



Valley Flyers

“Just Plane Fun!”

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Meeting with the Tower

We will be having our annual meeting with the tower on Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00 pm at Sizzler on Lancaster. One of the controllers will be there to discuss various topics and an open Q&A session so you can ask all the questions you have always wanted to know about operating in our delta airspace. This is a great opportunity to learn how we can better work with the tower, and make sure we are doing what they want to make the airspace a friendly place. The tower is looking forward to connecting with us again and to meet many of our new members. This is highly recommended for everyone. Please RSVP to Isaac so he can estimate seats needed.

Monthly Events

For May, we will do a fly out to Sunriver, and see if the weather is better this time around! We will plan to fly out and spend the day in Sunriver. It is a beautiful town with loaner bikes at the airport. The flyout will take place on May 12th, leaving at 9 am. Enjoy a stunning mountainous flight to eastern Oregon, and all the town has to offer!



Sunriver Airport – Chris Eriksson

For June, we will do a fly out to Ranger Creek (21W) near Mt. Rainier. We tried to do a fly out there last year, but the snow stopped us. To hope for better luck, we will do the fly out on June 30th, leaving at 930 in the morning. The departure time

may change based on the weather for the day, as Ranger Creek is at a higher altitude, and density altitude will definitely come into play. Plan to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy flying into the mountain airstrip. The flight will take us over Mt. St. Helens, past Mt. Rainier, and we will land at its base!



Ranger Creek Final Approach

Membership Accomplishments

It has been a great month for our membership! Several of our members have taken their flying qualifications to the next step.

Ramesh Bala finished his private pilot certificate! He trained with Al and worked extremely hard to finish the certificate. He flew in 5ED for his checkride.

Chuck Funrue also finished his private pilot certificate. He also worked with Al in 5ED. Between Chuck and Ramesh, I don't think the Skyhawks had a day without at least one reservation! They both were out there every day the weather allowed. Way to go!

Alan Lasneski has been working hard on his commercial certificate and finished his checkride in the Piper Arrow out of Albany. He trained with Chris and took his checkride with Lisa.

Ian Guthrie finished his checkride at the end of April in the Cherokee. He has been working with Todd Lindley to get ready for that checkride and flew with Lisa for the actual checkride.

Way to go everyone, and congratulations! These

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checkrides are all culminations of hard work, commitment, and a desire to learn!

Aircraft Upgrade Status

We brought 382 back a few weeks ago with the new GTX 345 ADS-B In and Out transponder. Thank you to Vern for flying us down to pick it up, and to Alison for flying 382 back up to Salem.

Now that 382 is ADS-B in and out equipped, you will be able to see traffic and weather information on the GTN 650. Also, other aircraft will now be able to see 382 on their displays. So enjoy the added situational awareness, and another plane is ready for the 2020 mandate!

The new interior pieces for 5ED have arrived. We are looking for a good time to start the upgrade process. Soon, we will have a nicely refinished Skyhawk.



Coeur d'Alene from a Baron – Chris Eriksson

Commercial Pilot Changes

The FAA made an exciting announcement that affects the capabilities of our club. Commercial pilot and flight instructor candidates no longer need to do their checkrides in a complex aircraft. This drastically cuts down the time needed in complex aircraft, and allows members to do the majority of their training in the club planes for these advanced ratings. It does not remove the requirement for a commercial pilot to log 10 hours of flight time in a complex aircraft, but since you don't need to do the checkride in it, the change will greatly reduce the cost to get your commercial or CFI. So enjoy this change in regulation that will allow for more flexibility with advanced ratings!

WINGS Program Overview

Many of you have heard about the FAA Safety Team WINGS program, but most club members I spoke to have not taken any of the WINGS courses. The WINGS program can be an excellent tool to keep current on not just flying, but ground knowledge as well. And if used correctly, can

remove the need for a traditional flight review.

All pilots are eligible to participate in the WINGS program, and successful completion of a current phase of the program will remove the need to complete a flight review. Every time a phase of the WINGS program is completed, it counts as a restart for your flight review clock.

Phases of the WINGS program consist of both knowledge and flight tasks. These tasks correspond to common accident factors to help improve safety within aviation. The courses have excellent information that will teach you something. The knowledge courses can be online courses, in person courses, or ground tasks with a flight instructor. The flight portions require you to go fly with a CFI and meet certain requirements. For instance, the basic WINGS phase consists of three knowledge tasks and three flight tasks. These tasks could be things such as completing an instrument proficiency check, or as simple as traffic pattern work with a few different landings. More details about how the WINGS program works can be found in Advisory Circular 61-91J.

One major benefit is that the flight portions can be spread across the two years. You could even incorporate that into your monthly hour of flying, and spread your flight review over a year. Check out the impressive library of courses the FAA has provided free to you, they will help with keeping your flight review current, and your knowledge sharp. The WINGS program can be found at www.FAASafety.gov.



A visitor to Salem

Strawberry Shortcake and BBQ Picnic

We will have our annual Strawberry shortcake and BBQ in June. This event is always a ton of fun, and a great way to meet fellow club members. The date is still to be determined, as we need to find when the strawberries will be ready! Keep an eye out for the email and hope to see you there!

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