

# *Valley Flyers*

## February, 2012



It's February and the sky is blue, the sun shining (at least as I write this), and we have three aircraft on line. Time to go flying! Could winter be over already?

The club meeting on Jan 26 featured an introduction to the G600 PFD and the GTN touch-screen NAV/COM which will soon be in 5ED. We have a training and simulator program on disk for this equipment. If you haven't seen it yet, contact Joan to borrow a copy to download on your computer, to begin familiarization with these avionics. We will be scheduling ground school soon. These are powerful flight awareness tools, but quite different from the 6-pack round dial most of us are used to. So plan on taking some time to learn and become competent with the package.

The Skylane is back on line with new VAL radios. There was an initial problem with lack of sensitivity on the NAV receivers, probably caused by a loose antenna connection. That should be corrected and fully functional by the time you receive this newsletter.

We elected new officers at the club meeting. Ryan Skogstad had resigned as President because of time constraints. Randy Ireson was elected club President, Joan was re-elected as Finance Officer, and Mike Fisher was elected as Vice-President (replacing Randy). Al Gray continues his term as Maintenance Officer and John Barringer continues as Secretary. These are the folks to contact if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

There is an AOPA Safety Seminar coming on Jan 20 (in Eugene) and Jan 21 (in Portland). The title is "Wanted, Alive!" how to avoid fatal accidents. Several members are planning to attend the Portland event. Contact Joan soon if you are interested in joining the group! Registration is required.

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