

Eugene air fares compete with Portland airport

By Beth Mischke
Emerald Contributor

Air fare to major continental cities from Eugene is comparable to air fare from Portland, according to recent studies by Away/Ask Mr. Foster Travel service for Eugene's Mahlon Sweet Airport.

The study compared 14-day advance purchase fares to Eugene's top 25 U.S. markets in early March and found them to be the same as Portland in 14 markets, including Atlanta, Boston, Denver, New York, San Francisco, San Jose and Washington, D.C.

Jessica Lay, manager of

Away/Ask Mr. Foster Travel service in Eugene, said her agency conducts a fare study every month for the Aviation Committee of the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. The airlines decide Eugene air fares.

Recently Eugene representatives for the airlines have asked to make Eugene's fares competitive with Portland. The fares have remained relatively comparable during the last six months.

Travelers can get flights out of Portland and Eugene to Washington, D.C., for \$358 on United or to San Jose for \$198 on American.

Other Eugene travel agencies



Graphic by Jarrett Jester

TUNE-UP FOR SPRING GETAWAYS!



Firestone

AMERICA'S HOME FOR CAR SERVICE

MasterCare® Car Service

Who can you depend on for their in-depth training, computerized equipment and work backed by long-term warranties? The Masters of MasterCare, of course.

6 MONTHS/6,000 MILE LIMITED WARRANTY
COVERS ALL PARTS & LABOR!



Expires
5-31-89

Most cars Up to 5 quarts oil

ALIGNMENTS

Guaranteed to Last at a Minimum of 6 Months/6,000 Miles! In 1989, nearly half of all cars will require a 4-wheel alignment. We do it with computerized precision. Thrust Angle & All-Wheel MasterCare Alignments for prolonged tire life, better mileage and improved handling.

FRONT-END	THRUST ANGLE	4-WHEEL
\$15.77	\$26.77	\$39.77

Most cars. Parts & rear shims extra, if needed. Most locations.

Expires 5-31-89

TUNE-UPS

Trained Technicians Solve Over 2,000 Eng. Problems Every Day!

• Install new resistor plugs • Adjust idle speed • Set timing Test battery & charging system • Inspect key engine systems & parts

4-Cylinder \$29.77

DIAGNOSTIC TUNE-UP . . . \$49.77

All the above, PLUS, Mastermind® computerized engine analysis & quality control printout. Most elec. eng. cars, 6 & 8 cyl. slightly more. Traverse V-6 eng. & a/c interference extra. Expires 5-31-89

No Appointment Necessary

Downtown Eugene—East 11th store only
345-1593

agree with Away/Ask Mr. Foster Travel, although the comparison is limited to certain restrictions, including length of travel, how many days advance purchasing and destination of flight. The fares are only comparable with Portland within the continental United States and do not apply for any international flights.

Eugene flights to Hawaii are always more expensive, up to \$120 more, because all the major brokers are based out of Portland and they have wholesalers there, Lay said. Eugene air fare is cheaper than Portland's to certain destinations in California, including Los Angeles which is \$258 from Portland and \$218 from Eugene, and San Diego which is \$258 from Portland and \$238 from Eugene, said Mahlon Sweet Airport Manager Mike Boggs.

Eugene may be more economical, time efficient and convenient for some travelers,

while others find Portland has more direct flights, more often, for the same amount of money. Boggs said students interested in traveling need to "shop your fares."

Many students call travel agents and ask for prices out of Portland without bothering with Eugene, Boggs said, but as the studies indicate, travel from the Mahlon Sweet Airport can save time and money.

It is difficult to compare prices because they are variable. "They (fares) change so much," Lay said. Although Eugene's fares are comparable to Portland's right now, they could rise or fall anytime, she said.

Because many fares are the same, students traveling home for vacations and the summer can fly out of Eugene instead of worrying about finding transportation to Portland.

Those travelers who drive their cars to Portland won't

have to pay for long-term parking when flying out of Eugene. The economy lot at the Portland International Airport charges \$3 a day or \$18 a week and the long-term lot charges \$5 a day.

There are also some disadvantages to flying out of Eugene. Mahlon Sweet Airport does not have carriers for very many airlines, and usually connections have to be made for long distance flights. American, Horizon, US Air, United and United Express for commuter flights are the only carriers.

Eugene does not have the market for many competing airlines like Portland has, although the airport is being renovated to expand the carriers it has now. There are also more flights, flying more frequently out of Portland. Eugene has 40 commercial flights a day, Boggs said.

Riverside plaza creates conflicts

By Mark Swartzfager
Emerald Contributor

The City of Eugene is in the process of building a "plaza for the people" along the banks of the Willamette River, much to the dismay of environmentalists and many bike path users.

The open air plaza will come complete with a fountain, seating walls and a promenade reaching out over the water. It will take up one-half of an acre next to the newly built Eugene Water and Electric Board building on the south side of the river east of Ferry Street Bridge.

A portion of the bike path that goes through the area has been closed since mid-April, and will remain closed until mid-July this year when the plaza is expected to be complete, said Richie Weinman, Eugene Planning, Development and Building Department analyst.

The city has posted signs by the Autzen footbridge and Ferry Street Bridge reminding users that the north bank trail can be used as a detour.

Weinman regrets having the path closed, but "hopefully we can have it opened up by the

Veterans Games (July 27 to Aug. 6, 1989) so the marathon can use it then," he said.

"That seems like a long time," said Al Urquhart, a University geography professor who bikes regularly to and from work.

Diane Bishop, bicycle coordinator for the Eugene Public Works Department, said she has received no complaints about the path's closure, but has received several inquiries as to when it will reopen.

That portion of the path also

Turn to Plaza, Page 5

Be a howling success.



Microcomputer Support Lab / Room 202 Computing Center / M-F 9 am - 5 pm / 686 - 4402

Feel as if you've been thrown to the wolves? Let an Apple Macintosh soothe your academic nightmares.

A Mac can transform the hairiest of assignments into a smooth presentation. And since a Mac is so simple to use, you'll soon be leader of the pack.

Now the cost of a new Macintosh won't make you howl. Enormous discounts are being offered to UO students, faculty and staff. And with Apple's Loan-To-Own Program, you can pounce on some easy financing.

So stalk on over to the Microcomputer Support Lab and sink your teeth into an Apple.

But don't wait for the next full moon.

Think Big.
Apple Macintosh

