

Valley Flyers

McNary Field, SLE



December 2009 Newsletter

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Christmas Party! December 6th 5pm at Joan & Vern's . Be sure to come. Bring a salad, main dish or dessert and a \$15. Gift for the gift exchange, Bring a friend too.

Thanks, Captain Dennis for your Safety Tip regarding Airborne Pilot Deviations, and Van Moore for your winter flying tips. Our Aircraft Clubs account, in addition to just scheduling our flying time, gives us a good forum for sharing our ideas, opinions, tips, complaints etc. with the rest of the club. To access the email function:

Click on "Flight Schedule"/ Login / My Club / "check all", then type in your message and hit the Send Now button. Your message will show up in the inbox of all club members.

(The "reply" function will just reply to the originator of the message.)

So it's not ideal for a full-fledged online forum, it might give us good subject matter for our next newsletter :-)

On that subject, here's a tip which you may find useful:

For making short flights around the valley or to the coast, a good way to get a quick last-minute weather update, is to program some of the nearby AWOS/ASOS numbers into your cellphone. Here are a few that you might want to use:

Aurora	503-678-3011
McMinnville	503-434-9153
Salem	503-371-1062
Corvallis	541-754-0081
Newport	541-867-4175
Tillamook	503-842-8792

If you preface the entries with "AWOS" or "ASOS" they will show up as a group at or near the top of your phone list. While this is no substitute for a standard weather briefing, it does provide a quick way to access near real-time weather observations.

Have a great month flying!!

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