



Valley Flyers

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Monthly Events

For an October event, we will fly out to Packwood, WA (55S) and walk into town for lunch. We will fly out on October 20th, leaving at 9 am. Packwood is in a valley in the cascades, which should provide some nice scenery in the fall. The flight up goes right past Mt. St. Helens and up over the Cascades!



Packwood Airport-WSDOT

For November, we will have a fly out to Pacific City on November 3rd. We will leave at 11:00 am, and stay until early afternoon. Pacific City is a great little airport right on the coast. It is a short walk to the beach, and the runway is in the town of Pacific City. It is a short runway though, at only 1800 ft long. Take this great opportunity to practice short field landings! We will share aircraft between members and be sure someone in each plane is comfortable with this field.



Pacific City Airport on approach

Members Accomplishments

This has been a big month for several of our members! **Michael Looper** passed his private pilot checkride this month. He completed his training here with Todd Lindley and passed his checkride in 382 on 9/17!



Michael Looper after completing his checkride!

Steve Roderick took his private pilot checkride this month too! He flew with Todd Lindley and finished his checkride with Lisa in 382 on 9/24!



Steve Roderick after finishing his private checkride!

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Jack Burton is working on his private pilot certificate with Todd Lindley, and this month had his first solo! He took his first flight alone on 9/20 in 382, and is well on his way to getting his private!



Jack Burton after his first solo!

Upcoming Events

- Every Friday Morning: **Lenhardt's for Donuts, Lenhardt (759)**. All are welcome starting at 9 am.
- 1st Saturday of the month: **Breakfast fly-in at Starks Twin Oaks Airport (753)**. 8:00-10:00 am for only \$7 (\$3 youth).
- 3rd Saturday of the month: **Breakfast fly-in at Creswell Hobby Airport (77S)**. 9:00-10:00 am all you can eat for \$5.
- 4th Saturday of the month: **Lunch fly-in at Infinite Air Service, Albany Airport (S12)**. Noon-2pm. Drop in, have lunch, socialize, and get low-cost fuel.

2018 Orcas Island Fly-in

By Todd Lindley

The first weekend in August, the Eastsound EAA chapter sponsors a fly-in and campout at KORS. KORS is located on Eastsound in the San Juan Islands, WA. I have attended several times over the last decade and this year, I invited a couple of passengers to fly up and camp out with us. The 182 was our aircraft of choice as it can typically handle four passengers and camping gear. When we fly as a family of four with full fuel and cargo, the 182 is well within loading limits. But this year we had two non-family members who had their own camping gear and along with their combined passenger weight required some scrutiny in aircraft loading. After punching in the numbers in the Garmin Pilot W&B and using the 'Quick Set Fuel' option, we we're good to go with 56 gallons of fuel and all of our stuff, while remaining just under max weight and within the flight envelope.



We loaded the airplane with two tents, four sleeping bags, camp chairs and miscellaneous items, and departed KSLE late Saturday morning for the planned two-hour flight. The flight north bound took us over Olympia, Bremerton, Port Townsend and then after getting a clearance with Whidbey NAS, we transitioned the class C airspace into the San Juan's. You can navigate into the San Juan's around the class C airspace, but on a weekend, traffic in that area can be pretty crazy so getting some radar services is a good idea. We probably had half a dozen traffic advisories from the controller while crossing the Strait of Juan De Fuca into Eastsound. After getting dropped by Whidbey we setup for a right pattern for runway 34 at KORS.

When we landed, there were a lot of airplanes and tents lining the taxiway and we were marshalled into a spot on the grass where we pushed the airplane in and setup camp.



After getting the campsite situated, we made the short walk into town for a late lunch and a trip to the grocery store to pick up snacks. One of the things I like best about this fly-in is that EAA hosts a pot-luck dinner on Friday and Saturday night and the Orcas fire department hosts a pancake breakfast at the fire

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station across the street from the airport on Saturday and Sunday morning so you don't have to pack a lot of food for the trip.



After a nice lunch at a local cantina in town called Mijitas, we walked back to the airport for some relaxing time at the campsite and to enjoy looking at all the different

airplanes including some vintage models.

The next morning, we grabbed breakfast at the fire station and packed up the airplane for our next stop on the San Juan adventure.



The plan was to do some kayaking and we had planned to fly to Friday Harbor and rent some kayaks for a few hours to tool around the harbor. But after checking the weather, KFHR was fogged in with a 100' overcast. Fortunately, the marine layer in the San Juan's doesn't affect all of the islands all the time as KORS was clear and so was Roche Harbor (WA09). With that info we departed Orcas and made the 10-minute flight to Roche where we rented some kayaks and paddled around the marina and adjacent waters. Post kayaking, we grabbed some lunch at the Marina and headed home to KSLE.



Arrival into WA09



Parked at WA09 (yes, that is a Kenmore Air Caravan parked next to 70574)



Lastly, if you haven't been to the San Juan's, you've got to put it on your destination to-do list as it's only a 2-2.5-hour flight from KSLE and such a magical place in the summer. There are numerous airports in the San Juan's, but three airports (KFHR, KORS, and WA09) all are within walking distance to restaurants, shops and lodging. Or, bring a tent and sleep under the wing at KORS.



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Pictures from the East Sound Fly In – Todd Lindley

Jordan Chicken Dinner

By Isaac Mosgrove



If you've never been to the Jordan Chicken Dinner Run, then you're missing out. September 23rd was the 84th annual fundraiser for the Our Lady of Lourds Church in Jordan, which is SE of Stayton in the spectacularly beautiful Jordan Valley. I loaded up N12382 and followed a flock of airplanes from all over Oregon streaming into Gillette Field, a beautiful private grass airport in Jordan, Oregon. We spent the afternoon checking out the 77 airplanes, over 500 incredible hot rods and classic cars, and fun vendor booths. They served up a deliciously filling chicken lunch which was \$15 per plate (but free for each pilot that flew in). For me, this is a must-attend event every year.



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