

Cascade Soaring Society Club House

Fridge, shower, barbecues, and lots of great folks!



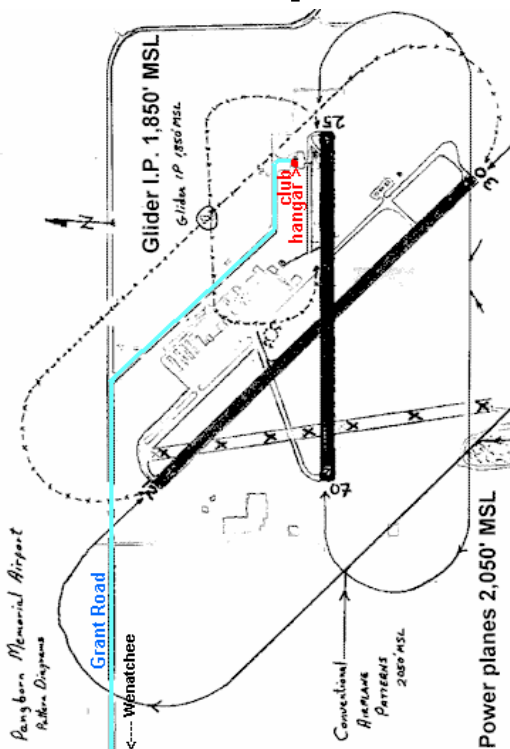
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Cascade Soaring Society
Flying Weekends March Through October
Come Fly With Us!

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Pangborn CTF: 123.0
Glider Frequency: 123.3

Map



Cascade Soaring Society

"Uplifting!"

We Soar!

Our mission at Cascade Soaring is to fly for fun and to help others enjoy the thrilling and challenging sport of soaring. We are student pilots, private pilots, commercial pilots, and FAA certified flight instructors. We are a non-profit club where members teach and learn from each other. We fly out of Pangborn Field in East Wenatchee, Washington from March through October, mainly on the weekends. We offer exhilarating rides with unsurpassed views of the Columbia Basin and the Cascade Range for a nominal fee. We like to teach young folks to fly and old folks too, because we love it!



(37:1 glide ratio), and a Rolladen Schneider LS-3 high performance glider (40:1 glide ratio). Our "tug" is a Cessna 150/150 with a 150 hp engine.

Also, several of our members store and fly their own gliders with us.

Experience World-Class Soaring!

The Columbia Basin near our headquarters is well-known to glider pilots for "having it all." Frequent westerly winds produce ridge lift near the airport. That ridge lift sustains training flights and permits transitions into thermals and mountain waves. Dust devils often mark thermals on the ridge, visible as we launch from runway 25. Those giant dust devils and cumulus clouds spread east over rolling hills, gouged out by the great Missoula flood. Particularly in the spring, mountain waves appear, at times easily accessible from the ridge.



For some of us, the most thrilling cross-country soaring is to the west, over the craggy peaks, winding valleys, and emerald lakes of the Cascades. On especially good lift days, when the cloud base is 12,000 ft, and the dust devils are as big as tornados, we stay up for hours.

Take a Test Drive!

For less than a hundred bucks, you can ride with a commercial glider pilot on an introductory flight. You will experience the thrill of ridge soaring and see some incredible scenery, including colossal scars left by the great Missoula Flood. The views of the Cascade Mountains and the Columbia Basin, as an eagle sees them, are yours for life. We do indeed have gift certificates!



Join Our Club!

We offer a six-flight package at a very reasonable rate. That package is designed for those who want to experience flight training, but wish to "test the air" before committing to solo. Those who desire to go on to solo or to earn their private pilot privileges, will find instruction, glider rental, and tow fees to be reasonable, as are monthly dues. There is also an initiation fee for joining the club.



We Teach and Learn!

Student pilots may solo at age 14, usually after 30 to 40 flights, 10-12 hours in the air, and an endorsement from their FAA certified flight instructor for gliders (CFIG). After solo, student pilots may qualify for a private pilot license after 20 flights, 2 hours of solo flight, and by passing written, oral, and flight exams.



Power pilots with 40 hours as pilot in command can add a glider rating after a minimum of 10 solo glider flights. Although no written test is

required, they must pass oral and flight exams with an FAA examiner.

We Have Sailplanes!

We have four club-owned gliders in our fleet: an L-13 Blanik trainer with a 28:1 glide ratio, a Lark LS-28B2 two-place touring glider (34:1 glide ratio), a Schweitzer I-35 single-place transition glider