



# Valley Flyers

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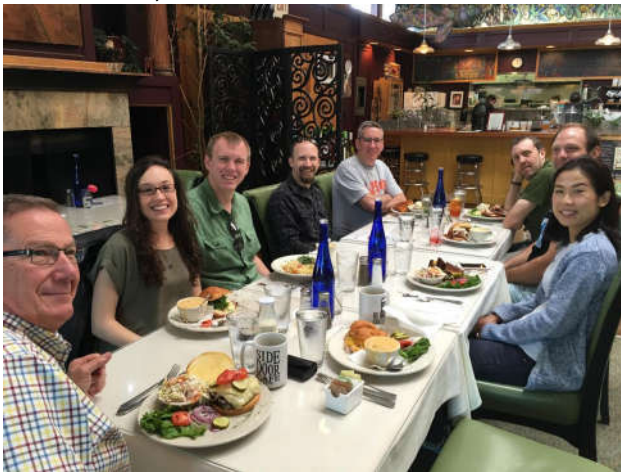
June 2016



## Monthly Events!

June 25<sup>th</sup> will be our next club fly out. This month will be a flight out to Albany (\$12). There is a barbeque at the FBO in Albany, so come hungry! We will plan to depart at 10 am. Book and plane and fill the seats with as many as you are comfortable taking!

Last month we had a great turn out at Siletz Bay with nine people across four aircraft! We ate at Side Door Café, and walked down onto the beach.



## Refueling Reminder

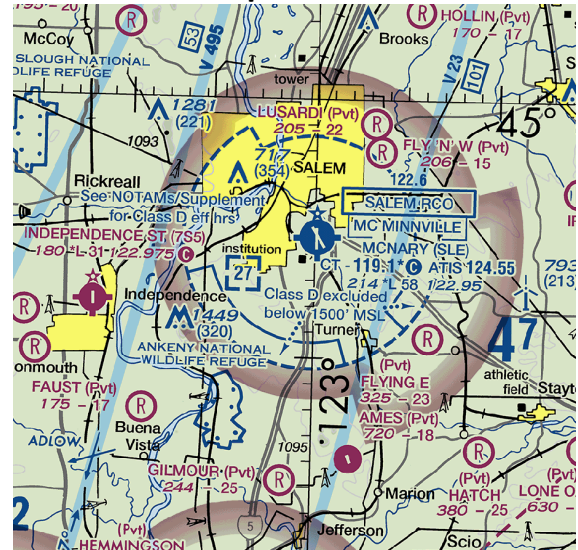
As a club, we work hard to keep flying affordable. Although the cost of fuel at Salem has remained high, fuel prices at many other nearby airports has dropped significantly. As examples:

Salem:	\$4.85/gal
Albany:	\$4.29/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.

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

## New Salem Airspace



Salem airspace was once again changed! This time the radius is decreasing. Be aware of the new airspace does contain airspace shelves. The FAA is now pushing new Class D airspace to have the same types of altitude shelves as Class C and Class B airspace. Unfortunately, the charting of these altitudes is less obvious. Watch for the dotted lines with the arrow to determine where the airspace has an altitude limitation.

However, one downside to the new airspace for those of you who are instrument rated, it was discovered that the LOC/BC approach does not stay within the Class D or Class E airspace, but allows flight into Class G airspace. This is not allowed, and therefore the LOC/BC Rwy 13 approach is no longer authorized until the approach or airspace can change again. Check your NOTAMs!

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.

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*Terrance Hawley drew this image of a Cessna flying through the mountains. The clear skies can be great for mountain flying this time of year, but caution for winds and density altitude.*

## **June Events**

### **Strawberries and BBQ!**

We will be having our annual strawberry and BBQ picnic this June. It will be on Sunday June 12 at 1 pm. We will be bringing out the grills, please bring something to grill, and a side dish and/or dessert.

### **Meeting with Tower**

We are working on setting up a meeting with the tower manager again to give him a chance to get to know us, and us a chance to talk to him and learn anything you want to know about the air traffic control here in Salem or in general! Look for an email with dates for that event!

### **Battleships!**

*By Ron Sterba*

Well the OREGON PILOTS Association (OPA) spurred my enthusiasm to visit 6 airports in Oregon this spring and summer. In August I believe there is the drawing for \$1000 +/- in prizes. I picked Newport for Memorial day flight. Beautiful day for flying and glad to have the Garmin avionics on board 5ED. I received two traffic alerts along the flight. One was not a factor but WHY does another pilot have to pick an even plus 500 feet eastbound at 6500feet (Thanks Garmin! & club!)

Well the cruise down the coast for the downwind to runway 34 at Newport was stunning, and so was the downdraft on short final (Gully whip). Pilots were all very informative on the radio at KONP. Just as OPA said, a car was ready at the FBO. (One of the classy FBOs if I might add!) Just my buddy and I in

the plane. Can I get anybody else to enjoy this day here in Newport, so I texted my friends to come on down. They left Tillamook in his RV9A and were down in 15 minutes to ONP.

Time to head into town. Just got to LOVE the visual of 4 motley looking guys in an old police car where when you park, the front passengers get out and open the back doors from the outside so the despicables can exit. Luck was in my favor, I pulled into first parking lot and there was an empty space right in front. We then went to Moe's for chowder, and our waitress said how about a front picture window table! Whoa! Then we learned the reenactment of old battle ships fighting for the Queen would soon start!

What a day, headed back to the airport and bought some hats at the FBO and left a tip for gas. We lifted off for some whale sightings and picture taking, but the flight back was filled with great sightseeing with flight following Seattle center. I could hear Salem ATIS at altitude on the coast, it's really hard to believe it takes two hours to get to Newport by car when you can see Salem from near Newport. Just a 27-minute flight back. What a day! Thanks to all you club members and instructors and officers for a GREAT club!



## **Hot Weather**

With these hot summer months, remember a couple of hot weather considerations for flying. First and most obvious, hot weather means high density altitudes. Use caution when attempting to cross mountains, or operate out of high elevation airports. If needing to fly over mountains, or out of high elevation airports, try making the trip early or late in the day to avoid the highest temperatures. If the density altitude is high enough, the planes may be unable to takeoff at all!

Also from the hot weather, try to minimize the ground time. Our engines are air-cooled, and without airflow, they may overheat.

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