



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Our New Cessna 172N: N5174E



N5174E – Mikel Wynn

We are excited to announce that we've added a fifth aircraft to our fleet! N5174E is a 1978 Cessna 172N. 74E is IFR equipped with a Garmin GNS 430 (non-WAAS), TKM MX385 NAV/COM, Garmin audio panel, and Garmin GTX-345 transponder (ADS-B In/Out). The transponder can be paired to Garmin Pilot or Foreflight on your tablet or phone to display traffic and weather.

It's a great story on how we found N5174E. Todd Lindley was talking with a neighbor who happened to have a Skyhawk that he wasn't sure he wanted to sell. The Board reached out to the owner and did a preliminary look at the airplane. After a couple months of negotiations, we worked out a deal that was mutually beneficial for both the club and the seller. As part of the deal, we are super excited to welcome Alan Wynn and his nephew Mikel into Valley Flyers!

N5174E will be put online as soon as the annual is complete. The initial hourly rate will be \$87/hour. 74E will be hangared in the hangars across from N70574. More details on the hangar will be emailed when 74E is put online.



Monthly Events

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/>

June Fly Out

Saturday Morning June 15th, we'll head over to Sisters (6K5) for breakfast (or lunch). The town of Sisters is a short walk from the airport with many dining options (more than 23 according to the Sisters airport website). The airport sits at 3168' MSL and is a good intro to the impacts of density altitude on an airplane. Feel free to bring friends and spend some time shopping or wandering around this quaint little town.

<http://sistersairport.com/visit-sisters/>

Club Fly Outs

By Todd Lindley

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)

April Fly Out

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The original scheduled club fly out was to go to Nehalem Bay (3S7), but early MVFR ceilings and winds in the high teens + gusts put the kibosh on that. Thus, we implemented plan B and flew to Cottage Grove

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(61S) for breakfast. The conditions were much more favorable than 3S7, with ceilings hovering around 4000' all the way south. If you haven't been to this airport, it can be a little intimidating as there is a small hill right where the downwind leg of the pattern is. Even though your MSL altitude is sufficient in the downwind your actual height above ground is lower and it feels like you are flying an unusually low downwind leg.



We parked in front of the Oregon Aviation museum and took a quick walk around their hangar which contains some vintage airplanes in various states of display. Also adjacent to the museum is one of the concrete arrows and light towers used during the 1900's for airmail navigation.

After grabbing breakfast at the Village Inn Diner (about a ½ mile walk from the airport) we returned to the airplanes and flew back to KSLE.



Meeting with Tower

We met with Kristi from Salem Tower on 4-25 for a meet and greet, and to learn what we can do to help tower, and so they see what we are as a club. We try to do these meetings once a year to keep a good relationship with the tower controllers.

The main advice that Kristi gave us was to keep radio calls brief. In general, pilots should always think before they call on the radio. But in particular, she identified two key areas for improvement. For one, tower does not want initial calls to be just with your callsign. That may be appropriate for busy ATC facilities, but for Salem tower include your request in your initial call.

The other area for improvement was that you do not need to read back everything Salem tower says verbatim. Instead of reading back full clearances, you can shorten it to only include the necessary portions. For instance, runway numbers and hold short instructions are required, but full taxiways routes are not necessarily required.

The general pattern for tower's requests seems to be to think before making your radio call. Be professional on the radio and avoid unnecessary information and pauses. Speak clearly, but concisely.

Kristi was very informative and helpful. A big thanks to her for agreeing to meet with the club. We will plan another meet the tower next year!

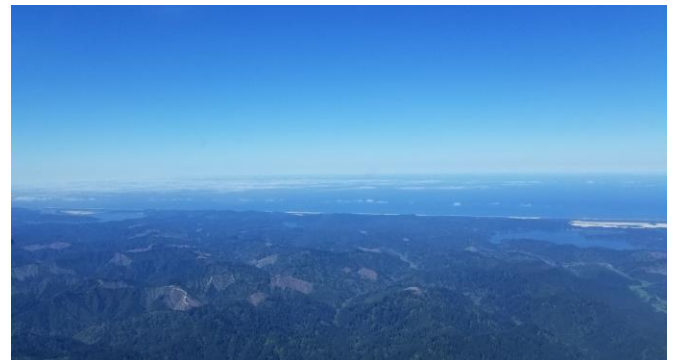
Spring Weather!

Thankfully the weather has finally started to break. We are enjoying longer days, and nicer weather! Keep an eye out for traffic, many people will be up enjoying the new nice weather!

Get out and go to all those nice coastal airports we haven't been able to see through the fog for a few months, and try heading out east to the desert. It is a beautiful time of year to cross the cascades as they still have snow on them. Crater Lake is beautiful this time of year as well! Hope to see you all out enjoying these beautiful days!

Summer Barbecue

We will have our annual summer BBQ some weekend in June. The BBQ always has strawberry shortcake with fresh strawberries, which is delicious! We are waiting to find out when the strawberries will be ready, and will send out an email when we know a definite date.



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