

# Valley Flyers

## July, 2011



The weather is great! Time to go flying! We had a pleasant barbeque and strawberry shortcake feed last month – and there were HEAPS of strawberries! Thanks to all who helped and attended.

There have been some minor updates to club rules – If you haven't checked them, please read the current version on the [www.valleyflyers.org](http://www.valleyflyers.org) website.

Thunderstorms and lightning strikes begin to lead us into forest fire season. As part of your preflight weather briefing, be sure to check for TFRs in the NOTAMs section of your DUAT briefing. We will almost certainly experience fires in western Oregon this summer. Knowing where they are, and keeping clear of the slurry bombers and other aircraft is essential. A recent FAA Safety Briefing has a discussion of how TFRs are established (the article mostly considers public event and VIP TFRs, but the process is relevant for others). You can find it beginning on page 16, at:

[http://www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/2011/media/MayJun2011.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/2011/media/MayJun2011.pdf)

There's also an article on good pilot-controller speech and communication.

Communications reminders: The nice folks in the control tower ask that we *always* remember to include our tail number in every communication. Use the full number on first call up, and last characters afterwards. For taxi instructions you do NOT have to repeat the entire route, just the destination runway and any hold-short-of restrictions. Instructions you must read back are: *any* "hold short of", including "land and hold short"; and "line up and wait".

Coming events:

July 30 - Tillamook Airport Northwest Classics annual fly-in Classic cars, motorcycles and airplanes. 7:00-5:00. \$5.00 entry includes Museum admission. Pancake breakfast, food, drink, live music. See [www.tillamookair.com](http://www.tillamookair.com)

August 7 – Hot August Flights at the Salem airport. This is a fun event.

Independence airport and the EAA chapter will host two events in August: a Travel Air Reunion Aug 11-13, and a Van's RV Homecoming Aug 26-28. Both could be quite interesting.

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