



Valley Flyers

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Annual Club BBQ

Thanks to all who came to the Annual Club BBQ and Strawberry Gathering on June 22. The weather was perfect and the food was fantastic. We had a great time sharing stories, laughing, and getting to know each other better. Brad from the tower even joined us on his break.

Pilot's Checklist Trivia

We are all taught in our training to use checklists for preflight, takeoff, flight, landing, and after landing, just to name a few. They help to keep us safe and to help make sure that nothing is forgotten. And they get increasingly more important as we move into more complex aircraft.

But who came up with the idea of checklists? Most ideas are born out of necessity. What event necessitated the creation of checklists?

Curious? To find out the interesting details, check out an article by John Schamel at <http://www.atchistory.org/History/checklist.htm>.

Upcoming Events... 8/21

- Mark Saturday, ~~July 13~~ on your calendar and plan a run to Mulino for the Annual Fly-In & Blueberry Pancake Feed. This event attracts a lot of fly-ins and classic cars for a cruise-in.

Have you had a memorable trip or a flying experience this last month? Have you learned something new that may help your fellow pilots? Please send your stories, pictures, or tips to Isaac Mosgrove for inclusion in future newsletters.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jordan Sparks who passed his private pilot check ride! He's already moving on to work on his instrument rating and is excited to start learning to fly the Cherokee. Awesome job and enjoy your new freedom!

Welcome...

- Welcome back to Noah Beaman, who has rejoined as a student pilot flying with Al Gray. It's great to have you back.
- Welcome to our newest pilot member Christopher Erickson. Christopher has recently moved from Chicago and now works for Garmin.

Our Planes

Thank you to everyone for taking great care of our planes, leaving them better than you find them, and letting Al know if there is something out of the ordinary.

Although it is not necessary to add fuel to the planes if you fly for less than an hour, please be courteous and add fuel if you noticed that the tanks were lower than normal during your preflight inspection. There have been a few incidents where members are excited to go out, only to find that the tanks are much lower than normal, causing them to either change their flight plans or add fuel before departing.

That being said, please do not top off the tanks either. In this warm weather we need to allow for fuel expansion.

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