



# Valley Flyers

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## Club Christmas Party...please RSVP

It's almost time for our annual Valley Flyers Christmas Party and Potluck! This year's event will be held on Saturday, December 14 at Joan and Vern's house. The festivities will start at 6:00 pm, and dinner will start at 6:30. The club will provide meat and some fixings. Each member is asked to bring either a main dish or salad, and a small dessert to share. We'll also do a gift exchange, so bring a fun gift in the \$10-15 range. Aviation gifts are always fun. Bring your family or friends for a fun evening together.

**Please RSVP to Joan by December 7** so that we can get the plans finalized. Feel free to text or email Joan if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you!

## Power-On Stalls

When is the last time that you thought about power on stalls? How might you find yourself in this unexpected situation, and do you remember what to do?

Chris Eriksson was taking student pilot Sam Ewen on a fun afternoon flight. After a nice landing at Lenhardt, Chris was doing a typical departure from the grass on O2. The roll was good, rotation was nice, speed was live, and the climb seemed normal. All of a sudden they experienced wind shear and the plane started to quickly drop. Chris knew that he had to get the nose down to gain airspeed (even though they were just out of ground effect). Fighting the urge to pull back, he quickly lowered the nose just enough to get the plane safely back into ground effect to gain additional speed before attempting to climb out again.

As Chris noted, it definitely gets your attention and gets the adrenaline pumping. Thanks for the great reminder to stay alert during every stage of a flight, and to have a plan for the unexpected.

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

## Welcome...

Welcome to our newest student member Julio Castillo, who is flying with Dennis Wyza. Julio transferred from Garmin's Olathe, Kansas facility to the Salem location where he works as a Design Certification Engineer.

## Got a few extra minutes?

What do you do when you have just a few minutes of dead time (you know, just long enough to feel like you should be doing something, but not quite long enough to actually get something done)? Next time, check out <http://www.aopa.org/Education.aspx>. They have a plethora of very good short safety videos, online safety quizzes, accident case studies, real pilot stories, webinars, and online courses.

AOPA's Air Safety Institute is a great way to refresh yourself or to learn new topics that interest or concern you. I encourage you to take a few minutes to browse <http://www.aopa.org/Pilot-Resources/Air-Safety-Institute.aspx>.

## Hold that Date (January 23<sup>rd</sup>)!

It's almost time for our annual club meeting to cover general business and officer elections. Over dinner, we'll have an overall update on the club and our financials, discuss plans for upgrades to our fleet, hold officer elections, and discuss other business that you wish to bring up.

The President and Treasurer positions expire in January, so elections will be held for these positions. If you have interest in serving on the Board, please contact Randy Ireson (President) or Joan Johnson (Treasurer) for more details on these positions.

If you know of special topics, proposals, or concerns that you'd like to discuss, please contact Randy so that we can be sure that they are on the agenda.

We look forward to recapping the accomplishments of this past year and to look ahead to further improvements for the future. Details on the time and location of the club meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be included in the January newsletter.

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