

## VW-Portland Flight Added

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# Cascade Expands From 9 to 13 Departures

Cascade Airways announced plans yesterday to start Walla Walla-Portland service April 29.

The new link is the highlight of expanded service by the three-year-old airline outlined by Vice President Phil Guidice at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon at the Marcus Whitman.

He released a new schedule which will include 13 flights out of Walla Walla on weekdays compared to the present nine. Combined with the four Hughes Airwest flights, it will make a

total of 17 passenger flights from the City-County Airport daily.

The new Cascade schedule provides for three weekday flights each way in the Walla Walla-Portland route. Two of them each way will be via the Tri-Cities, the third via Yakima. It will be Cascade's first passenger service for the Tri-Cities and its first Walla Walla-Yakima link. Yakima has been served only on the Spokane-Seattle route.

Flights to Portland will leave here at 7 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:25 p.m. Eastbound flights will leave Portland at 9:35 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. There will be no Saturday flights.

Another schedule addition will be a nonstop evening flight to Spokane, leaving here at 9:40 p.m. Southbound, a nonstop flight will leave Spokane for Walla Walla at 6:15 a.m.

Other Spokane flights both ways will be via Pullman-Moscow.

One plane will "overnight" here as the originating point for a 6:15 a.m. takeoff for Pullman and Spokane.

Guidice said two crews (four pilots) now make their homes in Walla Walla and the firm also maintains an apartment here. He said plans call for another crew to be based here, with

the possibility of an additional one later.

Guidice said all flights will be with the 12-passenger Beechcraft 99s. The fleet is being expanded from three to four to handle the new flights, and he said, "We are negotiating for one more."

The Cascade vice president said the firm is also analyzing and evaluating two types of larger and pressurized planes, but no decision has been reached.

Guidice said the company expects to develop good air freight volume

from Portland to Walla Walla because of the natural trade link.

"The 99 has a good lift factor," he said. "We expect to triple or quadruple our freight volume in the next six months."

Guidice emphasized that the Cascade schedule was drawn with an eye toward making the best possible connections with trunk line carriers at Spokane, Seattle and Portland, as well as for metropolis-local travel convenience.

"As an example," he explained, "the 9:40 p.m. flight to Spokane will connect with an eastbound Boeing 747

flight so that a traveler can go to Chicago early in the morning and to Miami on the same 747 by noon.

Guidice was accompanied by Hal Wallis, the firm's new director of sales. Wallis joined Cascade after moving back to Seattle retirement from a long executive career with West Coast Airlines and Hughes Airwest.

Guidice was introduced by Winn, airport manager, who described his expanded service announcement as "good news for the future here."