

# Craft violates Indian airspace

A single engine airplane hopped and bounced through the sagebrush near Round Butte Dam while making a forced landing after running out of fuel here on the Warm Springs Reservation Monday, September 20.

The unscheduled landing (at about 5:30 p.m.) was made by an embarrassed but uninjured Ft. Lewis Wash. army specialist who had overshot The Dalles by 90 miles on his final qualifying flight for a private pilots license.

Spec. 4 Matthew Cal Macha, 23, was making a required solo cross country flight which was to take him from Gray, Wash. (near Ft. Lewis) to Sunnyside, Wash., The Dalles, McMinnville and back to Ft. Lewis.

Macha fouled up on The Dalles leg of the flight, bearing south instead of following the Columbia to The Dalles. He was so confused that according to Jeff Sanders, tribal police chief, Macha thought the Deschutes River was the Columbia.

According to Sanders, Macha had been in contact with a commercial 747 whose pilot advised Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials of the young pilot's plight. FAA officials in turn notified the Jefferson County Sheriff's office who then contacted tribal police.

Macha apparently just kept flying until he ran out of gas. He brought the rented Cessna 150 down on a cow trail near Round Butte Dam, hurtled through the sagebrush



OUT OF FUEL and 90 miles off course, Mathew Cal Macha made a forced landing on a cow trail near Round Butte Dam here on the reservation Monday, Sept. 20. The pilot was not hurt, but the craft's landing gear and propeller was badly damaged. Photo by Sandy Rangila

hitting a stump, and came to a halt across a gravel fire road.

Though Macha was not physically injured, the landing gear on the craft collapsed upon impact sustaining heavy damage, the propeller was bent, and the left wingtip was smashed. The only injury received by Macha was undoubtedly to his ego. He is with the 16th Aviation Com-

pany of the U.S. Army at Ft. Lewis.

"He didn't know where he was when he landed," said Sanders, "and he was surprised to learn he was on an Indian reservation." Sanders told him, "I'm just glad you weren't flying one of those big bombers!" Macha had apparently lost his sense of

humor, too, as he didn't think that was funny.

After a session with tribal police and FAA officials, Macha stayed Monday night at Kah-Nee-Ta. The following day, the president of the Ft. Lewis Flying Club (from whom the plane was rented) flew out to make arrangements for the plane and to take the unhappy Macha back for more lessons.

# Learning Center Open

The sound of lively voices and the smell of fresh coffee are once again rising out of the basement quarters of the Adult Learning Center in the old girls' dorm. Their fall schedule has begun and the door will be open Monday thru Friday 10-4 and from 7 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Nancy Jolstead and Reba Powell have swept the summer dust away and are more than ready to provide resources or instruction to anyone on a drop-in or scheduled basis. The Center is funded by COCC and its services are free to all interested people.

If you'd like to prepare for your GED, work on your adult high school diploma packet, brush up on shorthand or grammar, or even study the migrating habits of monarch butterflies, the Adult Learning Center is for you.

Give them a call at 553-1428 or stop by the Community Services Building for more information.

Two classes are being offered through Community Education this fall. Weaving will be taught by Kay Henning from Bend, and will be offered in the Adult Learning Center from 1 to 5 p.m. every other Tuesday beginning October 5. Cost is \$14.40. Addie Defender will give instruction in belly-dancing at the Presbyterian Church 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday beginning October 5, at a cost of \$12.

At least seven people are needed for each class. Tribal members will be reimbursed after successful completion of a class.

You may indicate your interest by attending the first class or pre-registering with Donna Behrend at 553-1161, ext. 7.

# George Clements grows

A year after taking over the Chevron service station in Warm Springs, George "Squeaky" Clements took his first vacation — and spent it worrying about the business. Owning and managing a service station is more than a full time job, but George is also more than

pleased with the past year's success.

In fact when he returned from his vacation he realized his worrying had been for naught. Business went smoothly and George is now confident that with a dependable crew, steady local customers and

sound business standards he is likely to have continued success.

Self-employment is where it's at

George acquired the Chevron station in August 1975 when Jack Langley ended his five year management. The Tribe leases the land to Standard Oil and George in turn rents the building from Standard. But the business is his own.

He became familiar with service station workings while he pumped gas for Bob Sanders who at one time operated the station. So the business has not held many surprises for George.

George has worn many hats during his lifetime in Warm Springs. He spent seven years logging with Zane Jackson and five years as first a range rider and then a patrolman with the Police Department. But George has found special satisfaction in self-employment.

"I like this work because it's for myself," he commented. "You work harder when you have your own bus-

iness. You try to better yourself."

And that is exactly what George is doing. Standard Oil offers training opportunities which George is taking up on. When he started the business he attended an intensive two week management course. This fall he will go to tune-up school in an effort to expand the station's services by increasing his own mechanical knowledge.

But you can't make it alone

While taking steps toward self-betterment, George is understandably pre-occupied with the daily operation of his business. George values his four workers who help keep the station going. Ronnie Suppah and Romaine Miller work full time and supervise the two younger part-time workers, Austin Greene and George Clements, Jr. Of course George Sr. can be seen running the pumps and servicing cars at all hours.


# with gas

Ronnie Suppah, in the same spirit of self-improvement by which George is motivated, leaves this week to study auto mechanics at COCC. He plans to bring his expertise back to the station so that more and better services can be offered.

The loss of George's brother-in-law Robert Suppah was a setback from which he is just now recovering. Robert was a good friend and George considered him to be a partner in the business. When Robert died in January, George was tempted to throw in the towel. But his drive wouldn't allow him to do anything else but move ahead.

Although George is certainly becoming a shrewd businessman in his own right, he welcomes the assistance of a trustworthy bookkeeper E.K. Williams of Bend. George's wife Janice also provides invaluable help by keeping track

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