



# Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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## Flight Circle updates

We're continuing to make improvements and streamline our club operations. Flight Circle is an enormous help in tracking aircraft usage, maintenance, fuel and other information. Thanks to everyone for taking the time to learn how Flight Circle works!

## Submitting fuel receipts by email

Although we're entering fuel purchases into Flight Circle the club still needs to collect the receipts. To make it easier to submit them (and easier for Joan to process them!) we've set up a new email address that you can send them to.

Here's what you need to know:

- Send fuel receipts to [receipts@valleyflyers.org](mailto:receipts@valleyflyers.org)
- Put your name and the month in the email subject line: *Simon Hayes 11/2020 Fuel Receipts*
- It's important to include your name because many of us have email addresses that are not our names
- You can send photos, scanned copies or whatever works for you but please make sure they are clear and legible
- If you prefer to send your receipts by regular mail then you can still do that.

If you have any questions about submitting receipts, please contact Joan.

## Extensions on club checkouts

Our insurance requires an annual club checkout, however given the current COVID restrictions not all members are able to fly with an instructor. After talking with our insurance company, they've agreed to let the Board provide limited extensions for members who are flying actively in club aircraft and staying proficient. All FAA and other club requirements for being PIC are still in place.

Extensions are per-member and they must be reviewed and extended month-on-month. **There is no automatic extension for all club members.**

If you need an extension to your club checkout date please contact any Board member. The Board will review your recent flying activity to see if we're able to provide an extension. If we can, we'll update it directly in Flight Circle for you.

## Club flyouts

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate with us on the November flyout, which we had to cancel. We'll try again on December 12<sup>th</sup>, the destination will depend on the weather but we may try for Sisters or Sunriver again.

## Proposed Bylaw Changes

*Isaac Mosgrove*

As mentioned in the October newsletter, the Board has been working with Chris Eriksson to develop a new Chief Pilot position. The proposed changes to the Bylaws will be voted on by the membership at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting in January. The changes add a Chief Pilot position to the Board of Directors. The Chief Pilot will focus on the operational safety and flight operations while the Safety and Maintenance Officer will focus on the aircraft safety and maintenance. The proposed changes are:

### Article IV – Board of Directors

#### Section 1:

- Change the Board of Directors to consist of six members instead of five members.

#### Section 2:

- Add Chief Pilot to the Board of Directors.
- Add "The Chief Pilot shall be appointed by a vote of the other Directors; the term of the Chief Pilot shall be 2 years and shall align with the terms of the Vice-President and Secretary."

#### Section 5:

- Add "The Chief Pilot shall be a non-voting Director."

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## Article V – Officers

### Section 1:

- Add Chief Pilot.

### Add Section 8:

- The Chief Pilot shall review and implement pilot operational safety measures for the Corporation including, but not limited to, assisting the Board of Directors with managing member proficiency and qualifications, reviewing Membership Flight Rules, providing training opportunities to club members, and coordinating approved flight instructors.

## Article VII – Accidents

### Section 3:

- Change Safety Officer to Chief Pilot (2 places).
- In last sentence, change “log book endorsement” to “log book entry”.

### Section 4:

- Change Safety Officer to Chief Pilot (2 places).

## **Annual Business Meeting (January 20th)!**

*Isaac Mosgrove*

It's almost time for our annual club meeting to cover general business and officer elections. 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, vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws, hold officer elections, discuss plans for the future, and discuss other business that you wish to bring up.

The Vice-President and Secretary Office positions expire in January, so elections will be held for these positions. 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), Simon Hayes (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.

We look forward to recapping the accomplishments of this past year and to look ahead to further improvements for the future. This year's meeting will be at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, January 20th.

Although we usually meet over dinner, how and where we meet this year will be determined in January based on local rules around gatherings. If we are unable to meet in person, then an online meeting will be used.

## **N12382 Improvements**

*Isaac Mosgrove*

We've begun the process of upgrading N12382's interior. A huge thank you to Chad Eason for refinishing 382's seat frames before the new seat upholstery was installed. The seats look fantastic! Please remember to avoid using pens in the airplanes to help prevent ink damage to the seats.



We also installed a new glare shield and brow. We'll continue with interior upgrades through this next year, including carpet, side panels, and plastics.



## **Club Christmas Party is cancelled**

Social activities are important to the club and to our members, and the Christmas Party is an annual highlight in the Club calendar. Unfortunately, due to the COVID situation and the State's direction on social gatherings we have to cancel this year's event. Thanks still go to Joan and Vern who had graciously agreed to host the party if circumstances had allowed.

The Board will continue to make decisions about holding club events on a case-by-case basis, depending on the situation at the time.

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