



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Where is new to you?

At the Annual Club Meeting, Joan threw out the challenge to see who could visit the most new-to-them airports this year. *Please let Joan or Isaac know new places that you've visited so that they can be included each month.*

- Alan Lasneski continued to spread his wings to find new airports to visit. This month he made it to Olympia, WA.
- Gavin Johnson and Aaron Webb both landed at Siletz Bay as part of a group of 5 airplanes that flew out for lunch on a beautiful afternoon. The Side Door Café is just across the highway from the airport and has great food. As Gavin and Aaron will attest...watch the wind shear!

Welcome...

Welcome to our newest student member, Oscar Wurdinger. After graduating from high school right here in Salem, Oscar joined the Marine Corp with the dream of becoming a pilot. As an infantry Marine, Oscar learned a great many of life's lessons the hard way. After learning to live with physical disabilities, Oscar went to Oregon Tech and earned a bachelor degree in Software Engineering. Oscar now works at Garmin as a software engineer. He is excited to finally begin to realize his long-time dream of becoming a pilot.

Chris earns his CFI!

After a grueling couple of days of oral examination, Chris Eriksson wasn't too excited about the weather on Saturday April 26th. Despite the poor weather, strong crosswinds, and malfunctioning directional gyro, Chris' calm, confident experience paid off during his check ride and he earned his CFI. As Chris noted, his examiner maintained the suspense and never gave any indication if he passed or failed until he handed Chris a certificate that said he passed. Congratulations Chris on your dedication and achieving this awesome and hard-earned goal!

Logan Solos!

Congratulations to Logan Robertson on his first solo flight on April 1st (no joking)! Al, you sure know how to pick fun dates. Awesome job Logan!



Upcoming Events

- **Dinner with the Tower.** John Barringer is coordinating a fun evening with a guest speaker from the tower. We are shooting for later this month. Watch your e-mail for more details.
- May 10th at Hood River (4S2) is the **WAAAM's Second Saturday** -- warbirds fly, you can ride in the beautifully restored cars, and there's even a hotdog and burger lunch for \$5. The museum is also open so that you can wander through the hundreds of old planes and cars. If you haven't been there, you **MUST** go. It'll knock your socks off!
- May 17th at Paine Field (KPAE) for **Paine Aviation Day**, Everett, WA
- May 17th at Ashland (S03) for **Ashland Airport Day**, Ashland, OR. For more information, contact Bob@skinneraviation.com.
- Our **Annual Club BBQ and Strawberry Gathering** is coming up in June (the date will be determined by the strawberries). Bring your choice of meat for your family and a salad or main dish to share. We will have ice tea, lemonade and strawberry shortcake for all. Bring the family and enjoy the airport.

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Some Reminders...

- When 5ED was being checked, it was noticed that it shows signs of being over-primed. For the C-172s, the following are good rules of thumb: 2 pumps on normal days, 3 on very cold days, 0 pumps if the engine is already hot. If it doesn't start on the first try, only then give another pump.
- Remember that the fuel tanks do not need to be topped off in the warmer weather. As the fuel warms up and expands, it just drips out the fuel vent line and is wasted.
- April held several great days as a teaser of the wonderful weather that is coming! On days where the temperature is over 90°F, please only do a couple touch and goes in a row. If you want to practice, it is best to hop between the many, wonderful local airports after every 2-3 take-offs to allow the engine to cool down. Protect yourself and the plane, keep an eye on that oil temperature, and have fun hopping between the great airports the valley has to offer.

Quotable Quote

One of the most common causes of fuel exhaustion accidents...pilots who believe they know how much fuel is in their tanks and what their burn rate is, but really don't.

The Search Continues

Thank you to everyone who has been scouring the internet, canvassing airports, and hunting for a replacement Skyhawk. We have been very actively searching, investigating, and following up on leads. We haven't found the right one yet, but we'll continue our quest until we find the best one for us.

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

Our club

Thanks to Ron Sterba for capturing this great shot of our club planes and their constant activity.



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