

# Valley Flyers

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The rain continues, but there have been more than a few days of decent flying weather. Count on more in the coming weeks....

Go or No-go? Judgment is a crucial part of safe flying, and if you missed the AOPA Webinar on "Decision Making Made Simple" last month there's a chance to view the 1 hour recording at

<http://www.aopa.org/aopalive/?watch=w5c2RiMjpCm9GWEtgd6Lfec3ucPsZhcO>

If you aren't into typing long and complex URL names, you can find this and other good resources at [www.aopa.org/asf/webinars/](http://www.aopa.org/asf/webinars/) Coming up is another one on "Thunderstorms and ATC". If you've ever tried to cross the Siskiyou or the Cascades on an unstable spring or fall day, you *know* this topic is relevant to Oregon. There are four presentation times, April 27 at 13:00 and 19:00 EDT and May 4 at 12:00 and 18:00 PDT. Register for free at the same AOPA web page! Good for WINGS credit, too.

Next time you're in one of the club planes, notice the new checklist. It's laminated for durability and easy reference, and should be kept in the pilot's pocket for quick access. Use it! Follow good practice and teach your right-seat partner to read the list to you using the query-response protocol. It's amazing what we sometimes forget to include without a reminder.

Coming events:

April 16 (Saturday) the Oregon Flying Farmers have organized their **Annual Proficiency Training** at Independence Airport. The event is open to *all* pilots. Meet at the EAA hanger (4803 Airport Rd, Independence). One hour pilot proficiency flights will be scheduled all day (starting 8:00) with CFIs (bring your own aircraft), and an FAA Safety and FAR Up-date seminar will be offered at 2:00 in the EAA hanger. The seminar as well as the proficiency flights will count for FAA WINGS. For more information or to schedule a flight, contact Andy Anderson (503-838-4231, or [andyconniel@minetfiber.com](mailto:andyconniel@minetfiber.com)). The seminar is free, but a \$40 donation is encouraged to the CFI if you fly with one.

Hold Saturday morning, May 7 for a **hangar party and fly-out**. Meet at Flight Deck at 8:30 for an informal breakfast together. Then we'll move to the hangars for a cleanup party. If the weather is decent, we can go fly somewhere for lunch/snacks afterward. Many hands make light work....See you there!

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