

**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 monthly meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of the month**. The Board meets at 1800 hours and the general meeting starts at 1900. HFC is working on important issues that will affect the club's future fleet and membership. Please attend to provide your input. **Remember that we meet at our new location.** The remaining meetings in 2009 are Oct 13, Nov 10, and Dec 8.
- The Hillsboro Airport open house is set for OCT 24. Block off the date on your calendar and talk with Fred Hostetler if you would like to volunteer.
- The "Budget Committee" will reconvene in October and work on the club's 2010 budget over several months. The committee currently consists of Fred Hostetler, Greg Zeuthen and Chris Girard. If you would like to participate contact Fred Hostetler.
- Board members and Officers will be nominated and voted on in November if you are interested in joining the Board or becoming an Officer please submit your name to Joe Kelly.

### PARTICIPATION & SHARING

There are numerous ways that you can participate in some fun and rewarding aviation programs or events. In this issue we will highlight a four. If you have suggestions of additional opportunities let the HFC editor know of it and we'll try to include them in future newsletters.

We are proud to say that HFC pilots have participated in all four of these volunteer efforts. They have contribute time, money and piloting skills to help make these events successful and to better the lives of others.

**Angel Flight West**: The Angel Flight West program operates in 13 western states. It's a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization that arranges free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults with serious medical conditions and other compelling needs. A network of 1,900 pilots throughout the 13 western states donate their aircraft, piloting skills, and all flying costs to help families in need, enabling them to receive vital treatment that might otherwise be inaccessible because of financial, medical, or geographic limitations. Pilots give

freely of their time and money, restoring health and hope to those whose lives have been disrupted by illness, disaster, or other life-altering events. Their only reward is the joy of knowing how much of a difference they've made. This program has tax advantages for the volunteer pilots.

**Challenge Air:** The "Challenge Air" program is a not-for-profit organization, offers motivational, inspirational and life-changing experiences to physically challenged children and youth through aviation. Rick Amber founded Challenge Air with the belief that, "every disabled person should see the world from a different view...out of their wheelchairs and crutches and from the sky." This belief of Amber's came from his life experiences. As a fighter pilot and training officer in the US Navy, Amber lost the use of his legs when his jet crashed during a landing attempt on the aircraft carrier. At age 26, he was returning from his 109th combat mission over Vietnam, in high seas, when the ship's landing system failed.

In 1984, Mr. Amber was in graduate school and while working toward his degree he decided to return to the air. He was asked to design an aviation class. It was how much he missed flying. He began teaching ground school in the evenings in exchange for the flying hours he needed to become certified Commercial Pilot and Flight



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### Annual KHIO Air Show:

The Hillsboro Air Show is held each year in August and it is a three day event. The recently concluded 2009 Air Show was enjoyed by 84,750 spectators and numerous highly skilled participants. The Air show included military flying demonstrations, the Golden Knights Army parachute team, the Thunderbirds, and our own Oregon National Guard in their F-15s.



### The KHIO Open House:

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Hillsboro Airport open house is being held on Saturday, Oct 24 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Hillsboro Airport Terminal Ramp, 3355 NE Cornell Rd. KHIO will be celebrating 74 years as a public-use airport.

Take a tour of the airfield, get up-close views of aircraft, talk to pilots and learn how your general aviation airport supports the region's economy and well-being. Take a look at the Hillsboro Airport Master Plan, view the future location of a planned parallel runway and discover how community involvement guides the management of the airport. This free, open-to-the-public event will feature fun aviation activities and educational opportunities for the whole family — face painting, games, and special prizes for kids in Halloween costumes!

Owned and operated by the Port of Portland, Hillsboro Airport is Oregon's second busiest airport and offers opportunities for business and recreational

flying, flight training, medical response, and aircraft maintenance, fueling and storage. Guides will conduct behind-the-scenes airport tours, and pilots will be on hand to discuss flying issues. The open house is an opportunity for community members to learn how this general aviation airport continues to support the region's economy and well-being.

### **A REMINDER: HFC'S "FRIENDLY COMPETITION"**

Most of you are aware that the HFC has some "friendly competition" for our members. We hope that you are participating in one or more of the categories. The "competition" ends on December 31, 2009 and awards will be announced at our annual dinner in January 2010. The categories are as follows:

- The most hours flown from April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in club aircraft. It makes no difference how many club aircraft you use as the hours are totaled to determine the winner. The hours that are tabulated are from the flight logs in each airplane. **One award.**
  - The most hours flown in an individual club aircraft between April 1 and December 31, 2009. The hours that are tabulated are from the flight logs in each airplane. There will be a winner for each airplane. **Three awards.**
  - The longest flight from KHIO as calculated by AirNav, which calculates in a straight line. If you go to AirNav (<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KHIO>) for Hillsboro airport and then go down the page looking on the right side, you'll find a box to insert another airport identifier. The airport that you fly to will be inserted into that box and AirNav will calculate the distance. Whoever comes up with the greatest distance is the winner. **One award.**
  - The most number of Oregon airports that you have landed at, between April 1 and December 31. There are 57 "approved" airports. We eliminated dirt/gravel airports, airports that were too close to KHIO and thus frequently visited, and those that were very narrow and/or short. In the space after the airports name on the form simply put in the date that you flew to the airport, essentially you're log book date. This category could have a tie and we haven't addressed how to handle that yet but we will before December 31, 2009. See Fred Hostetler for a form if you don't have one, or need another one.
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