



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Plane Upgrades

We continue to work towards upgrading our fleet. N515ED now has ADS-B traffic and weather and is fully ADS-B compliant with the upcoming 2020 mandate. N1636H goes into the shop at the end of this month to get new COM radios, an audio panel with 3D audio, and other interior updates. Although we have not completely ruled out replacing N12382, we have not been able to find a reasonably priced solid airframe with a good engine and IFR avionics.

The board has prioritized the desired upgrades and commitments. The immediate need is upgrade the avionics in 36H (in process), replace the engine and avionics in 382 (or replace the airplane), and to purchase 36H from Joan and Vern who have been patiently waiting for the club to follow through on this intention. We estimate that it will cost around \$71K to achieve these goals.

Our club has a vibrant membership who has taken care of our planes. We've been blessed to have minimal unexpected expenses. This has allowed us to save money for upgrades to our planes, to keep our hourly rates very low, and to remain financially healthy. Although we have been able to build a healthy savings account, we don't have this much money saved. In order to complete this in a timely fashion, we will need a handful of our members to be willing to advance money to the club (suggested prepayment of \$500-\$2000). Each month, your invoice will be credited until you have been repaid in full. The extent of the upgrades that we are able to do will depend on the amount of advanced payments that are received.

As a reminder, we did this same strategy in order to cover the cost of the upgrades to N515ED and N70574. If you are willing and able to participate, please contact Joan Johnson (Treasurer) at p31frog@comcast.net.

Dinner with the Tower on July 17th

Come meet Rob, the new KSLE tower chief! Dinner will start at 6:30pm at La Margarita Express, located at 515 Chemeketa St. NE. This is a great time to meet Rob and to find out more about the tower and what's happening at the airport. There will also be a chance to discuss club business. Plus, it is "just plane fun" to get together!

Salem Airport Closure

If you haven't noticed, there is a lot of construction going on at the airport as they work to replace the runway and taxiway lighting. Runway 16-34 has been closed, and runway 13-31 is next. The Salem Airport will be closed to all fixed-wing traffic from July 21 – July 23 while lighting work is done at the intersection of 16-31 and 13-31. We are evaluating options to temporarily relocate several of our airplanes to an alternate airport during this time. Look for e-mail updates as we get closer.

Annual Club BBQ and Strawberry Gathering

Thank you to all who made it to the Annual Club BBQ and Strawberry Gathering on June 14th. Aside from the great food and delicious strawberry shortcake, it was a great time to visit and enjoy each other's company.

Quotable Quote

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asks, "What was your last known position?"

The reply: "When I was number one for takeoff".

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Tristan Passes Check Ride!

Just days after graduating from high school, Tristan Briggs passed his check ride with Greg Sandercock on the blustery afternoon of Wednesday, June 11th.

"I first flew in a small plane on a CAP O-ride with Randy Ireson (who also used his EAA connections to qualify it for giving me free Sporty's ground school). I had planned to love it, and was not disappointed by my positive reaction towards the flight. I wanted to fly again immediately, even though it was overwhelming at the time.

I started training at a 2013 CAP flight academy in Oklahoma on a CAP scholarship where I earned my initial hours and ground school. Unable to solo there due to IFR weather at the end, I soloed 2 SEP 2013 in a CAP C-172 at CVO and then stopped training due to financial reasons. When our squadron's C-172 was re-assigned to another location leaving us with the C-182, I thought there was no hope for me to keep training.

My dad and I found Valley Flyers and after a couple more CAP scholarships, I started flying like mad in mid-April with Dennis again (lucky that he is an instructor here). Almost exactly 2 months later I have now earned my certificate and will be reporting to the US Air Force Academy 26 JUN this year. After basic training, I am going to try out for the Academy Flying team following the footsteps of Paul Vasta, who did all the same things as me one year earlier. After USAFA, I hope to earn a pilot slot in the Air Force and fly "something big and heavy," as many have heard me describe my goals.

I know I have had a long journey to get to the Academy and get my certificate. Thank you to all that have helped me. My ride is just beginning--this massive education is going to provide opportunities like no other and I am excited to see what I can do for the world in the long run."

Congratulations Tristan!



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Sam Passes Check Ride!

With only two days to spare, Sam Ewen completed his long x-country just in time to take his check ride. Sam successfully completed his check ride with Lisa Dahl on the beautifully sunny Tuesday, July 1st.

"I'm happy to say I don't have a whole lot to report about my check ride; everything went better than I hoped for! I met with Lisa at 7:30 for the oral exam, but the early (for me, at least) start time ended up being fortuitous. The temperature hit 99 in the afternoon, and the pressure of the check ride had me sweating enough already, even with the cooler temps in the morning. The otherwise great weather made for smooth flying, and I feel privileged to have had Lisa as an examiner. I am excited to finally join the ranks as a private pilot!

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.*

- Sam Ewen visited Sunriver (S21), Madras (S33), and Aurora (KUAO) for the first time during his long x-country in preparation for his check ride. He planned this x-country almost a month before, but between maintenance and weather he wasn't able to fly until two days before his checkride.



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Alison's Adventure Starts with a Ring

A weekend flying/camping trip to Nehalem Bay State Park with Chris Eriksson, Me (Alison Irish) and a couple friends became a very memorable weekend with my engagement to Mark Neubauer. He popped the question right off the runway on Friday, June 13th and we spent the rest of the weekend playing on the beach and hanging out. The low clouds made it less of a flying weekend for me but Chris braved the clouds and some gnarly winds to make an awesome weekend.

Nahalem Bay State Airport has 6 primitive tent sites (\$11 a night) with picnic tables and plenty of tie downs for aircraft. Water is available on the taxiway and during the summer there is a port-a-potty. The ocean is a half mile away with some river beaches closer at the end of the runway. The town of Manzanita is a 4 mile hike round trip, so make sure you have everything you need. Wood (\$5 a bundle) and ice (\$2 a bag) are available in the campground on the way to the ocean.



Plane Washing Parties

Every once in a while we need to take some time out to wash our planes ("whether they need it or not") and clean up the hangars. We will be planning a series of work parties and ask that EVERYONE pitch in on one of them. The board members will arrange periodic work parties for each plane and will send out notices so that you can pick the one that works best for you. Please sign up, bring friends or family, and join in with your fellow members to have a blast (and get the planes cleaned up too).

Words of Wisdom

Truly superior pilots are those who use their superior judgment to avoid those situations where they might have to use their superior skills.

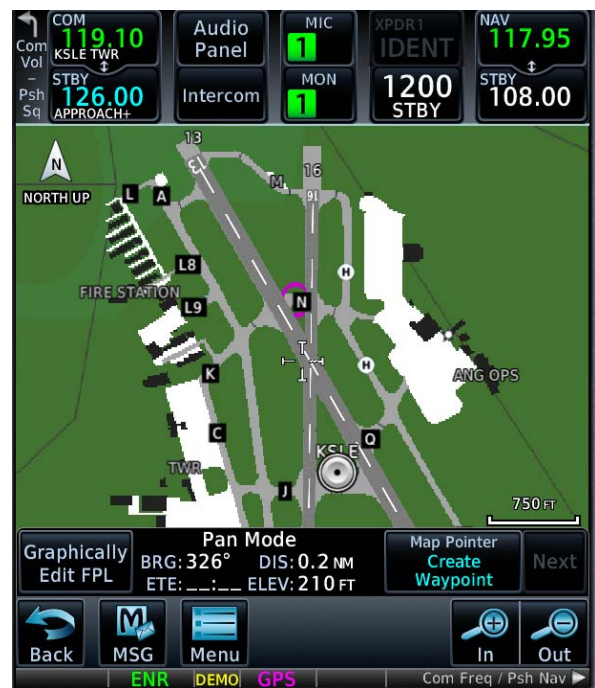
Have you had a memorable trip, flying experience, or words of wisdom from which others in the club would benefit, or that you would like to share? Please send your stories, tips, quotes and pictures to Isaac Mosgrove for inclusion in future newsletters.

GTN Tips

Submitted by Chris Eriksson

Taxi instructions have become more important and more complicated, especially now with our frequent runway and taxiway closures here in Salem. Referring to airport diagrams before taxiing is a great way to ensure that you understand what your clearance is, and using the taxiway signs is still the primary method of navigating on an airport. Progressive taxi instructions is another great way to help find your way around the airport, but another way to check your routes is on the map page of the GTN. While on the airport, if you zoom in far enough, taxiways and other landmarks show labels. If zoomed in, as shown below, you can see taxiways such as our normal route to Runway 16 from the ramp, or currently the route to runway 13. This also will give a moving taxiway diagram as the aircraft moves around the airport (georeferenced). This is great for understanding quickly where taxiways are in relation to your aircraft and can help avoid runway incursions.

Be sure to zoom in for extra situational awareness while in airport movement areas!



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Other Upcoming Events

- Every Friday Morning: **Lenhardt's for Donuts, Lenhardt (7S9)**. Show up to visit and have fun with other local pilots. All are welcome.
- July 12: **Poker Run, McMinnville (KMMV)**. Jerry Trimble Helicopters is hosting a Poker Run open to aircraft, cars & motorcycles. Participants will draw a card at JTH then travel to 3 surrounding airports to draw their next card. The final card will be drawn when they return to JTH. Poker hands will be judged and the winning hand will be awarded a prize. After the poker run, the FAA will host a FAA Safety Briefing open to all pilots. Call 503-577-6371 for more information or to register.
- July 12: **Tour the Tower, Salem (KSLE)**. Willamette Aviation's Second Saturday Fly-Out is organized by CFI John Barringer, and will take place on July 12. Pilots are encouraged to fly to Salem (KSLE) for the event. The event is no charge and eligible for Wings credit, but registration is required, whether you fly or drive. Participation will be limited to 20 attendees (U.S. citizenship and photo ID is required). Please contact Willamette Aviation at (503) 678-2252 to save your spot on the tower tour!
- July 17: **Dinner with the Tower**. Come meet Rob, the new KSLE tower chief. Dinner will start at 6:30pm at La Margarita Express, located at 515 Chemeketa St. NE. This is a great time to meet Rob and to find out more about the tower and what's happening at the airport. There will also be a chance to discuss club business.
- August 9: **Joseph Airport Festival, Joseph, OR (KJSY)**. Fly on over for a pancake breakfast and the Bronze, Blues and Brews Festival at the Joseph Airport. The breakfast is served from 7:00 am-11:00 am, with other festivities running until 9:00 pm. More information is available at <http://www.bronzebluesbrews.com/index.htm>.
- August 22-23: **The Airshow of the Cascades, Madras (S33)**. Homeland Fireworks, Inc. - Hafeli and Hildebrandt Air Show Announcers - Hammerhead Aerobatics.
- August 16: **AOPA Regional Fly-In, Spokane (KSFF)**. AOPA Fly-Ins have something for everyone. Spend a Saturday with AOPA participating in aviation activities, exploring exhibits and seminars, enjoying a couple of meals, and building relationships. With free admission for members, these fly-ins feature activities designed to bring you and your association together around our common love of flying. Bring your family along and make a weekend of enjoying the rich surroundings of great GA airports and their local communities. Visit <http://www.aopa.org/Community-and-Events/AOPA-Fly-Ins/Spokane.aspx> for more details.
- August 16: **NWAAC & Highway 30 Cruisers Northwest Classic Fly-in & Cruise-in, Scappoose (KSPB)**, 8:00am-6:00pm. An old-fashioned Fly-in/Drive-in for antique, classic, experimental, and contemporary aircraft and cars. Friday spaghetti feed for early arrival of planes and cars. Gates open 8 AM Saturday with a Pancake Breakfast served until 11 AM. Food and merchandise available throughout the day. Concours judging with awards presented at the Banquet from 4 PM to 6 PM.
- September 5-7: **Annual Hood River Fly-in, Hood River, OR (4S2) at WAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum)**. Fly over to celebrate WAAM in style with lots of pilot-oriented fun, including a spaghetti feed, pancake feed, fire pit, trivia, camping under your wing, and more. Aircraft registration is only \$5. For more information, visit <http://www.waaamuseum.org/events/fly-in/277-fly-in-pilot-s-page>.



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