



Valley Flyers

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What a Spring!

Hopefully you have been able to take advantage of the great flying weather to get a birds-eye view of spring in full bloom. The tulip fields have been beautiful and the mountains and coast have been gorgeous. It's a great time to make a \$100 burger run or pack a picnic for a special event!

What do you check at a fuel stop?

On April 20th, Brad Stoller and copilot Terrance Hawley took N70574 on a roundtrip flight from Salem to Redding to transport two dogs (in their crates) for the Pilots N Paws organization (<http://pilotsnpaws.org>). Brad flew in the morning to sharpen up, and then the plane's oil was changed in preparation for the day's flight. The duo departed shortly after noon and had a good flight down to Redding with a 25 MPH tail wind. At the self-serve fuel pump, Terrance took care of the airplane while Brad transferred the dogs. When Terrance was fueling, he noticed some drops of oil under the plane. After careful checks, it was found that the oil screen had not completely sealed. Fortunately, when the mechanic added oil back into the engine, there had still been 4 quarts in the engine. That is when Brad and Terrance were very thankful for the tail wind! If it had been a head wind, then the oil could have been as low as 3 quarts, which would have required additional inspections. So, do you check the oil level on a fuel stop? What else do you check? Good eye Terrance and Brad. **This is a great reminder to check fuel volume, contamination of fuel, fuel caps, oil and tires at every stop.**

Have you had a memorable trip or a flying experience this last month from which others in the club would benefit? Please send your stories or tips to Isaac Mosgrove for inclusion in future newsletters.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Tom Davies who passed his private pilot check-ride on April 11 and to Owen Catherwood who did his first solo on April 29. Way to go guys!

Welcome...

Welcome to our newest student pilot, Jordan Sparks. Jordan is currently midway through training as a private pilot.

Upcoming Events...

- Let's all plan on a breakfast run to Twin Oaks on June 1. We'll leave Salem about 8:30am. If you haven't flown in there yet please fly there sometime during the week to get a feel for it. The breakfast events are busy and not the best time to go in as a first visit.

Aircraft News...

- 515ED has a new LED landing light. We hope that the \$230 bulb will improve safety and last much longer than the standard bulbs. Feel free to fly with it on in order to make it easier for other planes to see you.
- Some members have experienced issues with the audio panel in 515ED showing a red "X" immediately after start-up. If this happens on start-up, turn the plane off, pull the audio panel breaker, restart the plane, and then reset the audio panel breaker. We are working with Garmin to find a long-term solution.
- Please remember to take extra care when fueling the planes. Please make sure that the ladders (or belt buckles) do not contact any part of the plane and that the fuel hose stays off the wing's leading edge.

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