

Valley Flyers

McNary Field, SLE



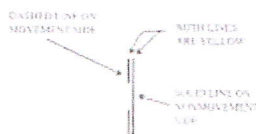
April 2010 Newsletter

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We'd like to welcome our newest member, John Pratt. John is a student pilot (about 40 hrs total time) just getting back into flying. John we're glad to have you aboard

Thanks to Cindy Ford, Salem Tower manager, for attending our March meeting. It's always helpful to get a different perspective on our airport's tower operations. Here are a few of the tips and suggestions she shared with us:

When taxiing out for departure, it's helpful for the ground controllers if we taxi out to the movement area hold line at the edge of taxiway C before making our initial contact to ground control. That way, we are visible to the tower, and they can more easily sequence us into the flow of any ground traffic. (also, radio reception is better from that position)



When you are given detailed taxi instructions, it's a good idea to write them down ,but it is not necessary to read back the entire taxi route, just acknowledge the destination runway and read back any hold-short instructions.

When approaching the airport, on initial contact, give your distance and MAGNETIC direction from the field. (If you say you are 10 north and 34 is the active runway, you will likely be given a RIGHT downwind entry). Also, direct entry to the pattern must be requested. Normal entry is on a 45 to MIDFIELD. The main idea here is to keep the departure corridor clear .

We'll be having a lunch flyout to Mulino on Saturday April 10 for anyone who wants to go.(Joan & Vern will be bringing the Maule) Plan to Meet at the airport at 10:30. Lunch at 11:30 or so. If the weather is bad...lunch at the Flight Deck at 11:30. They could use our support.

"Hot August Flights" will be held again this summer. Our club had a swap market in past years. If you have any ideas how our club can participate this year, please give Joan a call or email. Have a great month flying!!

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