



# Valley Flyers

*"Just Plane Fun!"*

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## Monthly Events

The March flyout will be a trip up to McMinnville for the museum. We will plan to fly out on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>, leaving Salem at 11 am. Weather permitting we will fly up to McMinnville and enjoy the museum for a few hours. If you have never been to Evergreen Aviation Museum to see the Spruce Goose and the multiple other aircraft they have in their collection, you are truly missing out. They have a wide variety of not just aircraft, but also a spacecraft area as well. Come enjoy it with fellow aviators!

Well our club trip to Bend did not work out so well in February on account of snow in Bend, and lower ceilings in the valley. The restaurant out there is good, so let's try that again for April. The restaurant is the Pickled Pig BBQ and Café. We will be leaving, weather permitting, Saturday April 15th, at 10:00 am.

## John Barringer Returns as Instructor

*By John Barringer, ATP, CFII*

Hi folks. I'm back in Salem after a brief career flying for a Part 135 airline. Unfortunately, the company I was working for went out of business not too long after I got "on the line".

I was flying a Cessna Caravan EX, and when I started everyone said it's just like flying a big Skylane. Turns out, that's like saying King Kong is just a big monkey! It's almost 42 feet long, with a 52 foot wingspan, and almost 15 feet tall at the tail. It has an 867 horsepower turboprop engine, and carries a crew of two plus up to nine passengers. It has a ladder to climb up to the cockpit (which I fell off of once, but that's another story); and without it, there was no way I could mount up, the floor of the cockpit hit me mid-chest!

I was originally hired to fly PDX to PDT, but as it turned out, I ended up being based in Memphis, TN flying to Houston, TX and 3 towns in Arkansas until operations ceased. It was late summer, so lots of thunderstorms and cells to dodge, and plenty hot –

temps and humidity's both in the 90's. Thank goodness they're air-conditioned!



I'm still hoping to get another flying gig, but in the mean time I'm back in the club and available for flight instruction. Hope to see you around the hangars soon.

## Donation Flight

*By Joan Johnson*



On occasion I have donated a flight to be bid on at an auction. This offers a great opportunity for an organization to raise funds and for me to introduce aviation to someone new. I have had the joy of taking a grandfather, son and grandson, another time it was an 80+ year old woman who had always wanted to fly and never had the opportunity.

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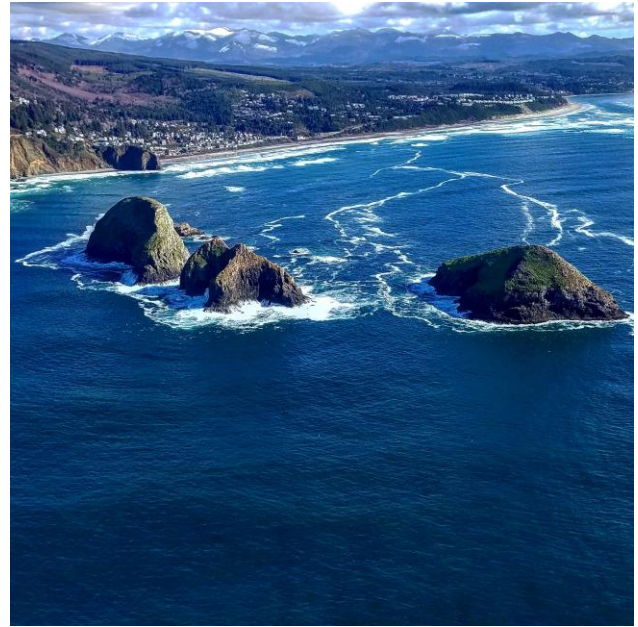
This last Saturday the high bid on the flight went to a young couple. She is new to the area, he is a teacher at West High and Corban College. Their hope was to fly both during the day and at night. We started out before sunset and in the twilight fueled at Independence. We then continued our evening flight after dark. We all had a blast. They took a ton of pictures and had a great time. As you might guess he did inquire what time and cost it takes to learn to fly. Perhaps we'll see him join us.



## Oregon Coast Flight

*By Chris Eriksson*

February was a tough month to get the minimum one hour in, but there were a few good days for it. One Saturday in particular was an excellent day for it, so Sam Ewen and I took 574 out for a flight along the coast to get an hour each. We cruised over the broken layer of clouds to the coast and dropped down near Lincoln City.



*The rocks near Tillamook – Chris Eriksson*

From Lincoln city we flew north along the coast watching for any life in the water. Turns out, there are sea lions everywhere right now. We saw dozens of them out in the open water swimming along, and had fantastic views of the cliffs along the coastline. Finally we found what we were hoping for though, as one grey whale popped up beneath us. We watched it for a minute, then continued north to Nehalem Bay. Nehalem Bay is one of the most fun airports along the Oregon coast. We made a few laps to practice, and then returned to Salem. We saw another whale on the way back, or possibly the same whale a second time around. Hard to tell really! Made for an excellent flight and an easy two hours of flying!



*Cascade Head – Chris Eriksson*

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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