



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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December 2014



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 13th 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 (but Joan also likes chocolate). Bring your family or friends for a fun evening together.

Please RSVP to Joan by December 9th so that we can get the plans finalized. Feel free to text or email Joan if you have questions or need directions.

Hold that Date (January 22nd)!

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 what we've accomplished over the last year, hold officer elections, discuss plans for the future, and discuss other business that you wish to bring up.

The Vice-President and Secretary positions expire in January, so elections will be held for these positions. If you have interest in serving on the Board, please contact any of the board members for more information on these positions: Randy Ireson (President), Isaac Mosgrove (Vice-President), Joan Johnson (Treasurer), John Barringer (Secretary), or Al Gray (Safety and Maintenance).

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 22nd will be included in the January newsletter.

Words of Wisdom

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing:

Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.

Welcome!

Welcome to our newest member, Courtney Holley. Courtney is a private pilot that is currently working towards her instrument rating with Dennis Wyza, and eventually plans to earn her commercial license. Courtney works for an aerial surveying company (Quantum Spatial, Inc.) as a sensor operator and occasional pilot relief. This coming spring/summer, she'll be on tour with the March Fourth Marching Band as an acrobat and stilter, and hopefully spending lots of time in N12382. She loves fly-n-camp adventures and looks forward to sharing the skies with all the Valley Flyer members. Welcome to Valley Flyers!

Talk About Minimums!

Submitted by Alan Lasneski

This month, I did my first approach into Newport, OR (ONP) with my newly minted license. It was as windy as heck I had the hardest time holding the localizer and glideslope all the way down to minimums before going missed. Chris E. went with me on that one and it was windy, rainy and ugly. At minimums, we just barely saw the edge of the runway with the lights in all the clouds and fog... It was fun!

Quotable Quote

Lost Student:

"Unknown airport with Cessna 150 circling overhead, identify yourself."

Merry Christmas



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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.

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. With more and more members earning their instrument ratings, “new” airports at which you’ve landed using an instrument approach even if you’ve landed there previously during VFR conditions.

Alan Lasneski recently visited Hoquiam, WA (HQM) and Astoria, OR (AST). Also, this month Alan visited S45 Siletz Bay with Isaac (separate planes) and it was an awesome afternoon in the sun with our kids.

This competition is open to all members, including students. Did you miss sending them in? No problem...just send Isaac the name of the airport that you visited and when you visited. It is always nice and appreciated if you include some little interesting bits about the trip, airport, or restaurants/attractions.

Other Upcoming Events

- December 13, **Willamette Aviation’s “Second Saturday Seminar”, Aurora Airport (KAUO)**. Lt. Col Bill Kopp from the Oregon ANG and CFII John Barringer will be presenting on intercepts, TFRs, and the like. The free presentation starts at 11:00 am.
- December 13: Our **Annual Club Christmas Party** 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.
- January 22, 2015: Our **Annual Club Business Meeting**. Meeting time and location for the meeting and dinner will be included in the January newsletter.

GTN Tip: Selected Course In Direct To

Normally, the direct-to function just pins a direct line from your location to the waypoint. The GTN Direct-To feature comes with the option to select what course you would like to fly to get directly to the destination waypoint. This feature can come in useful if you want to set up on an extended 45 degree entry, or would like to track a course that overflies a particular location. It can be useful as well for cases where you are attempting to avoid flying over a certain location, such as restricted airspace or high

terrain. For those of you flying IFR, this can be used to create some guidance for unpublished holds, or in marginal VFR, setting the runway heading in as your desired direct to course can help line you up for a long final.



To use this feature, it starts out just like inputting a direct-to. Hit the Direct-To button, choose your waypoint, and then hit the “Course To” button highlighted in the figure. This will open up a window that allows you to type in a desired course, such as shown of 030° when the direct to is actually 033°.

Now, the GTN will draw the Direct-To line that will arrive at the destination with a course of 030°. The guidance displayed on the CDI then will be to follow that line, so if you are not near it yet, you will need to fly a heading to intercept that course. The picture below shows that even though you are not at that point yet, the GTN will draw a line for 030° to Aurora Airport.



For marginal VFR flights when cleared straight-in, you can set this number to be the runway heading, which will get you close to lined up with the runway from farther away. When dealing with the smoke during the summer months, sometimes this feature can be very useful to help find a runway when around the haze. For the holds, this can then for your inbound leg of the unpublished hold, providing navigation guidance on any hold point for at least the inbound leg.