

VINTAGE WINGS OVER OREGON

WE VISIT THE ANNUAL FLY-IN AT THE WESTERN ANTIQUE AEROPLANE AND AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
BY ROGER CAIN



Antique Champion Steve Kretsinger of Eugene, Oregon, and his 1937 Piper J-2 Cub, departing for home.



Located a few miles south of the town of Hood River in Oregon, the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) has one of the largest collections of flying aircraft and drivable automobiles in the nation. With the Columbia River that separates Oregon from Washington, the river makes it easy to find the Ken Jernstedt Airfield (named after the famed American Volunteer Group pilot). The 3040-foot paved runway can handle everything vintage on up to small business jets, with a shorter grass runway on the median next to the paved strip. The weekend following Labor Day in September is



In the lead, Scooter Reid in the Stearman 70, with Jay Pemberton on his wing in the St. Louis YPT-15.

Lars Ljungqvist takes the 1940 St. Louis YPT-15 Street Car up for a spin around the field.