



Valley Flyers

“Just Plane Fun!”

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Monthly Events

The August Fly Out will be a flight out to Sunriver Oregon (S21) on August 12th departing Salem at 9 am. Sunriver is a beautiful area, and the airport has loaner bikes you can ride into town. Enjoy some high altitude flying and a beautiful town!



Sunriver Airport – Chris Eriksson

For September, our fly out will be to Hood River on September 9th. The Hood River fly in starts at 9 am Saturday. Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) is based on the field in Hood River, and is comprised of incredibly unique aircraft. WAAAM celebrates that weekend every year for the anniversary of museum founding. The WAAAM website, www.waaamuseum.org outlines the schedule for the weekend. It is a busy fly in, and fully review the notes for pilots flying in. Come out and celebrate with WAAAM, and see some truly unique aircraft!

A Trip Filled With Firsts ...

By Alan Lasneski

I recently flew a cross country trip with Chris Eriksson to Bellingham Washington which was filled with many firsts in a complex plane for a cross country trip [1]. To make this read easier every time I did a first I'll put a number in brackets []. We left Albany (S12) at 8:30am [2] to Bellingham (KBLI), on this leg we crossed the Chinook B MOA [2].



Olympic Mountains – Chris Eriksson

We picked up flight following and flew directly over Whidbey Island Naval Airbase [3]. They have a lot of F/A -18E Super Hornets sitting on the tarmac – just waiting to scramble as soon as I messed up. After crossing over the Whidbey Approach controlled area we started down for Bellingham and crossed a lot of water [4]. Landed in Bellingham [5] which wind was 10 gusting to 17 and I remembered to extend the landing gear at a long-distance airport [6]. We talked to a pilot flying a Cessna Latitude with a G5000 as we were waiting to fill up on fuel at the FBO. Bellingham is so far the closest I have flown to Canada [7].



Puget Sound north of Whidbey – Chris Eriksson

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We then took off to Orcas Island (ORS) and landed in EastSound [8] and had a nice 10-minute walk over to Madrona Grill for lunch [9]. It was a great lunch and the food was fantastic. After lunch, we took off out of Orcas Island over to Whidbey Island just past the restricted area [10] down Camano Island to the west of Seattle under the Class Bravo space [11] so we could see Down town Seattle [12], the Space Needle [13], Boeing Field [14], and then Seattle-Tacoma International Airport [15]. We could see the planes lined up for coming into Seattle airport.



East Sound airport (KORS) – Chris Eriksson

We continued down over Vashon Island [16] and thought about flying over McChord Air Force Base, we looked on the sectional and couldn't find any restrictions so while we were still a good 15 or so miles out gave them a call and asked if VFR traffic could transition through their airspace. After a few seconds of silence and what sounded like someone keying the microphone and then it dropping and then picked back up we got a short reply "Roger". OK, that's not the answer we were expecting. We continued our way towards the airspace discussing if they were going to scramble the jets after us. I said I don't think they will scramble the jets, we are headed right for them, they will just wait for us to come to them. We gave them a call a few miles from their airspace again and told them exactly what we wanted to do. "McChord AFB 4958J would like to transition your airspace at 2300 North to South" [17]. This time we got a better answer "4958J transition approved squawk NNNN".



San Juan Islands – Chris Eriksson

After flying over and seeing all the C-17 Globemaster III's, and there were a lot of them, we headed over to Mt Saint Helens [18]. We climbed up to 10,800 feet [19] and flew over the rim and took pictures.



Mt. St. Helens – Chris Eriksson

From there we turned south and started our gradual descent back to Albany passing directly over PDX [20], crossing overhead at about 5000, there were no aircraft coming in or leaving PDX as we passed overhead. We landed safely back in Albany and it was an awesome trip, and yes, I remembered to lower the landing gear before landing [20].

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.

First Solo!

Congratulations to Ian Guthrie for successfully completing his first solo flight! He completed the solo on the morning of July 21.



Ian at solo – John Barringer

Club BBQ

By Isaac Mosgrove

Thank you to all who made it to the Annual Club BBQ and Strawberry Shortcake gathering on June 17th. The weather was perfect, and the food and strawberries were just right. It was fun to watch planes land, get to know each other more, share fun stories, and cause a bit of mischief. Brad from the tower and a few other pilots around the airport also joined us. We also celebrated as John cut Jordan's shirt tail to celebrate his solo flight. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next club event!



Ceremonial Shirt Cutting – Isaac Mosgrove

Eclipse!

August 21 we will be the center viewing point for an incredible phenomenon. We are in the path of totality for the total eclipse. At 10:17 am, Salem will begin its totality. We will enjoy a full one minute and 54 seconds of totality. In this time, the entirety of the sun will be obscured by the moon, which will

leave it dark enough to look up and see stars in the sky. The eclipse totality follows a path from Lincoln City area, past Salem, and onwards past Madras. There will be many aircraft flying into Salem to watch the eclipse, and Salem airport is planning for have events going on that morning for all the visitors. Expect the area to be extremely busy, and there to be significant air traffic during the eclipse as well, but come out and meet some new friends at the Salem airport!

STOL Expo!

By Isaac Mosgrove

On Sept 2nd, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 292 will be hosting the fly-in "STOL EXPO". It will be focused on STOL (Short Takeoff and Landing) type aircraft on display, and the premier event, a limited STOL competition for high performance purpose built aircraft and experienced pilots. **Oregon's Independence airport**, will be closed to regular aircraft traffic from 2pm to 4pm for the exclusive use of participating competition aircraft. **General Public Invited**, it may be a fly-in, but make no mistake... this is not your average fly-in. This EXPO is definitely designed for everyone, young and old, curious and bold... bring a lawn chair, leave with a smile! We have Polish hotdogs, new EXPO T-shirts and hats at bargain prices, airplane noises and a genuine spectacle of high performance aircraft up close and personal. We ask that all walk-in public read the handout "Safety diagram". It clearly shows a green boundary line and viewing area monitored for your safety. Please stay within the green boundary markings. And follow usual etiquette, dogs on leashes, no smoking around aircraft... and have fun! THANK YOU!

Star Duster Café is open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Boy Scouts will be selling great hotdogs after.

Eclipse Volunteers Needed

By Isaac Mosgrove

The Salem airport is busy preparing for the eclipse event on August 21. At this point, all aircraft parking spots have been reserved and there is a wait list of airplanes wanting to land at Salem for the event.

Ron at Salem Air Center is coordinating all of the parking logistics for the event and is looking for volunteers to help with parking to make this event go smoothly for all of our visitors. Volunteers will receive training, and food will be provided. If you are able to help with this fun historic event, please contact Ron at 503-364-0111.

Note regarding landing at Salem for the eclipse:

Only those with a PPR Number (Prior Permission Required) will be allowed to land and park in Salem during the eclipse. All others can land, but will not be allowed to park and must depart immediately. Aircraft hangared at KSLE are not affected.

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