

Valley Flyers

December, 2011



Mark your calendars: The club holiday party will take place at Joan and Vern's home at 5573 Mark Ct SE, on Sunday December 18 at 6PM. Bring a salad or a dessert, and a gift to exchange through the infamous gift grab. Please RSVP with Joan no later than Dec 15. Guests are welcome. p31frog@comcast.net or 503-559-4593.

The weather has still been unseasonably gorgeous and there were quite a few folks flying over the Thanksgiving weekend. Looks like at least a few more good days to enjoy, at least if the fog burns off early enough! 5ED is in for its annual, and should be back online before mid-December if there are no unhappy surprises.

An interesting FAAST seminar is scheduled for Weds evening, Dec 14 at HIO. "Guided Discussion of the Go/No-Go Decision Process". How to safely evaluate weather and your and your plane's capabilities in the decision whether to make the trip. Free, and for further information or registration, go to:

http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=41336

And AOPA has a recent and very interesting article about SVFR flight: advantages, concerns, etc. follow this link:

http://www.aopa.org/asf/publications/inst_reports2.cfm?article=5150&WT.mc_id=111202eflight&WT.mc_sect=tips

Your board continues to explore ways to upgrade the avionics in our planes in an affordable way. We hope to be able to make a definitive report, and take action on at least one of the planes fairly soon. We will keep you informed.

Please use cold start procedures when flying on these cold days or nights. Watch for Al's email and if you have ANY questions, please call him.

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