



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Annual Club Meeting: January 22nd

It's time for our annual club meeting to cover general business and officer elections. This year's meeting will be at 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 22nd at La Margarita Express (515 Chemeketa Street Northeast).

It's been an exciting year in which much has happened. 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. You are an important piece of your club, and your opinion and thoughts matter. Our annual meeting is a great chance to help shape the future of our club.

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. It is appreciated if you let Randy Ireson know if you plan to attend so that we can let the restaurant know roughly how many people will be attending. If you forget to RSVP, last minute unexpected attendees are always welcome!

Words of Wisdom

Always remember you fly an airplane with your head, not your hands. Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

Great Time at the Club Christmas Party!

Thank you to everyone who made it to the annual Club Christmas Party. As always, the food and desserts were delicious and plentiful...we are blessed with some amazing cooks! And Gavin's new flavors of homebrew were a definite hit and won new fans. There were great gifts for the gift exchange. Some folks sure got a lot of exercise when their gifts kept getting stolen. It was a wonderful, relaxed evening filled with laughter, fun stories, catching up, and connecting with new friends.

'Thank you' isn't enough to share our gratitude to Joan and Vern for graciously opening their home yet again to host this year's party. It is such a warm and inviting environment that is perfect, and they keep finding creative ways to fit our growing membership.

We waited until too late to take the group picture, so we missed some of the families.



Please Sign In and Update

If you have not already done so, please take 2 minutes and sign into www.aircraftclubs.com, click on "My Profile" at the top of the screen, and update your contact information. This information is used to feed our billing system, which ensures that your invoice is sent to the correct address. If any of your contact information changes, please be sure to remember to update your profile to help keep our billing running smoothly.

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Quotable Quote

Cessna: "Jones tower, Cessna 12345, student pilot, I'm out of fuel."
Tower: "Roger Cessna 12345, reduce airspeed to best glide!! Do you have the airfield in sight?!?!?"
Cessna: "Uh...tower, I am on the south ramp; I just want to know where the fuel truck is."

Why Does Your Invoice Look Different?

Thanks to Joan, your invoices should be easier to read and contain more useful information. Joan has spent considerable time working to get the billing all straightened out in preparation for the transition to a new billing software system. This new system is more accurate, easier to maintain, and will allow us to be better set up for the future. It will also allow us to get the invoices to you more reliably at the beginning of each month.

Thank you to those who have worked with Joan to get your billing addresses and other information corrected before the transition.

To help us maintain accurate and timely billing, accounting, and cash flow, please remember to include your original fuel receipts (taped to 8.5"x11" paper) and your payment by the 15th of each month. It is also helpful to include a copy of the invoice. **BE SURE TO WRITE YOUR NAME AND INVOICE MONTH ON EACH PAGE OF RECEIPTS.** These should be mailed or delivered to:

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Last chance for "Where is new to you?"

At the Annual Club Meeting, we'll announce the winners of the "Where's New to You" contest. Did you miss sending them in? No problem...just send Isaac the name of the airport that you visited as PIC and when you visited. It is always nice and appreciated if you include some little interesting bits about the trip, airport, or restaurants/attractions.

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.

Escape to Great Weather at the Beach

Chris Eriksson and Sam Ewen took advantage of one of the breaks in the December weather to take their girl friends over to Nehalem Bay for a day of sun at the beach. Yes...cold and dreary in the valley equated to 55°F and sunny at the beach! It was a perfect day for formation flying N515ED and N12382. Although the weather was incredible at the sand, the valley closed up faster than forecast during Sam's return flight. Making a wise choice, Sam returned to Nehalem Bay and left N12382, catching a ride home with Chris. By the time N515ED returned in the late afternoon, KSLE was just barely above IFR minimums. Boy, did it ever close up fast!

Randy Ireson and John Barringer took N1636H over the next day to pick up N12382, and had an excellent formation flight home.

Regardless of your best preflight planning and how good the forecasts or weather briefings are, the weather this time of year can be very unpredictable. This is a great example of our pilots making safe decisions, helping each other out, and having fun in the process. Also, this is a great example where an Instrument rating can help get you home safely!



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GTN Tip: Fast Frequency Entry

From Lucy's Logbook on Garmin's Aviation Blog

Taking advantage of the auto tune feature within the GTN series makes frequency entry fast and easy (and ensures you don't make a costly mistake!) There are a number of ways to get to frequency information for any particular airport or NAVAID, but here are a few unique ways you may not be familiar with:

Streamline Frequency Input

With an active flight plan entered, from the Home page, select **Waypoint Info > Airport > Frequencies**. This page will automatically display the appropriate frequency information for your destination airport. Simply touch any of the frequencies listed to automatically send them to the Standby Frequency Window.



Familiarize Yourself with 'Find'

Let's say you make a last-minute flight plan change enroute and divert to the nearest airport for lunch. There are a number of ways to quickly access the information you need but in this case, it's no more than four taps away. Select the **Standby Frequency Window > Find > Nearest >** and (in this case) **Multiple FREQ** to get a list of the frequencies appropriate for that airport. Note: you may also access recent frequencies, those associated with your flight plan or even designate user-defined frequencies all from the **Find** button. Again, touching any frequency will send it to the Standby Frequency Window.



Stay ahead of the airplane

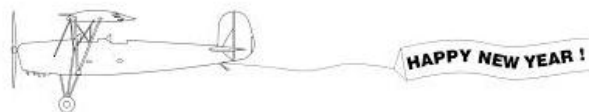
If you find yourself on an IFR flight plan frequently and are in the enroute phase getting transferred from one Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) to another... and then another, leverage the GTN and its capabilities to anticipate which frequency you might get transferred to next! From the home page, select **Nearest > ARTCC** and within this page, you'll find which Center you are geographically closest to, your bearing to/from it and, you guessed it – the frequency! This is a quick and easy way to be one step ahead of the airplane and the air traffic controller.



These are just a few ways to input frequency information within the GTN faster and easier than you ever! On your next flight, try your hand at one or two of these streamlined tips so you can get back to the task at hand – enjoying the flight!

Other Upcoming Events

- January 10: Willamette Aviation's "Second Saturday Seminar", Aurora Airport (KAUO). Customer Appreciation Lunch with a YouTube Year in Review! There is a lot to learn from what we find online while being entertained by other people's skill (or folly). A review and discussion along with some tips that should improve your flying skills will be presented at this FAA Wings Credit event. The free presentation starts at 11:00 am.
- January 22: Our Annual Club Business Meeting starting at 6:30 pm at La Margarita Express. Please RSVP to Randy Ireson.
- January 24: Aeronautical Decision Making Skills Pilot Workshop at Willamette Aviation, Aurora Airport (KAUO). This free event starts at 11:00 and is eligible for FAA Wings credit.



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