bend.or.us](mailto:gphillips@ci.bend.or.us) or Dale Evans at [Gindevans@aol.com](mailto:Gindevans@aol.com) if you can help.

October's speaker was Dave Hice from Epic Aircraft. Epic is working out a deal with the City of Bend to build a factory on the east side of the airport this winter. They plan to build the Epic LT. The plane will be a six-place composite with a PT-6 turboprop engine.

The Bend City Council has approved leases for Jeriko Development and Paladin

Corporation to build hangars on the west side of the airport.

**CORVALLIS:** *Reported by Louise Parsons, Newsletter Editor*

AVIA is now a full FBO again, offering fuel, full range of flight training, pilot supplies, charter and maintenance.

The chapter is considering the possibility of a 2005 Corvallis Airport Day. They will be meeting with CVO Airport Manager Buck Taylor and the risk management people at the City of Corvallis.

Cascade Approach (Eugene) encourages pilots who will want Flight Following upon departure to advise Eugene Ground on their first call for taxi clearance. It helps with the overall coordination of facilities and will hopefully avoid any delays when you're ready for take off.

**EASTERN OREGON:** *Reported by Mel Cross, President.*

A big thanks to all who attended the 2004 Baker City Fly-In, and air show, and for those of you that missed it, too bad, it was our best. In all seriousness, we do think

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everyone had a good time. Greg Poe, and Kathy Hirtz did a tremendous job as usual. The local Lions club served another one of their mouth watering breakfasts to about four hundred folks. Seventy five people took advantage of the penny per pound airplane rides. Maybe if we keep after this yearly popular event, we will get it perfected. (Is that possible?) We are already planning on some new, secret things for 2005.

The latest news from Eastern Oregon is that our club has been approved by the Air Force to have static display aircraft. The aircraft that turned up available was the T-33 jet located at McClaren, owned by the city of Woodburn. We are now in the process of trying to figure out how to get it moved.

We are also exploring avenues to get funding for an irrigation system to add a little color and landscaping to the airport.

Our next meeting will not be until January, we will announce the date later.

**TILLAMOOK:** *Reported by Barry Boring, President.*

The Tillamook Fly-In was a bust due to weather. We did get one brave pilot to scud run in. Hats off to him but we'll maintain his anonymity.

The AWOS is still in test mode but from the cockpit the last 10 times I was up, it seems to be right on track.

Our meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 8:30am at the Cheese Factory Restaurant and all are welcome.

**TROUTDALE:** *Reported by Joe Smith, President.*

The TTD Chapter continues to await the final shoe to drop on the departure and arrival routes which have been under discussion between TRACON, the Troutdale tower, and local users for many weeks. As this goes to press, the latest word is that the terms of the Letter of Agreement between TRACON and TTD have finally been agreed to, and that the most likely effective date will coincide with the November meeting of the TTD Chapter, (November 8th). At that meeting it is expected that there will be an in-depth presentation of the Agreement as it affects pilots using TTD, with training aids and illustrated handouts showing the recommended routes. That meeting is scheduled for the Troutdale Conference Center, 2nd and Buxton in Troutdale, at 19:15 local. All pilots who fly in and out of TTD are invited.

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The Chapter enjoyed a presentation from Darin Griffin, the new G.A. manager for the Port of Portland, at its September meeting, and will receive a hands-on presentation from Levy McMahon on the latest Mooney at the October dinner meeting.

**YAMHILL COUNTY:** Reported by Liz UtzigWallace, Newsletter Editor.

Nominations for new officers are currently being accepted and the voting will occur at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Potluck.

The first-ever flour bombing (actually, lime bombing) took place at MMV on September 19. Thanks to Darcy and Dave for bringing several guests. John Albright and Brad Chapman stood in the safest place they could find at ground zero and measured distances and Corinne Bott and Lynette Albright kept score. Prizes included t-shirts, 2004 FAR and mugs. Janine, a guest, won the overall contest with distances from the target of 33' and 47'.

Our first-ever Poker Run was a lot of fun. Five aircraft and 14 hardy flyers braved wild thermals and gusty winds to make the rounds. The winner was Kathy Scheibe with a full house.

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I would also like to use this space to recognize all of you who have worked so hard this year to promote the goals of OPA and support GA. From the Chapter Presidents to those behind the scenes working endless hours setting up for meetings, fly-outs, work parties, flying kids, monitoring and speaking out on issues affecting our airports and privilege to fly - you have made it happen!

Your State Officers did a tremendous job this year too. I am grateful for Dale Evans stepping up and taking on an extended term as Past President, and for filling in during my absence this summer. I would like to thank Corinne Bott for her faithful service as our Secretary (and such detailed meeting minutes), for Gail Hill's support as Treasurer, Jim Hutchin's wisdom and leadership as our VP Legislative affairs officer, for Amanda Woodruff's spirit and energy she brought to the role of Public Relations, for Gwen Graham picking up the duties of Prop Wash editor, for Helen Holman's years of faithful service in Membership Services, and for Chris Ruck who continues to maintain the OPA website and lead the ASEP efforts. What a fantastic job these folks have done. Thank you!

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## Winter OPA State Meeting at Lebanon

OPA President Mark Trujillo announced the next state board meeting will be held Saturday, November 20 at the Lebanon Airport at the OPA Hangar. It will start at 10am.

Aside from the usual agenda items, the annual OPA awards will be presented.

The complete agenda, directions and lunch RSVP details will be forthcoming. Watch your inbox or for more information as it becomes available or contact Mark at [marktrujillo@comcast.net](mailto:marktrujillo@comcast.net).

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## Calendar of Events

### Monthly:

First Saturday EAA 105 Pancake Breakfast at Stark's Twin Oaks. 8-10am.

### November

- 6 Air Force Day at Evergreen Aviation Museum at MMV. Third month in a series celebrating different branches of the United State Military. Noon to 2pm. Museum will offer a discounted rate of \$10 to all active military members and veterans.
- 6 Veteran's Day Hangar Dance at Pearson Air Museum, Vancouver, WA. Info at [www.pearsonairmuseum.org](http://www.pearsonairmuseum.org) or 360-694-7026.
- 17 State Aviation Board Meeting, Madras, Oregon. [www.aviation.state.or.us/board/nextmeeting.shtml](http://www.aviation.state.or.us/board/nextmeeting.shtml) or 800-874-0102.
- 20 State OPA Board Meeting at Lebanon Airport. 10am. Contact President Mark Trujillo at [marktrujillo@comcast.net](mailto:marktrujillo@comcast.net) for more information.
- 21 Pearson Air Museum Family Fun Day, Pearson Air Museum, Vancouver, WA. [www.pearsonairmuseum.org](http://www.pearsonairmuseum.org) or 360-694-7026.

### December

- 4 Marine and Coast Guard Day at Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. [www.sprucegoose.org](http://www.sprucegoose.org).

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