

Valley Flyers

April, 2013



Our annual club business meeting took place March 28. Thanks to all who attended. We now have 33 active members, and the club planes were flown over 780 hours last year – 5ED was the most popular, not to anyone’s surprise. Flying has started off well for 2013. The new club Vice President is Issac Mosgrove, and John Barringer was re-elected as club Secretary. Randy Ireson remains as President and John Johnson as Treasurer for another year, and Al Gray continues as Safety and Maintenance Officer.

Look for information regarding a WINGS seminar in May led by John, and for the Strawberry Shortcake Feed and BBQ in June. If you have any ideas for fly-outs or group trips, let us know!

John also reminded us of the regular “Third Saturday” education seminars at Willamette Aviation at Aurora airport. Always interesting topics and always free. And on 4th Saturdays they have Sim Day – for \$10 you can fly their simulator with an instructor coaching.

As the weather warms up, the bugs are coming out. Please clean your wings, struts, cowl and windscreen after each flight, as a courtesy to the next pilot. There is a bucket, hose bib, and scrub brush just west of the gas pumps between the buildings. Good for wings, NOT GOOD for plexiglass. Thank you!

Salem Tower will cease operations on April 21 because of the sequester. Please exercise care as we transition to a non-towered environment and assume that everyone else flying will be doing something wrong! Broadcast your ground taxi plans, LISTEN to the CTAF 119.1, and LOOK for traffic in ALL directions before you taxi on to the runway OR join the landing pattern. Don’t assume that because you are using RW34 there isn’t someone on RW31 or even flying the back course approach to RW13 at the same time! Approaching the airport, make your first call at least 5 miles out. Assume that traffic will be as unpredictable and congested as at Aurora. And now as a non-towered airport, radios are NOT required, so do not assume you hear everyone out there.

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