

Cascade Serves Smaller Cities

Cascade Airways, a small regional airline which first took wing seven years ago, is flying high by serving such places as Pasco, Moses Lake and Pendleton, Ore., says President Mark M. Chestnutt.

Chestnutt reported yesterday that the Spokane-based airline carried 22 million revenue passengers in this year's first 10 months, which represents a 62 per cent increase compared to last year.

The so-called third-level line operates Beechcraft 99 turboprop aircraft, linking Seattle and Spokane with the region's smaller cities. The planes can carry 15 passengers each.

It began service in 1970 with two planes flying to Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Seattle. Today, Cascade Airways operates 10 aircraft to 13 airports in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

"This offers proof of the desire of smaller communities for scheduled air service," said Chestnutt.

He said his airline has succeeded where other similar operations have failed mainly because of trying not to grow too fast and by keeping a tight rein on expenses.