



# Valley Flyers

*"Just Plane Fun!"*

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## When is the last time you flew?

With all of the busy holidays and the challenging VFR flying weather that we've experienced, it may have been a while since you went flying. If you haven't flown recently, please be sure to check that you haven't gone past 90 days since your last flight as PIC.

Per requirements and by definition imposed by club insurance, a pilot is considered "inactive" if (s)he has not acted as pilot in command of an aircraft for a period of 90 days. To address this, a currency flight by a club approved instructor in the most complex plane a member has flying privileges in is required if the pilot had not acted as pilot-in-command of the aircraft within 90 days of the scheduled flight (e.g. a flight in the Skylane will suffice to renew Skyhawk privileges, but not vice-versa).

## Accident Case Study

Studying aircraft accidents lets us learn from others' mistakes, helps us think critically about our skills, and provides a mental "nudge" if we find ourselves in similar situations.

The Air Safety Institute's new seminar, Accident Case Study: Live, aims to put a new spin on safety-oriented accident analysis. Working with several compelling real-life cases, presenter and audience will play the role of accident investigator—starting at the crash scene and working backwards through physical evidence, eyewitness testimony, and other leads to figure out exactly what went wrong, and why.

AOPA's Flight Safety Institute is hosting two local seminars that qualify for the safety seminar portion of the FAA WINGS program. You are encouraged to grab a friend or send out an open invitation to others in the club and attend a safety seminar. No RSVP is required.

Monday, March 10, 2014  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Valley River Inn  
1000 Valley River Way  
Eugene, OR 97401

Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Portland Airport  
8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97220

## What Are Your Goals This Summer?

With spring and summer quickly approaching, what goals have you set for yourself to accomplish by the end of summer? What exploring would you like to do? What memories would you like to make with friends and family? Who could you take up to experience the joy, excitement, and wonder of flying?

How about getting checked out in all of the club planes? Not only does this help expand your flying skills, but it also provides additional flexibility to fly when you want.

## Julio Solos!

Congratulations to Julio Castillo on his first solo flight on February 13. According to Julio, flying was the easy part, but his take-off almost didn't happen because of problems with the radios when he was requesting departure clearance. Julio calmly troubleshooted while at the hold-short line and was finally able to get everything working. Way to go Julio!



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.

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