

OMAS NEWS

OCTOBER 2007



Always fly with a buddy and please observe all
AMA and OMAS rules

Absolutely no flying before 9:00 A.M.

Stay clear of the Houses

**Remember to lock up if you're the last one to leave the
field**

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Presidents Hangar
Fred Hostetler
October 2007

Well summer 2007 has come and gone. I hope many of you have kept up with your RC skills by coming out once in a while to try and grove a landing or two. Some of us, like me, have been a little distracted by other activities. In my case I've been taking flying lessons in a C-172 at McMinnville airport. Why McMinnville? It just happened that way and it's really a short story. Since I had surgery in December 2005 for a small cancerous growth, I went to a recommended doctor that specialized in medicals for the FAA. That process started in September 2006. I finally received my FAA medical in March of 2007. The medical examiner sent me to check out an instructor at McMinnville and I liked Lee. He has over 16,000 hours of flying time and is a pilot of Gulf Stream IV's and Lear jets, among many others. He owns a Piper Luscombe and had many others over the years.

Follow up news on this story – on October 2, 2007 I went to McMinnville in the afternoon to take the oral test and a check ride for the FAA Private Pilot License. The weather was 1,500 broken, 2,500 overcast with rain showers and winds from 170 at 15 to 22 knots! I passed! The examiner wanted the airplane when I had completed the slow flight requirement. He headed the C-172 into the wind (at an altitude of 1,700 feet it was closer to 30+ knots). He had the plane down to 35 knots on the air speed indicator and the GPS showed a ground track of 12 knots. He got it down to 10 knots without a stall before handing the plane back.

Back to OMAS. Our last meeting for 2007 is scheduled for October 21 a Sunday. We'll have a meeting at 11:30 AM and follow that up with a family BBQ. The club will provide the meat and beverage. We are asking the members to bring a pot luck dish of their choice to share. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we can all get some flying in. I'll bring out my Seawind. For those who haven't seen this plane, it has retracts and can take off from land or water. The first flight it caught a tip in the pond water and did a quick 180 degree. Not much damage, just replaced the canopy and it's in good shape again.

Items for discussion include: a new lawn mower, gophers, OMAS Board volunteers for 2008, use of the field other than OMAS, snack shack goodies and payment, winterizing the club house, port-o-potty's, BBQ propane, other topics as they come up, and last but not least will be the banquet in February. I am scheduled to leave for an Australian trip on February 9th so the OMAS board will need to decide whether to have the meeting the first week of February (2nd) or first part of March (8th).

I hope to see you and your family on October 21st at the field.

Fred Hostetler

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Maintenance of our OMAS "airport" continues as usual. We're trying to mow every two weeks to keep the dandelions under control and are slowly getting the grass around the club house and the flight line green by watering as much as we can.

A new member, Tom Coffey, has been great help by servicing our red lawnmower tractor from stem to stern, including sharpening the blades, transmission and engine drained and filled, etc. Our old timers might look Tom up at the field and thank him for this efforts. In the meantime, we are evaluating our Craftsman mower to see if it is reasonable to get it reconditioned. Really need to have two mowers to cut down on the mowing time.

We would like to have a few members volunteer for mowing once or twice a month. If we get two mowers it will only require your mowing two hours or so. Perhaps, we could schedule mowing Tuesday and or Thursday, every two weeks. Please call me at 503-357-2417 if you would like to help. Sure would appreciate it.

Any expert who can trap, poison, shoot or dynamite gophers is really needed. Little buggers have defeated me in my efforts. Hate to admit they are smarter than I am but zero success rate is not a great record. Please call me if you can go after them in the near future.

Meanwhile, good flying.

Leon Arnoldi

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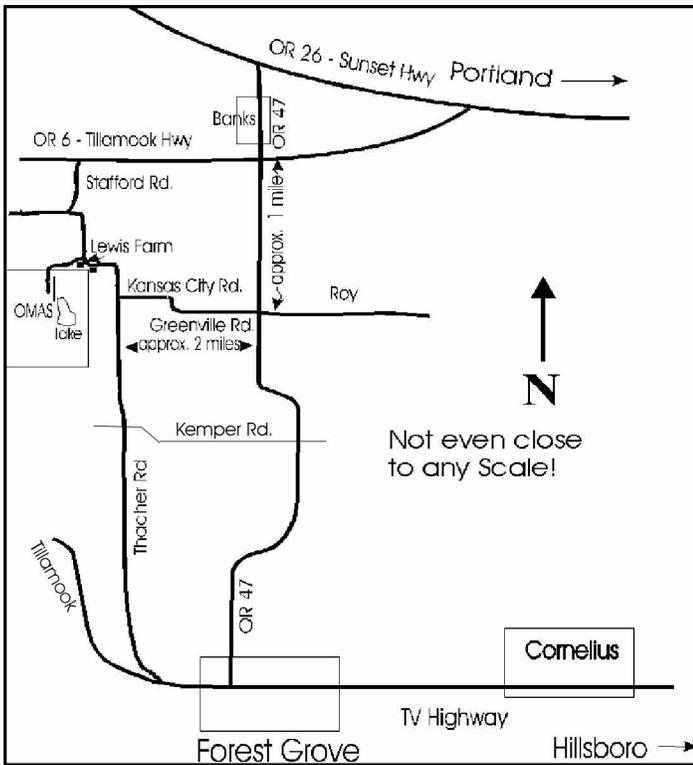
The following members are official OMAS Flight Instructors.

Please direct any prospective new members to one of the below listed instructors to arrange flight training.

Dave Davis 503-359-4978
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NEXT CLUB MEETING
OCTOBER 21
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OMAS Field Location Map

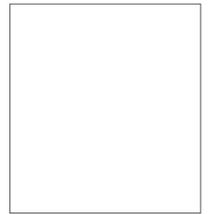


Meeting Notice

Next Regular Meeting
OCTOBER 21
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