

Valley Flyers

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Aircraft updates: The Skylane NAV antenna has been replaced, and the radios are now working better. We are continuing to monitor and troubleshoot a possible low sensitivity problem, but the plane is definitely flyable (and navigable...).

A special thanks to John Barringer for his time and patience teaching the Saturday class on the new Garmin equipment. Great job! For those of you that missed it, be smart and pay for some instruction time so you can fly safe with confidence.

The G500/650/750 installation in 5ED is complete and is back on line. Do your studying, read the cockpit guide thoroughly, and practice with the computer simulator (available from Joan if you haven't got a copy yet). Then schedule a checkout flight or two with one of our great instructors. You do not want to fly this equipment for the first time without an instructor or another pilot who is already proficient at operating this equipment. Be EXTRA careful to NOT have your head down when you need to be looking out. Our insurance company said that they want to have you enter info while stationary on the ramp and not while taxiing. They have experienced multiple accidents while taxiing because the pilot was looking down entering info.:(Please don't be in that big of a hurry. Let's keep our good record!

This month's Second Saturday at Willamette Aviation (always a good event) features reps from the Portland FSDO discussing safe aircraft operations – briefings, flight plans, see & avoid, and other resources available. Saturday March 10, at 11AM at the Willamette Aviation classroom at UAO. Call 503-678-2252 for more info.

The weather will certainly be wonderful in April and it's time for those fly-in breakfasts to start. Let's plan now to fly to Twin Oaks for breakfast on April 7.

Stay safe, keep flying!

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