



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Monthly Events

Our July fly out will be to Packwood, WA (55S) on July 17th. Packwood is a beautiful airport tucked into a valley in the mountains, and is within walking distance of the town. The runway is newly paved, and will be opening a few weeks before our arrival, so it should be a great opportunity to enjoy a smooth runway. It is also near several other mountain airports, including Tieton State and Ranger Creek in case you want to try a few while up in that beautiful area!

Strawberry Shortcake and BBQ Picnic

We will be having our annual BBQ and Strawberry Shortcake day on June 17 at our hangar. Every year, we have a BBQ, and delicious strawberry shortcake. We ask everyone who comes to bring a side dish so we have plenty of food for everyone. It is always a fun time to get together and get to know your fellow club members.

New Private Pilot!

Congrats to Mark Neubauer passing his private pilot checkride. He earned his private pilots license in the N515ED on 5/4/17. Congratulations Mark!



Mark and Lisa after he passed his checkride!

He managed to get his checkride done just in time, as only three days later, he and his wife Alison, another club member, had their first child! Congratulations Alison and Mark, can't wait to see Peter (future pilot as well of course!) at the next club event!



Peter Edwin Neubauer, born 5/7/2017

Other Fly Outs

Washington Pilot's Association Calendar of events. The Washington Pilot's Association (WPA) has multiple events every month including Friday Harbor Flyouts, and fly outs to Desert Aire. Go to <http://www.wpaflys.org/calendar.html> to see a full list of events. They always welcome more participants, so check out the list when looking for places to fly.

Aurora Aviation is once again hosting the Collins Foundation at KUAO on June 16th. In the past, they have brought up the B17 for rides. Stop by Aurora Aviation to see what they bring up this year!

Salem Drive in Fly in- On June 9th and June 10th, the B17 Alliance group in Salem is having a fly in. A P38 and P51 will be among the expected warbirds! Come see these old warbirds up close!

If you ever have an event you would like to go to and want some company, send an email to Chris Eriksson at Christopher.c.eriksson@gmail.com and it will be added to the next newsletter. You can also send an email to the club or any board member and they will help spread word around!

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Trip Ideas!

In case you ever are lost for where to go or what to do with a club plane, here are some ideas to get you started...

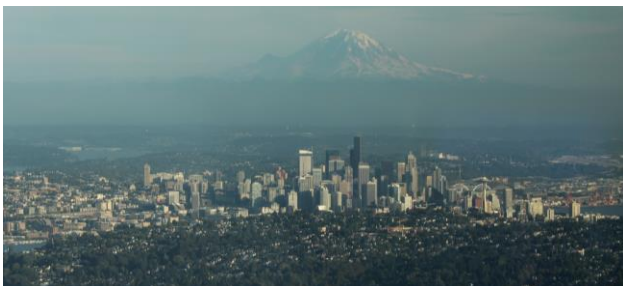
Beach Trip: Siletz Bay, Pacific City, Nehalem Bay, and Seaside are all within walking distance of the beach. If you want to go a bit farther, Ocean Shores in Washington is also within a short walk from the beach, and Newport has a loaner car you can drive to the beach or into town with.

Mountain Trips: The beach is fun, but can get foggy, and on those days, the mountains are often completely clear. Flying into Sisters to enjoy some mountain air and walk around the town. Prospect Oregon is the closest airport to Crater Lake, and even has a hiking trail that starts on the airport and walks down to a beautiful waterfall. Ranger Creek Washington is right at the base of Mt. Rainier and gives you a chance for some beautiful views and a scenic flight over Mt. St. Helens on the way.



The inside of Mt St Helens – Chris Eriksson

Island Hopping: If you have never made the trip up to the San Juan Islands, you are missing out! Many of the islands have airports, and are only a short walk from the airport to town. The scenery is amazing, and you can fly into one of the most beautiful areas of the northwest.



Downtown Seattle – Chris Eriksson

Camping: Sometimes one day isn't quite enough, and in those cases, why not fly up to Tieton State, Washington, or Nehalem Bay for airplane camping

opportunities. Many airports allow camping, Prospect is one that allows it with prior permission from the airport manager who lives next to the runway and will make sure there is a grill ready for you. Not to mention Idaho is only a short flight away, and has ample camping airports.



Nehalem bay, the campground just behind the plane – Chris Eriksson

Meeting with Tower

By Alan Lasneski

On our May 24th meeting we met with the Rob from the tower at the Sizzler restaurant. We had a great dinner and I lost count how many showed up but my last count had about 20 members present. After we ate and had many dinner discussions, Rob gave us a presentation on TALPA which is the Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment initiative.

The Takeoff and Landing Performance Assessment (TALPA) initiative aims to reduce the risk of runway overruns by providing airport operators with a method to accurately and consistently determine the runway condition when a paved runway is not dry. This information will enable airplane operators, pilots, and flight planners to determine the distance required to stop on a wet or contaminated paved runway in a more accurate way.

You may hear these broadcasted on ATIS as a three-digit runway condition code (RwyCC) when the paved runway surfaces are more than 25% covered by: water, frost, snow, slush, and or ice. There are three digits which each digit corresponds to the runway divided up into thirds. The numbers will range from 1 to 6. Where 1 is Poor breaking action to 6 which is the runway is clear (when all thirds are 6 it is not reported on ATIS). The numbers are directly related to the pilot reported braking action where 1 is Poor, 2 = Medium to Poor, 3 = Medium, 4 = Good to Medium, 5 = Good, and

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6 = no reports.

After this presentation Rob indulged us with opening the floor to any questions we had. It ranged from goose poop and its braking action, to Honey Buckets loose on the runway and taxiways, and of course everything in between. It was a fun and educational evening, and we thanked Rob for attending and talking with us.

I hope you all can make the next club meeting, they are always entertaining, educational and fun.

Summer Storms

While we don't get many thunderstorms in the valley, you can see thunderstorms build over the cascades and in eastern Oregon. On warm days, keep an eye out for clouds that begin to grow vertically. This vertical development is a sign of instability that creates thunderstorms. When you see vertical development from a distance, stay at least 40 nm away from it.



Storms building over a mountain – Chris Eriksson

One challenge however is when you are already under a cloud deck and storms build above you. In these cases, it is rare to see the full growth of the storm system, and you are more like to just see clouds darkening, and a textured bottom appear on the clouds.



Storm from underneath – Chris Eriksson

Enjoy your summer flying, but keep an eye out for cloud formation and rapid cloud growth, that may be a sign it is time to get back to the ground.

MMV Closure

It seems I say this a lot, but check your NOTAMs! The main runway at KMMV is closed for the entire summer. Multiple taxiways are also closed, and the ILS has been placed out of service for the duration. Always check your NOTAMs!

Hangar Care

Just a few reminders as we enter peak flying season about taking care of our hangars. You do not need to close the hangar doors if you are out on a short flight, but if you plan to be gone overnight, please do close the hangar doors. To avoid getting too much debris in the hangars, do not try to turn the aircraft to line up with the hangar. And finally, ensure the door locks are raised on the Skyhawk hangars before closing the doors. If they drag on the ground and fall into place with the doors still moving, they tend to bend and jam the door shut.

Airport Guess



Terrance Hawley regularly draws an airport on the back of his bill when sending it in to Joan, any ideas what airport this one is? Send your guesses to Joan!

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.