



# Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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## Christmas Party *By Isaac Mosgrove*

This year's annual Club Christmas Party was once again a wonderful time punctuated with lots of laughs, tons of incredible food, and great conversations. The gifts for the exchange were top-notch. I doubt anyone has ever had as many gifts stolen from them as did Alan Lasneski. Eric Brown's daughter scored a giant (4-lb) chocolate candy bar (she's a smart one...she wouldn't take the dare to eat it all in one day). It was a fantastic and relaxed evening filled with laughter, fun stories (how many forced landings has Frank had? Oh, you mean fixed-wing and rotorcraft?), and connecting with many of the new members and families that have recently joined Valley Flyers.



A huge THANK YOU to Joan and Vern for once again graciously opening their wonderful home to host this year's party. It was a perfect, inviting, and warm environment that was ideal for the party. Below is a picture of some of the amazing food from this year's event (and this crew knows how to prepare and devour great food and desserts).

## Monthly Events

We will try again for our trip to Chehalis for dinner. We will leave on January 14 around 4:30. There is a restaurant for dinner at the golf course across the street, and we will enjoy a nice dinner with a night flight back. Make sure you are night current, or have someone to fly PIC home.

For February we will be flying to Bend to try a new BBQ restaurant on the field for lunch. The restaurant is the Pickled Pig BBQ and Café. We have so few restaurants in the region, it will be great to support this new one! We will be leaving, weather permitting, Saturday February 18th, at 10:30. If weather does not allow, we will try for an alternate location, and try another time to get to Bend.

## Annual Club Business Meeting

We will have our annual club meeting on January 25th at 6:00 pm. We will hold it downstairs at Flight Deck, if you would like food, order ahead of time online or by phone as a to-go order. The club will provide drinks. This year we will be electing for the positions of Vice President, and Secretary. If you are interested in running for either position, contact any board member. This meeting is for the entire club, and participation is important. We will be discussing accomplishments from the past year, presenting the 2017 budget, and reviewing the goals for the next several years. This meeting is also when we vote on any proposed financial or rule changes to the club. If you have any other items of discussion, this is an excellent forum for it. Contact Isaac Mosgrove to add items to the agenda.

## Software Updates

This last month, thanks to the work of Landon Nye, Jacob Pratt, and Chris Eriksson, the software was updated in both N515ED and N12382. This brings some new features to our aircraft that will improve the usage. Following is a list of new features:

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**Pinch Zooming** – The GTN navigators now recognize multi-touch inputs for zooming. So any map page can use pinch zooming like phones or tablets.

**User Defined Holds** – The GTN navigators now include the ability to create your own holds on any defined location. This menu is available on any direct to popup. This allows you to create completely customizable holds.

**Radio and Transponder Control Update** – In 5ED, the radio, audio panel, and transponder controls are now available immediately upon turning on the avionics master switch.

**Track Vector** – The GTNs now will display the projected GPS track for a configurable distance. This is based on your current GPS track and groundspeed.



*KSLE after snow with ground fog – Chris Eriksson*

## **New Avionics Units!**

Both N515ED and N12382 also had new units installed. Both aircraft now have Flight Stream 510 multi-media cards installed. These cards are WiFi, Bluetooth cards that interface from the panel mounted avionics to tablets. If running Garmin Pilot or ForeFlight, flight plans can be transferred from the tablet to the GTN, and vice versa. Connect to the Flight Streams after starting the GTNs by going into the Utilities page, and then Connex Setup. Now you should be able to search for nearby Bluetooth devices from your tablet and find the Flight Stream 510 device. Connect to it, which will require acknowledgement on both the GTN and your tablet. After that, your tablet should be paired, and will take the position data from the GTN to be more accurate on your tablet. The tablet will also get traffic and weather data in 5ED from the GDL 88, giving you the best possible information available to you throughout your flight.

## **New Members**

**Doug Brenizer** - I grew up in San Bernardino, CA, and learned to appreciate flying from my father who was an officer in the Army Air Corps during WWII. I got my very first airplane ride with Art Scholl who was a professor at the same Junior College where my dad taught. I originally got my private pilots license in 1987 after joining the Salem Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. My instructor was John MaCauley who, at the time, was an icon in the local flying community. Joe Bello was commander of the Salem CAP Squadron at the time and called on me often to fly the squadron's C-150 (8401J) to various CAP functions around the state. I realized later that it was probably more a case of no one else wanting to fly 01J than one of Joe taking care of me but in any event, I was able to build up a lot of time in a short period while with the CAP. I later joined Western Wings which, at the time, was based at Salem as well. Western Wings had a couple of C-172s and a Beech Sport and an instructor named Wayne Mooreland who most of the local aviation family knew because of his position as the "Bear in the Air" (the Chief Pilot for the Oregon State Police). I flew with Western Wings until 1995 when I joined Valley Flyers and was checked out in N12382 by Ed Moore on July 19th 1995. Then on July 28th I checked out in N7550X and later 5156H.

New responsibilities at work required me to start traveling on a regular basis and, unfortunately, that left very little time for flying. After retiring in August of 2015, I set one of my post retirement goals at getting my pilot's license up to date and getting back in the air now that I actually have time enough to do it. After getting some terrific instruction from Bob Hidley, I was able to pass my BFR on November 3rd and my third class medical on the same date. Although a little rusty after a 15 year layoff, I'm looking forward to getting back in the air and getting up to speed on all the changes and innovations in technology that have occurred in the last 15 years. I'm glad to be back with Valley Flyers, Inc. We've always enjoyed well maintained airplanes and great members.

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