

Valley Flyers

April, 2012



Despite the relatively crummy weather in the last few weeks, quite a few members have been finding time to fly, especially in our newly refurbished 5ED, but also in the Skylane. If you haven't flown 5ED with the G500, now's the time to get with one of our great instructors and take an intro flight and check ride on the new avionics. "Sweet" is really an understatement!

The possible issue with the Skylane nav radios has still not been fully evaluated, but that will happen very soon. Meanwhile it is certainly capable of good cross country flight in VFR and MVFR conditions. The other Skyhawk, 12382 (...thanks to Ron Sterba for the great photo above!) is still on line, and we will keep it in service until we are sure that our expanded membership and available aircraft are a match. Cost is only \$78/hour, same as the Cherokee.

We are beginning to incorporate the expected new club members from Garmin. Welcome to you all! Alan Blood, Brad Stoller and Terrance Hawley are private pilots and looking forward to flying with us. Jacob Pratt (former member and pilot) is back in town and has rejoined us. Jack Loflin, CFI has also come on board. Our two new students are Isaac Mosgrove and David Pobuda.

So how to get to know each other? We will have a **club meeting April 19**, at the Spaghetti Warehouse at 6:30pm. (new location on Commercial north of State St., where Alessandro's used to be). Everyone come! – this will be the first opportunity to get to know the folks from Garmin, and for them to meet the existing members.

To aid in getting to know each other, we are asking that each member (old and new) send a one paragraph summary of who you are to Randy (rireson@comcast.net), before April 15. Include your flying background, what you like about flying and other things, work, family, or whatever is important to you. If at all possible, include a photo. We will make up a club roster with these personal sketches and photos (we'll have a camera at the meeting), and distribute it to the members. See you on the 19th.

And FYI, the Pearson field temporary control tower was closed effective Mar 31. But VUO remains Class D airspace. Contact PDX tower on 119.0 at least 5 miles out and before departure. See https://www.faa.gov/files/notices/2012/Mar/Letter_to_Airmen_12-01.pdf for detailed comm and traffic routing procedures.

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