



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Board Positions Filled

Thank you to those who expressed interest in the vice-president position. Chris Eriksson has been selected to fill the remainder of the vice-president term. Chris' move created an opening in the secretary position, for which Alan Lasneski has been selected to fill for the remainder of the term. Both of these positions will be up for election at next year's Annual Business Meeting.

President:	Isaac Mosgrove
Vice-President:	Chris Eriksson
Treasurer:	Joan Johnson
Secretary:	Alan Lasneski
Safety and Maintenance:	Al Gray

Feel free to contact any Board Member if you have any questions or suggestions. We are here to serve the Club and guide it to continued success.

An Easy Way to Reduce our Costs

As a club, we work hard to keep flying affordable. Our single largest expense is fuel. Last year, we spent approximately \$45,000 in fuel! Although the cost of fuel at Salem has remained high, fuel prices at many other nearby airports has dropped significantly. As examples:

Salem:	\$4.85/gal
McMinnville:	\$3.80/gal
Albany:	\$3.89/gal
Independence:	\$3.99/gal (@ south ramp)
Twin Oaks:	\$3.99/gal

Fueling up at one of the alternate airports can save between \$6/hr and \$12/hr! This savings can help us pay off the engines faster and start doing some of the other cosmetic and avionics upgrades that we all desire.

In addition, fueling at these alternate airports provides a convenient excuse to add a few airports to your list of 2016 airports.

Hopefully the fuel prices in Salem will be more competitive soon, but until then, thank you for helping to keep our costs down!

Kyson Solos!

Congratulations to Kyson Montague on his first solo flight on Thursday evening of February 10th. Kyson has been getting great experience flying in all sorts of Oregon weather this winter. Way to go Kyson!



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 **Chris Eriksson** for inclusion in future newsletters.



After stopping for dinner at Mulino with Chris Eriksson, we flew over Portland and did a night landing at PDX. 4 mile final looks like short final in Salem. That is one BIG runway! It was a great evening to get night currency.

-Submitted by Isaac Mosgrove

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