

June 5, 2011

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1 Slow night x-country with Kevin Deery on June 3, we flew Kelso, Scappoose, and return to Astoria with 3 landings at each airport. Finished flight a little after midnight. The next day June 4. Kevin arrived at AST mid morning to prepare for x-country. We checked weather and all was good for planned flight - first - Olympia (3 take off and landings) Chelan - Baker City - Astoria. Kevin called me from Olympia - all going good. Called Kevin Chelan - had decided to some string it back to Astoria. Kevin called with cell phone enroute to tell me he had electrical problem - showing discharge on ammeter - he said he was by Mt. Rainier.

I was contacted by Mr. Banker, helicopter pilot that Kevin was over head Astoria and having gear problems. I called Kevin on his cell phone and told him to climb to 43000 and we went thru the emergency gear down procedures. He said that it was clear and that he understood. His last comment was "I've got it". I took that to mean the gear was down and he was preparing to land. I lost sight of the aircraft on downwind and soon after heard radio transmissions.