

Cascade to begin Portland service Sept. 16

Cascade Airways will begin four round daily flights from Walla Walla to Portland beginning Sept. 16, according to Mark Chestnut, president of the Spokane-based inter-airline.

Cascade Airways, which has revised its route effective today, will also begin daily service on Sept. 21.

Flights beginning today include flights from Walla Walla to Yakima, and additional flights from here to Pasco, Seattle-Tacoma, and Wenatchee.

Cascade has purchased a fifth plane to provide the additional service, Chestnut

said. The additional flights here will mean a third Cascade plane will be based at the Walla Walla City-County Airport and a maintenance crew will be stationed here, he said.

Cascade will rent an old Air Force hangar at the airport and will have approximately 30 persons based in Walla Walla, he said.

The new schedule replaces one issued last May when Cascade added a flight to Seattle and changed its destination point there from Boeing Field to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Since then, Hughes Airwest, the only

other airline serving Walla Walla, filed a petition with the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) requesting suspension of service here.

Chestnut told the Walla Walla Area Chamber of Commerce in June that Cascade would add Portland service and additional flights if Airwest pulled out of Walla Walla.

The first of four daily flights from here to Portland begins at 6 a.m. with connections in Pasco and Yakima before arriving in Portland at 7:45 a.m.

A flight leaving here at 10:25 a.m. arrives in Portland at 11:45 a.m. and a flight leaving at 2:20 p.m. arrives in Portland at 3:40 p.m.,

with both making stops in Pasco.

A 6 p.m. flight stops in Pasco and Yakima before arriving in Portland at 7:45 p.m.

A Saturday flight leaves at 10:20 a.m., stops in Pasco and then Yakima, where a change of planes is involved before arriving in Portland at 12:05 p.m.

Cost of the Walla Walla to Portland flights will be \$29 for adults, \$26 for students and military, and \$21 for children.

Cascade's three flights from here to Yakima include an early morning flight leaving at 6 a.m. and arriving at 6:50 a.m., a 10:20 a.m. flight arriving at 11:10 a.m. and

an evening flight leaving at 6 p.m. and arriving at 6:50 p.m. All three flights stop in Pasco.

Besides two Saturday flights to Seattle, Cascade has added a second evening flight leaving here at 6 p.m. and arriving in Seattle at 8:07 p.m. It stops in Pasco and requires a change of planes in Yakima.

Cascade has also added an evening non-stop flight to Spokane leaving here at 8 p.m. and arriving there at 9:21 p.m., in addition to two Saturday flights.

A Saturday flight has also been added to the Wenatchee run.