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NEW SOLAR CHARGING STATION

There will soon be a second solar charging station at Orient field. The board voted unanimously at the recent executive meeting to fund and build this duplicate shelter complete with duplicate solar panel and battery charging equipment. It will be placed next to and just to the West of the current structure. The original unit has become so popular and so well utilized, it often can not keep up with the demand we are putting on it. This is of course a GOOD thing! Our membership totals are up, more members are out using the field, and more and more are going electric. Its a win-win-win.

ORIENT FIELD REMINDERS

Just a few reminders regarding our use of Orient field. Please watch your speed when entering and leaving via the dirt road. 5 MPH maximum! The main reason for this is the neighboring house directly to the South that we pass on this road. We do not want to raise any dust. These are great neighbors who are happy to have our activity and even a bit of noise, let's not cause them a dust problem. On a related note (related to dirty conditions I guess?) please let's all make sure to pick up our trash, and while you're at it, pick up someone else's trash too. Lastly, the frequency board has places for both 72 Mhz and 2.4 Ghz flyers to place their cards. This is a requirement of club membership and will be enforced more strictly going forward. Just remember this: "no card – no fly". Easy, right?

WHAT IS OUR ADDRESS?

Did you know that our flying field on Orient drive has an official address? That's right. It is 10780 SE Orient Dr. Boring, OR 97009. This mostly exists in the Clackamas county 911 dispatchers computer maps, but it is also gets you real close to the gate when using a GPS unit in your car, or if you want to use one of the many online mapping sites such as Google Maps. What

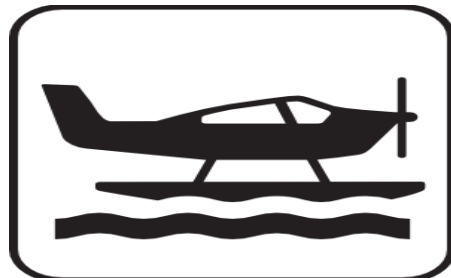
this means is that if you want to tell a friend how to get to the field, or if a new prospective member wants to visit, it will be much easier to find. More importantly, if any of us ever need some medical attention, it will be much easier for the fire and medical crews to find our location if when we call 911 we can give them an actual address. The address has been posted on the fence near the gate so as to be easily seen from the road. This address, along with some other contact information, will be posted soon at the field which will make it easier to recall the address if you ever do need to make that emergency call. Let's all be safe and hope that we never need it.

CLUB PICNIC

The annual club picnic will be held at Orient field on Saturday, August 27th. Flying is scheduled to begin around 9:00 with lunch probably around 11:00. There will be more details later, but the date is set. Mark your calendars.

RUBBER DUCKY

The "Rubber Ducky" float fly that we hold annually in September will be held again in 2011. There was some discussion on this point at the recent board meeting, and possibly subject to change but the date will be September 24th and the location will be back at O.M.A.S. Field near Banks, OR. Stay tuned!



ON A PERSONAL NOTE

I recently had a garage built on my property after not having one for 25 years. While they were at it, I went ahead and had an extension built on, so I now have a very nice 12'x24' model building and storing shop. My wife remarked that the blank walls really needed some kind of pictures. I remembered that our very own Ken Manske once had some air related prints to show at a meeting some time back. I asked him about them, and next time I see him I am given two very nice warbird prints suitable for framing and displaying. You should check these out here:

<http://www.nwartmall.com/dep/airplanes> or see Ken at an upcoming meeting. I highly recommend these to decorate your shop or home.

– Craig Cook

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

The September board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th due to Monday being a holiday. It will be held at the home of Gregg Marshall.

Board meeting schedule:

October 3 – Marshall Smith

November 7 – Louis Hamilton

December 5 – Dale McDonald ??

COMING EVENTS

August 13-14 OMAS Air Show
Banks, OR www.omas-rc.org

August 12-14 Dawn Patrol
Umpqua RV park Oakland, OR

August 21 SRCPA Fun Float Fly
Amity, OR

August 27 Skyknights Annual Picnic
Orient field 9:00 A.M.

September 10-11 Cubnuts
Molalla / Sharp's green acres field

September 24th Rubber Ducky
OMAS field (pond) Banks, OR



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Field – 10780 SE Orient Dr. Boring, OR 97009

DON'T ALWAYS READ THE MANUAL

I recently joined with the modern trend and ordered an EPO foam receiver ready airplane from the big online hobby shop in Hong Kong. It is actually a very nice looking L-4 Grasshopper with a 55" span and a few cool scale details. Just assemble and add a receiver and charged lipo batt. Nice. I found the following information in the included poorly translated manual humorous. Under the heading "Flight" subheading "Take-off" it says:

1. Face into the wind, hold the plane horizontally and launch with a pushing motion.
2. Extend transmitter antenna all the way and check plane responds properly to transmitter signal.

Well, ignoring the fact that it has nice semi-scale landing gear, wouldn't you want to do these two steps in the opposite direction? I generally do. :-)



1400 MM Grasshopper