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President's Message:

Many thanks to Nan Garnick, last month's guest speaker. We were among the first to hear that Butler Aircraft had secured a 10 year fire fighting contract with the state of Oregon. With job security in hand they are going to be looking around for new water bomber options, maybe even a Q400.

Also good to know our local representation on the Oregon Department of Aviation is so good.

Nan invited us all up to their monthly BBQ at their Madras hanger every 3rd Thursday for lunch

CO-OPA will meet downstairs for the usual unusually good mingling at 6pm, our world renowned potluck at 6:30pm and on to the meeting at 7pm.

Calendar:

19 May – Monthly Meeting

21 May – Monthly Flyout

12 June – OPA Board Meeting – KBDN

16 June – Monthly Meeting

18 June – Monthly FlyIN, KBDN Open House

21 July – Monthly Meeting

23 July – Monthly Flyout

15 September – Monthly Meeting

17 September – Monthly Meeting

My Inbox:

12 June is our turn to host the state OPA quarterly board meeting. Proceeding begin at 10am and usual wind up by 2pm. Drop in and see how the OPA works. Topics will include planning for the 9/10/11 annual convention featuring Rod Machado.

Wings and Wheels:

Bend Airport day is canceled, and quickly resurrected by the good folks at the Red hanger. As before Professional Air will have airplane rides and Leading Edge will have helicopter rides. Otherwise most of the action has moved to the Red hanger. Here is what Don Peterman had to say:

Yep, we are at it again! And you are invited!

The Red Hangar Group presents Wings and Wheels Reunion all day Saturday June 18.

Drive, ride or fly your favorite motorized toy, enjoy a meal, visit with friends, tell some of those "Glory Days" stories while the ROCKOLA plays some great tunes. And at 5 PM you can show off your famous dance steps to LIVE MUSIC in our hangar!

7:30 -10:00 AM Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon,breakfast sandwiches, breakfast burritos and a beverage for 6-12 bucks.

11:00 – 2:00 Lunch: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Price will vary but we are thinking 6-10 bucks per meal.

4 – 6 PM LUAU !!!!: Chicken, Pork, rice, mac salad and a soft drink. Mmmmm.... around \$12 per serving.

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5 – 9 PM Dance: to Emerald City Band. Cover \$10.00 including lei.

4-9 Adult beverages: by Café 3456 for the usual prices.

All day: The Bend Airport Flight Service providers will be offering helicopter and plane rides for all, including kids. Fees vary.

Food prices are estimated at this time while we finalize the details. Doug Peterman and his college friends will be serving the food. Any proceeds will go to them.

So put on your best Hawaiian duds, put the Surf Board on the Hot Rod and plan to come have some fun with The Red Hanger Gang! Call me for further information or to confirm the number in your group, so we don't run out of goodies.

Aloha,

Don 541-408-6149

Web doings:

Check out current and past CO-OPA newsletters, view our membership list and view hot aviation links on our website at:

co-opa.com

To access the members only areas the username is "BDN" and the password is "123.0".

April Fly-Not:

Continuing our bad streak, the weather was spotty in April. Luckily the 2011 FAA Safety Stand Down was in town on our fly-out day and a large crop of our members showed up for the free event. We all have all the Wings ground school we need for this year. Now I need to schedule some CFI time and get a Wing.

The long range weather for this Saturday does not look good either. The latest forecast is 30% chance of showers Saturday and Saturday night

Random Thoughts:

The Daffodils are almost over and the Apple trees are just starting to bloom. Long past time for the good flying weather to get started. Once again another beautiful weekday today, to be followed by another wet weekend.

Time to start making that list of destinations for this summer!

- Gary E. Miller

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