

Valley Flyers

June, 2011



Yes it's time for the club potluck and Strawberry Shortcake feed. Even though it doesn't feel much like summer yet. **JUNE 25th at noon.** Bring something to put on the BBQ and a salad or ????. We will supply the coffee and ice tea and strawberry shortcake. Guests and potential members are always welcome. We will meet at the Cherokee hangar.

We have a new member: Larry Miller, who has joined as a primary student working with Al. He is going to have so much fun.

The door handle on 574 is now fixed. But the part cost \$166 even after remarkable search by Al and Joan. (List is \$900!!!!) SO – on ALL aircraft please pull the doors closed gently, with at least one window open to reduce the air compression! Better yet, close the door by holding the frame under an open window. This month we feature several friendly reminders that help keep the club operating smoothly.

Refueling policy: If you fly an hour or more, you must refuel. If the tanks are “full” when you start and you fly less than an hour, you don't need to refuel. *The definition of “Full” is different for each aircraft:* for 36H, it means up to the tabs; for 5ED it means *near* the top, but not so full that expansion puts it out the overflow; for 574 it means 30-32 gal in each tank. There are payload limitations in the Cherokee and the Skylane if the long-range tanks are truly filled, which could prevent the next pilot from taking off with all his/her intended passengers. If you have a specific fuel requirement for a planned flight, you can always contact the folks who are scheduled to fly before you and make a request for their refueling level.

Last minute cancellations: If you have scheduled a flight and decide to cancel your reservation within a couple days of the flight, please send a broadcast email to the club indicating the plane is now available. (If you aren't sure how to send that email from the aircraftclubs.com site, contact one of the board members for clarification.)

Bugs: Bug season is now upon us. Please clean windscreens (plexi cleaner) and leading edges after your flights. A clean plane is a happy plane!

Coming events:

Every Saturday – lunch barbeque at Newport airport.

First Saturday of each month - pancake breakfast at Twin Oaks.

July 16-17 - Mulino Fly-in Breakfast \$8 adults

August 6 - Hot August Flights at Salem.

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