



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Monthly Events

For January, we will have our fly out to Tacoma Narrows for some pizza at the Hub. We will depart at 4 pm on January 19th. It will be dark, so make sure someone in the plane will be night current, and enjoy the flight to the Puget Sound. They make a great pizza, and for the person not flying back, they do serve local beers as well. The flight there can be very beautiful at night, flying over PDX, along I5 to Olympia, and across the sound with the Seattle area in view.

For February, we will go for a common favorite and weather permitting hop over the cascades out to Bend for lunch at the Pickled Pig. Plan for Sunday the 17th of February, leaving at 11:00 am. Hopefully the weather will be good enough, and we can make the hop over the mountains. It is a beautiful flight there over the snowcapped peaks, and the food is good!



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Annual Business Meeting (January 16th)!

This year's annual club meeting to cover general business and officer elections will be on Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm at La Margarita Express (515 Chemeketa Street NE). We'll have a chance to meet the many new members that joined this year, provide overall updates on the club and our financials, discuss what we've accomplished over the last year, hold officer elections, discuss plans for the future (including proposed changes), and discuss other business that you wish to bring up.

Elections for the Vice-President and Secretary Office will be held. If you have interest in serving on the Board, please contact any of the board members for more information on these positions: Isaac Mosgrove (President), Chris Eriksson (Vice-President), Joan Johnson (Treasurer), Alan Lasneski (Secretary), or Al Gray (Safety and Maintenance).

If you know of special topics, proposals, or concerns that you'd like to discuss, please contact Isaac so that we can be sure that they are on the agenda.

Although an RSVP is not required, please let Isaac know if you plan to attend so that we can provide the restaurant with an estimated head count.

Club Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who came and made this year's annual Club Christmas Party so much fun. It was great to see the new and old members and families relaxed, visiting, and laughing. The food was amazing, both in taste and quantity! The gift exchange was awesome, and I think Simon set a new record for having the most gifts stolen. Special thank you to Joan and Vern for once again generously opening their warmly decorated home for the party. Also, many thanks to everyone who jumped in and helped clean up.



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Welcome More New Members

Joshua McKinney - Hi, my name is Joshua McKinney, I moved to Salem from Atlanta Georgia this June and I'm very excited to be flying again. I am originally from the southeast. I grew up in Florida and learned to fly while living in Tennessee. I got my private certificate in 2011. I had always been interested in flying but I decided to become a pilot after going up with my cousin who was a pilot. In 2013 I volunteered to live in Guyana South America with a family who was involved in mission aviation. My job was to homeschool their kids but I still got to ride in the plane once a month or so. Flying with an experienced pilot made me want to improve my flying skills. When I had an opportunity in 2016, I added an instrument rating and a commercial certificate. Today I mostly fly for fun. However, I am now working toward my CFI as I'm excited to share flying with others. This is the third flying club I've been a member of and I have enjoyed each one of them. I'm looking forward to meeting and flying with all of you.



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Jack Burton - Hello! I'm Jack, I started flying with the club around April last year. I've been slowly working towards my Private Pilot License with Todd Lindley. I've always wanted to get a pilot's license since I was a little kid in upstate New York, where I lived directly under the final approach for one of the Stratton Air Base runways. C-130's used to fly over my house at a little less than 1000 feet doing touch-and-goes, so it was tough to not become obsessed with aircraft.

However, the price tag of learning to fly was always a hinderance, so instead I got into the much more affordable aviation hobby of model aircraft. While getting a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, I really enjoyed competing on the Design-Build-Fly team and building different kinds of model airplanes and multicopters. After I graduated from school and began

working as an engineer for Garmin, I was excited to dive deeper into aviation and start flying with the club.

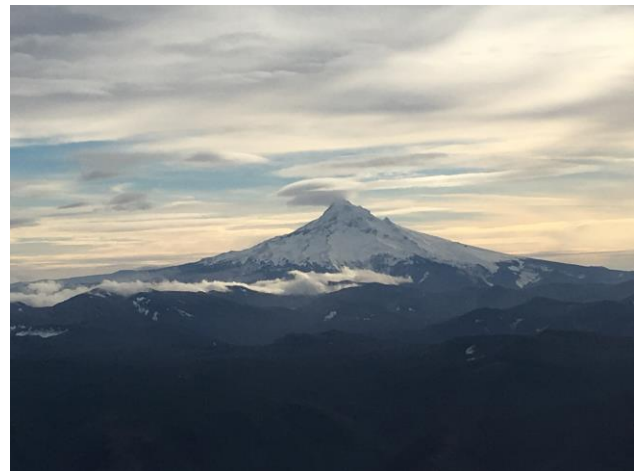
I've now got a little over 35 hours and have done my first XC flight, but it seems it can be hard to find nice VFR weather this time of year. I'm looking forward to getting my license in the coming months and an IFR rating in the future.



Mt Hood in the clouds – Max Duke

Adding to our Fleet?

This year has seen continued growth in the number of new members that have joined Valley Flyers. As we look to our future, the Board has decided it's time to add another aircraft to our fleet rather than limit our membership growth. Before you get too excited, we can't afford the insurance on a complex, tail-dragger, float, amphibious, or rotor-wing aircraft. However, adding another C172 M model (or later) would probably be best for our membership and for keeping our cost of flying low. Maybe you know someone who doesn't yet know that they want to sell their airplane and join a flying club. If you are aware of an aircraft that may be a good candidate, please let a Board member know.



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First Solo

Congratulations to David Handy for his first solo! David solo'd on 12/19 in 382. He has been flying with Max Duke several times a week to get ready. Well done!



David Handy with 382 after his first solo

ADs and Other Maintenance

We all should know by now about what maintenance is required, and what to do about Airworthiness Directives, but I want to take a few moments to talk about how they affect each of us in the club. So let's talk first about ADs, and how you can know as pilot in command that they have been complied with. Each of the club planes have a sheet of paper on the aircraft time log that lists when the ADs were last complied with and when they are due again. Before each flight, check the book and ensure that the ADs are still within compliance. If they are not, the aircraft is not airworthy and we must get it in for maintenance. The board members check the hours on the planes regularly, but especially in the summer months, it is not uncommon for the Skyhawks to need an AD check every month. So if you notice it is getting close, please contact a board member and we will get it scheduled.

We also do oil changes every 50 hours. This, however, is not a regulatory requirement, but is good for engine health. The next due oil change time is also listed on that same check sheet. If you see that it is due soon, please contact a board member so we can get it scheduled.

The aircraft time sheets also list all other maintenance that is coming due, including transponder, pitot static checks, and annual inspections. Make sure you take a look at those prior to taking off, otherwise you may not be flying a legally airworthy aircraft. This would be a direct violation of 91.7, which states:

(a) No person may operate a civil aircraft unless it is in an airworthy condition.

(b) The pilot in command of a civil aircraft is responsible for determining whether that aircraft is in condition for safe flight. The pilot in command shall discontinue the flight when unairworthy mechanical, electrical, or structural conditions occur.

Remember, maintenance for the club must be done by club authorized individuals. Regardless of whether you know how, or are even an A&P or IA, only approved shops are authorized to work on the aircraft. We need to ensure that proper maintenance is conducted, including logbook entries for all work performed, which is why only certain people and or shops are authorized to do the work. If you see an aircraft close to needing maintenance actions, please contact a board member and we will get it scheduled when needed.



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Most Visited Airports

Over the last year, we have had a competition, for who could land at the most airports. It had to be using club airplanes and airports students landed at could not count for the instructor, all to keep it fair. The winner gets one hour of free flying. We will be rewarding the winner at the annual meeting, so count up your airports and send them in! So far, the leader is Mark Neubauer at 28 airports.

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