

CASCADE AIR TRAFFIC UP

Cascade Airways, the Spokane-based commuter airline, reported Tuesday it boarded 73,833 passengers last year, up 12 per cent from the previous year.

Philip J. Guidice, vice president for sales, said the airline carried 385,000 pounds of freight, a 63 per cent increase, and 974,000 pounds of mail, up 2 per cent.

The airline serves Spokane, Seattle, Yakima, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and the Pullman-Moscow airport on scheduled flights. It also serves Spokane, Pasco and Portland, Ore., on a U.S. mail air taxi contract.

Cascade increases traffic

Cascade Airways, a Spokane based commuter airline which serves Walla Walla and nine other Northwest cities, reports that its first six months traffic was up substantially from the previous year.

The airline boarded 39,201 revenue passengers, up 23.7 per cent compared to the same period in 1973, according to Phillip J. Guidice, the airline's vice president of administration and sales.

In addition, revenue freight reached 123,497 pounds, up 71.6 per cent, and U.S. Mail carried, 490,409 pounds, up 1.3 per cent, he said.

Flights during the period decreased by 7.1 per cent and the load factor for the first six months was 58.7 per cent.

Guidice also said that Cascade will begin service in Ephrata next month as a replacement for Hughes Airwest.