



# Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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## Monthly Events

For April, we will do a fly out to Nehalem Bay for a day on the beach. We will plan to fly out on April 27<sup>th</sup>, leaving at 9 am. Nehalem Bay airport is located on the bay, and has campsites on the airport. It is about a 10 minute walk from the tie downs to the beach itself. We will plan to relax for a nice day on the coast!

Saturday morning May 11th (9:00 am), we'll fly to the Ken Jernstedt Airport in Hood River (4S2) and view the collection of antique cars and airplanes at the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM). Since it's the second Saturday of the month the museum fly's some of the vintage aircraft and drives some of the vintage cars. Afterwards we'll walk across the street to the Twin Peaks Diner for lunch.

<http://www.waaamuseum.org/>



Mt Jefferson – Chris Eriksson

## March Fly Out

Fun was had by all who participated in the March fly out. All four club airplanes we're booked for the flight over to Newport (KONP) for the BBQ hosted by the FBO and airport management. We couldn't have asked for better flying conditions as they were clear with light winds. We departed in sequence from KSLE and were fortunate to have winds out of the southwest at KONP so everyone was able to make a straight approach to runway 20. When we arrived, the primary parking was full so we had to park south of the FBO for the short walk to the FBO. The FBO had the grill going with hamburgers and hot dogs and the usual accoutrements and the group talked flying for a while. We then walked back to the airplanes for pre-flights and departure back to KSLE. The airport hosts the BBQ

every Saturday 12-1 so the next time you are looking for a flying destination, make a trip over to KONP for a free lunch!

## Interior Upgrade

The interior upgrade to N515ED was completed at the beginning of the month. It took a lot of hard work and long hours from several members. It would have cost the club significantly more if a shop had done the install. Instead, our membership really stepped up and put in the work to make 5ED look like a new plane! It is much more comfortable now, and something we should all be proud of! Please use care with it to make sure we keep it looking great! Especially careful with the new seats, remember that pencils are all around better in an aircraft anyways!



## Club Fly Outs

By Todd Lindley

Greetings from this year's fly out organizer. I'd like to encourage everyone to participate in at least one fly out this year. Even if you have been to the destination before, grab a non-flying friend to share the experience with, another club member to split the flight (or bring a third member and make-up your own stop along the way to split the flight three ways). Fly-outs are also a great way to burn that club minimum hour!

My plan is to keep primary fly outs short and simple (less than one hour each way) so that folks don't have to make a large time commitment in order to participate. But, we'll plan for a few more involved fly-outs of longer distances and/or overnights in addition to the monthly events. Also, don't feel obligated to hang out with the group for all of the event. There

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may be other points of interest to you, so feel free to fly over with the group but do your own thing once at the destination.

The monthly events will be posted soon on the club website. If you are interested in participating this year in club fly outs, send me an email and I'll create a list to send out reminders and info about the fly outs.

#### Summer Fly-out Schedule

June – Breakfast or Lunch in Sisters (6K5)

July - Mulino Pancake Breakfast (4S9)

August - Erickson Aircraft Collection - Madras (S33)

September – Jordon Chicken Run (OR51)

#### Potential Events

Poker Run/Hop-Skip-Jump (TBD)

Orca's Fly-in and campout, August (KORS)

Bremerton Airport Day/Blackberry Festival, August/September (KPWT)

Reno Air Races (September)

Shelton Oyster Fest, October (KSHN)

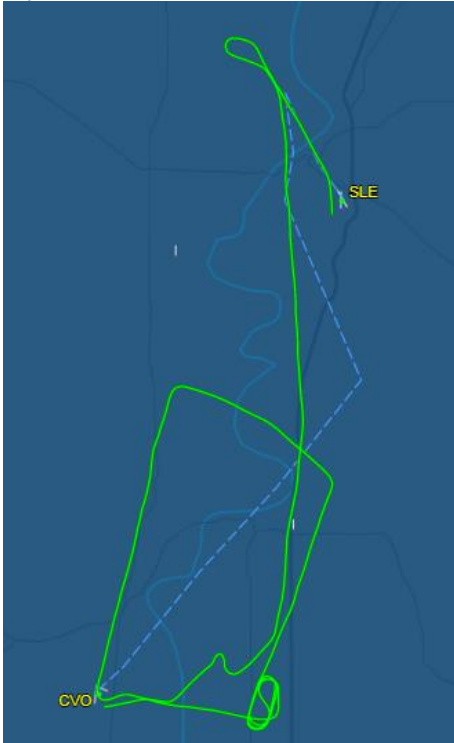
#### Member Accomplishments

##### Chad Rasmussen

Chad completed his first solo flight on Tuesday March 26th. He has been flying with AI, and solo'd in 5ED. Congratulations Chad!

##### Eric Burlingame

Congratulations Eric on passing your Instrument Checkride. Eric has been training with Todd Lindley, and took his checkride with Jack Loflin. He did a great job, just look at that hold east of Corvallis!



Checkride Route of flight

##### Jack Loflin

Jack has been an approved instructor in the club for a long time now, and has been appointed as a designated pilot examiner for the FAA. This is a huge accomplishment, congratulations Jack! I'm sure we can keep you busy!



Jack and Eric after Eric's IFR Checkride

#### Dinner with the Tower April 25<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to have Kristi from the Salem Tower join us for this year's meeting with the Tower on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm at Sizzler (1151 Lancaster Dr NE). Kristi will be there to introduce herself and to have a general Q&A session. This is a great opportunity to continue to strengthen our relationship with the tower, to learn how we can work better with the tower, and to make sure we are doing what they want to make the airspace a friendly and safe place. Kristi is looking forward to finally getting to meet the many people that she talks with on the radio! This is highly recommended for everyone. Please RSVP to Isaac so he can estimate the seats needed.

#### Update on our Search for Airplanes

As was laid out at the annual business meeting, two of our goals for this year were to replace the Skylane and to add another aircraft to our fleet. With the purchase of the Skylane that we were expecting to complete earlier this year having fallen through, the Board has shifted its focus to finding another Skyhawk to add to our fleet, hopefully before peak flying season starts. The Board continues to weigh options in regards to our Skylane goals.

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