

THE HFC NOTAMS
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The Hillsboro Flying Club NOTAMS is a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed on issues, plus offering articles that are of general interest. You are encouraged to submit articles.



EVENTS

- The HFC has a monthly meeting on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The Board meets at 1800 hours and the general meeting starts at 1930. HFC is working on important issues that will affect the club's future fleet and membership. Please attend to provide your input. The next meeting is on **April 14, 2009**.
- The Oregon International Air Show, held at our Hillsboro Airport, is scheduled for **August 28, 29, 30**. If you have interest block off the dates on your calendar.

DUTY ROSTER

This issue we are featuring **Shannon Miller**. Shannon has been a club member for 7 years and is currently on the HFC Board of Directors and the club's Treasurer.

Shannon has two brothers who were both pilots and they got him started when he was 15 years old! His first flights were in a cloth-covered 1945 Taylorcraft BC-12D tail-dragger with minimal



instruments and it had to be hand-propped to start it. He loved the experience but



with little time and less money, and – for a while – more interest in jumping out of airplanes than flying them, he remained as a student pilot for 25 years. So as he says, “no student pilot should be embarrassed by taking too long to get their license. Look at me...25 years!”

Shannon currently has about 575 hours, and an SEL Commercial certificate with instrument rating. His next goal is to get his Flight Instructor's certificate, which will certainly be appreciated within the HFC. His two favorite places to fly are Pacific City for one of those \$100 hamburgers and if a friend is visiting the area he likes to go to Salem/Albany or Independence State airport for food and a short scenic flight.

If Shannon could fly any airplane, without worry about cost or required experience, he would love to pilot an F/A-18. As he stated, "it doesn't have to be armed, but I'd want the afterburners to work well!" His favorite club plane is the Debonair.

Shannon's favorite flight was in 2007 when he flew to Indiana to visit friends in his brother's Cherokee. It was a sweet deal as his brother was away for the summer and asked Shannon to fly his plane. He took a southern route to Indiana and a northern route for the return flight, got in over 45 PIC hours and even got in some formation flying with a friend. The Indiana trip, which took over two weeks, and the flying during the remainder of the summer included a lot a wonderful sightseeing over 16 states!

When Shannon is not flying he is enjoying other hobbies which include building an RV-7A (N762SM reserved), exercising his ham radio skills, or getting his telescope(s) out for some astronomy work. Plus he enjoys hiking, skiing and related outdoor activities.

ITEMS FOR SALE

(Note: This is the last issue to have a "For Sale" section in it as no one seems interested in selling anything. If you have suggestions please contact Joe Kelly)

1. Joe Kelly (joekelly@earthlink.net) has the following for sale. The items are:
 - a. Air Force olive drab Nomex jump suit for sale. Size is Large. **\$45**
 - b. Nine (9) Airplane manuals. They provide good general reading and excellent reference documents. **\$8 each or \$50 for all:**
 - Cessna 1978 172N Skyhawk; Cessna 177 Cardinal 1971
 - Cessna 177 Cardinal 1968; Cessna 175 1958
 - Cessna 210 Centurion 1964; Cessna 150 Commuter 1977
 - Cessna 310J 1965; Commercial Pilot "Practical Test Standards"
 - Instrument Rating "Practical Test Standards"
 - c. Set of ABC Wide World of Flying. It is a well done series that includes test flights, places to fly to, safety items, etc., etc. Hours of video on 13 VHS tapes plus "Fighter Aces of WWII. Entire collection for **\$125**.

If you have any aviation related gear, books, videos for sale please notify Joe Kelly at joekelly@earthlink.net and he will list them for you. Club members only.

FLY-IN-DINING

All of us look for an airport that we can fly to for breakfast, lunch or dinner. We of course are flying for the joy of it but our passengers might want a bit of nourishment, or possibly our rationale to get them to fly with us was to go out for food. A few HFC members were surveyed to provide everyone with the following list.

- **Tacoma Narrows (KTIW).** The Narrows Landing Restaurant and Bar located on the tarmac next to the control tower. Full service restaurant and bar open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Sunday open from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Offering private

parties and quality catering for corporate jets and private planes. Short notice OK. Great food. Extensive menu. Phone 253-853-4114.

- **Independence** (7S5) The airport café. Two comments from AirNav, “This may be the friendliest airport around. We stopped in hoping to catch dinner at the on airport cafe, but picked the wrong night. Staff at Independence Flyers offered their vehicle so we could go into town to eat. Even after we had purchased gas at the competition down the ramp.” “This is a GREAT fuel stop or lunch stop. Fuel was cheap when I visited. The fuel area has tools hanging on the wall to borrow, cans of oil for sale on the honor system, air for your tires, and more. There are 'Courtesy Bicycles' for visitors' use. The food was the best I recall in 25 years of visiting airport cafes, and you can sit out on the deck and watch the aircraft come and go. I wish I lived closer.”
- **Pacific City** (KPFC): Grateful Bread Bakery, Phone 503-965-7337. Two comments from AirNav: “Terrific service, and wonderful Farmers Omelets. Plus a Cappuccino.” “Stopped in and the food was good. Long wait to get a table, but it was worth it. Bought bread to take home--it was great.”
- **Bend** (KBND) “Café 3456” Phone 541-318-8989 Breakfast and lunch only. In terminal building above FBO. A comment from AirNav, “On 2/17/08 we flew into BDN to try Café 3456. WOW is all I can say. I had the Antelope Burger and it was outstanding. They were busy when we arrived and it took a while to order. They were also in the middle of going from breakfast to lunch so they gave us the option of having breakfast or lunch. The Antelope Burger was around \$9.00 and was well worth it. We will be back!” Website: www.cafe3456.com
- **Salem** (KSLE): The Flight Deck restaurant & Lounge. Good reviews on AirNav. Phone 503-581-5721. Website flightdeckrestaurant.com The restaurant offers guests a view of the Cascade Mountains or the airplanes coming and going from the airport in Salem Oregon. A comfortable atmosphere invites our guests to enjoy a delicious meal and drinks with friends and family any day of the week. Open 7AM to 9 PM.
- **Siletz State** (S45): Eden Hall and Side Door Café. Phone 541-764-3825. Two comments about the restaurant found on AirNav: “Excellent food, try the bay shrimp quesadilla and key lime pie for dessert. Easy walk across HWY 101.” “This is by far one of the best fly-in food restaurants in Pacific Northwest. Very nicely decorated dining hall with great food, and excellent service. Within easy walking distance to the beach as well.”

Sharing a Ride with Fellow HFC Flyers

All of us go through periods of flying inactivity. Sometimes the reason for the inactivity is a lack of funds, sometime it's a lack of time, sometimes it is an illness or temporary loss of medical, but many times it is simply being in a rut. It can start by sitting out many weeks of our famous Pacific Northwest bad weather. Then we don't feel as comfortable as we should, so we postpone flying to some future date that often doesn't materialize for months. Then we are either actually out of currency or, more seriously, no longer

proficient. Should I go? There are several ways around this dilemma, 1) ask one of our instructors for a currency ride, or 2) fly with a HFC friend.

All HFC instructors and most instructors in general know what you're going through, and they are there to help you. Instructors are there to make us feel comfortable, not to brow-beat you or to ridicule you. If you're rusty they understand and they'll get you over the hump without humiliation, so don't hesitate to ask one for a currency check ride.

Second, your HFC club members are probably looking for someone to fly with and that person can be you. If you have time to fly check out Schedule Master and see who is flying, then give them a call. Ask if they want company during their allotted time slot. Every member's telephone number is listed through Scheduler under the "user" section. If he or she has room to take you up you'll profit from the experience of just being in the air, listening to and looking for traffic, locking on to and identifying a VOR, recalling those frequencies that you might have forgotten, etc. So if you just want to get into the air but you're not current, fly with a Hillsboro Flying Club friend and you might be inspired to get back into the left seat.

Sharing Time and Costs with Fellow HFC Flyers

Another option to get in some longer flights is to share flight times and associated costs. For example, an HFC pilot decides to fly to Medford but calculates that his flying time will be a round trip total of 4 hours and he can't afford the total cost at that particular time. So he asks around and finds another pilot who would like half of the flight time. Thus pilot A can fly from KHIO to KMFR and pilot B can fly the return trip, KMFR to KHIO. There are two ways to record this in the billing log and the HFC Treasurer can accommodate either.

- 1) Pilot A signs off in the plane's flight log with starting tach time, etc. and then signs out when at KMFR. Then Pilot B signs in the log book for the trip back to KHIO as a new entry in the plane's log book.
- 2) Pilot A signs out for the aircraft and logs in tach times, etc. *for the whole trip* and upon return to home base, the Pilots A and B decide how to split the time, say 50/50, and enter that into the "Comments" section of the plane log. At the end of the month the HFC Treasurer will assign those percentages to each pilot's invoice. This method is particularly handy if, say, three members are flying and decide to split the flight 3 ways evenly no matter how much each member actually manipulates the controls. Just write "Please split billing 3-ways evenly between Joe, Shannon, and Bill" in the Comments section of the flight log, for example.

Don't hesitate to take on a longer trip if you're a bit cash shy. Instead call around and ask if another HFC pilot(s) wants to share tach time/costs!!!