

The Tailwheeler's Journal Newsletter



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The week at Tailwheel Town

Jeff Drutman, who got his Tailwheel Endorsement from me back in Prineville days, came back for a BFR and proved again why he's so much fun to fly with.



Wade gets his tail feathers clipped.

Wade Holmes soloed in his Cessna 120.

Tristan Witham passed his Private Pilot Single Engine Land checkride with Designated Examiner, Lee Shuster.

Jay Haldeman and I took the J-5 out for some fun

Landings in a Turn, Slaloms and Multiples, then got chased to ground by a series of storms that hit the area.

We blasted into Madras and found Rob Berg, busy moving airplanes into his huge hangar. Rob graciously made room for us and we waited out the gale-force winds before skulking back to Sisters to land in those notorious Sisters afternoon conditions. I learned that Capt. Haldeman has great feet!



Jay Haldeman... and his feet.

And within an hour of last week's newsletter going out I received some good news. It seems that the old car that I was so bummed about hadn't been ignominiously removed... it had actually been saved and is now enjoying its new role over at Steve and Tracy's place as a planter!



Prescott came up for some pre-checkride dual and Jeannine got to do touch and goes in an irrigation pivot. She had an audience, too!



Jeannine's audience.

This week's look at the Archives

I had a tremendous amount of reaction to my re-introduction to "[Jessie's Last Ride](#)". It made me realize how many of our older videos and articles have been missed by many of our subscribers. Don't forget that you can go directly to the [Tailwheeler's Journal website](#) and browse all of our past and present productions. Here's another one: It may just be a good time to look back at "[The Swoop](#)". This article is



relevant because it has to do with Safety.

Anytime you increase the skill of the average aviator, you've increased Safety. And, as one of my students remarked a while back, "It seems to

me that everything you teach is designed to increase safety!"

Most flight schools try to increase safety by advocating conservatism with less stress on pilot skill. At Tailwheel Town, we increase safety by increasing pilot skill. The swoop is just a small part of that process. See what you think. Revisit "[The Swoop](#)".

This Week's New Article



This week's new article is "Soaring with Pelicans". It's a silly little reminiscence of a flight I'll always remember. Perhaps because us aviators have been envying birds for hundreds of years, flight with our feathered friends has always fascinated us. This little story describes one such flight.

Brian

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