



Valley Flyers

“Just Plane Fun!”

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Monthly Events!

Valley Flyers is starting to have monthly events to bring the group together to socialize. Some events will be fly-outs, some will just be local to Salem. The first event is set as a breakfast fly-out to Independence on April 23. Book a plane, and take as many passengers as your weight and balance will allow. We are planning to depart Salem at 9 am. We will be doing these types of events every month on the fourth Saturday of each month. So come out, meet your fellow club members, and have a nice flight and good food!

Refueling Reminder

As a club, we work hard to keep flying affordable. 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. Also of important note, Albany gives free cookies when you fuel there!

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

Aircraft Squawks

If you notice any issues with the aircraft that need maintenance, please contact the Valley Flyers board and use the Aircraftclubs.com squawk feature. We will make sure that the equipment is taken care of. Of note, the nitrogen tank in the Cherokee hangar is

not meant for use on aircraft tires. It is only used on aircraft struts. This includes items such as the nose strut on 36H. Please do not attempt to correct strut issues yourself unless you have been properly trained and authorized by the club. If struts are serviced improperly, it can cause damage to the strut which may result in the inability to hold pressure after correct servicing.

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.



Lighthouse on the Oregon Coast

A beautiful sunset flight along the coast from Lincoln City to Newport with a stop in Toledo (5S4) on the way home. ~Submitted by Chris Eriksson

New Club Newsletter Author

Chris Eriksson has taken over the writing of the monthly newsletter. He will be keeping track of airports visited for each member to keep the annual competition running. If you take any fun trips, have any new stories, new finds, or flying wisdom to share, please send them to Chris at Christopher.c.eriksson@gmail.com. Especially if you find a new airport restaurant somewhere!

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