



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Annual Club Meeting Summary

What a fantastic turn-out and a fun time of visiting, laughing, and eating! Thanks to everyone who came to this year's annual club meeting. We crammed into a *really* long row of tables. We definitely surprised the Old Spaghetti Warehouse with the number of people who came. For the few who were not able to attend, the following are some highlights:

- We flew the club planes 776 hours in 2013!
 - N515ED: 411 hours
 - N70574: 149 hours
 - N12382: 134 hours
 - N1636H: 82 hours
- We plan to retire N12382 and replace it with another Cessna 172. We are looking for a good Skyhawk with low total hours, less than 1000 hours since major overhaul (SMOH), and that is reasonably priced. Please keep your eyes open for one and contact a board member if you have any leads.
- John Barringer is working on new unified checklists that will be placed in each airplane. He passed around two options for members to vote on. Thank you John for these great improvements!
- Have you seen the new flying log books that are being created for each plane? Thank you Quinn Stutheit for helping with the new forms and books that are easier to use and definitely look nicer.
- Ron Sterba described work that is going on to prepare for Hot August Flights. The club recommended doing a WINGS fly-in event followed by a car show. If you are able to volunteer to help plan or help at the event, please contact Ron. It takes a lot of volunteers to have a great event and to showcase general aviation to our community.
- Based on the interest in having club jackets and t-shirts made, Al Gray will be putting together information and will provide an opportunity for members to buy some cool clothing to show off our club pride.
- Congratulations to Randy Ireson (President) and Joan Johnson (Treasurer) on their re-election.

We have a new CFII

Congratulations to John Barringer on earning his CFII! John is now available to support our members who want to earn their IFR rating or brush up on their IFR skills.

Where is new to you?

Have you landed someplace that is new to you? At the Annual Club Meeting, Joan announced that anyone who visits a new-to-them airport this year will be eligible to win a prize that she is working on. There are tons of great airports all over the western United States, so let spread your wings and go visit someplace new!

Please let Joan and Isaac know the new places that you have visited. These will be included in future newsletters to help give other members ideas about where to go. Feel free to include a few tid-bits about why you selected your destination and your opinion of the place. Let's help each other find new places to go!

Let's have some fun!

When we get together as a club, there is always lots of visiting, laughing, reminiscing, and building new friendships. We'd like to have more "excuses" to get together and have fun. Let's learn from each other, encourage each other, compete with each other, and just plain have a good time. We can have activities that appeal to everyone or that appeal to just a small group within the club. Some ideas have already been tossed out:

- A competition to see who can have the most accurate landing.
- A competition to see who can drop a baggy of flour closest to a target.
- Have a monthly flight out for breakfast or lunch. If the weather isn't cooperating, then we'd just "fly" to the Flight Deck.

Do you have other ideas for something fun to do? Are you willing to help plan and organize an event or activity? If so, please contact Joan so we can get things rolling.

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Get your WINGS

Do you know what WINGS is? It is one of the best resources for recurrent training is the FAA WINGS program. It can also count as your BFR!

The WINGS program is divided into Knowledge and Flight sections. To complete a Phase of WINGS you must do three activities from each section. Many of the knowledge activities are free on-line courses – either directly from FAA or from other groups such as the AOPA Air Safety Foundation. Flight activities are specific flying skills that you demonstrate with a CFI, who then validates your completion of that activity. Any activity stays on your record for 12 months, so you can do the six all at once or spread over a year's time. When you complete a Phase of WINGS, it counts the same as a BFR and you can download a certificate that goes in your logbook.

The other good deal here is that many insurance companies (certainly Avemco) will give you a 5 or 10% discount on your premium if you have completed some or all of a WINGS phase! Check the details of your company. (While the club carries basic liability and hull insurance on our planes, there is a \$1000 deductible on hull damage and you may want to carry additional liability insurance.)

Just to whet your appetite, the following are some of the online knowledge courses:

- Accident study: delayed reaction
- Do the right thing: decision making for pilots
- Positive aircraft control
- Ag pilot performance and limitations
- AOA: why all the confusion?
- Avoiding loss of control
- Aeronautical decision making for VFR pilots

If you haven't signed up, take a look at the site and consider using this (mostly free) resource. You find it at the FAA Safety Team web page: <http://faasafety.gov>. The WINGS link is in the middle of the home page, and in that box there are links to a user's guide and (once you sign up) to your own WINGS record.

Operation Lights on for Safety

The FAA has a voluntary pilot safety program, Operation Lights On, to enhance the see-and-avoid concept. Pilots are encouraged to turn on their landing lights when operating within 10 miles of the airport, inbound or outbound, or in conditions of reduced visibility, and in areas where flocks of birds may be expected.

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.

Help our State Airports

As with so many things these days of declining funds for aviation, people are fighting to keep many of the state airports open (such as Pacific City, Cascade Locks, Siletz Bay, Nehalem, and others). One of the biggest things that we can do when we visit these airports is to register our visits and what we did while we were there. This helps to show the value that the airport brings to the area. It's okay to not leave your N number or place of origin. We simply need to tell the state that we use the airport

At Pacific City, the registration box is actually a large mailbox (yes, it is not very well marked). The registration forms and pens are also inside the mailbox. Before departing, please take a minute to complete the registration and include what you did during your visit.

Give the Gift of Flight

Do you know someone who dreams of being able to fly, or would love to take a flight? Did you know that gift certificates are available from Valley Flyers? They make a perfect gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation, birthdays, or just for the heck of it. You can give a certificate for club lessons, an introductory flight, or a scenic flight. It's a great way to get more people introduced to flying, which benefits the entire general aviation community. So, help foster the dream of flying! Contact Joan Johnson for more details.

31st Annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show

The 31st Annual Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show is February 22 & 23 at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup, Washington. This two day event brings pilots, mechanics, aircraft owners and their families together for seminars and presentations as well as over 350 exhibits. There are sessions about ADS-B, Ipads in the cockpit, Weather Patterns of the Pacific Northwest, an Accident Case Study, Protecting your Medical, Managing the Risks of Night Flying, and a host of other informative and useful sessions. The cost is only \$5 per day. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.washington-aviation.org>.