



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all our members!

Annual Business Meeting (January 20th)!

Isaac Mosgrove

This year's annual business meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20th. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions this year, the meeting will be held over Zoom instead of over dinner (although you are welcome to eat dinner during the meeting!). Alan Lasneski will send an email with the Zoom links and instructions as we get closer to the meeting date, so watch your emails.

During the meeting, we'll have a chance to meet the many new members that joined this year, provide an overall update on the club and our financials, discuss what we've accomplished over the last year, vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws, review upcoming refinements to the Membership Flight Rules, 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.

Email for submitting fuel receipts

Please remember to submit your fuel receipts each month using the following email address and subject line format:

- Address: receipts@valleyflyers.org

- Subject: [Your Name] [Month/Year] Fuel Receipts

It's important that you include your name in the subject line since many members use email addresses that are not their name.

Check your aircraft ID in flight plans

Todd Lindley

After getting a clearance recently in N12382 the tower let me know that a few times in the past the airplane ID that had been filed in the system was "Q12382" and that they had been changing the call sign to "N12382" before issuing the clearance. I contacted Leidos Flight Service and they informed me that as required by ATC, they will prepend a "Q" when no country code is used in the filed aircraft call sign.

They looked up the recent flight plan history for 382 and found a few flight plans from PilotWeb, Flight Service Mobile Web, and Garmin Pilot that were filed as just "12382". With that in mind, double check your aircraft profiles in Garmin Pilot, ForeFlight, and 1800wxbrief.com to make sure you have an "N" prefix in all your club airplane call signs.

The screenshot shows the FlightService website interface. At the top, it says "FlightService Home Dashboard" and "Welcome TODD LINDLEY". Below that is a "Draft" section with a "Recent Flight Plans" dropdown and a "Favorite Flight" button. The main form has three columns: "Aircraft ID" with a dropdown menu showing "N12382", "Flight Rule" with a dropdown menu, and "Flight T" with a dropdown menu. Below these are "Departure" and "Airport Info" buttons, and a "Depart" field showing "12/30/2" and "1-120".

Aircraft ID in Flight Service flight plan form

Please cancel unused reservations

If you have reserved an aircraft but are not able to fly for any reason, please remember to cancel your reservation as soon as you can. That gives other members an opportunity to fly instead and even if weather conditions are poor, it may still be possible to fit in some maintenance work or use the aircraft for ground training.

Club flyouts

We had to cancel our December flyout because of poor weather. For January, we'll aim to fly on the 9th and if that doesn't work out, we'll try for the 23rd instead.

N515ED avionics upgrade

Isaac Mosgrove

While plans are in place to upgrade the Skylane's avionics in 2021, an opportunity has also presented itself to upgrade some of the avionics in N515ED to the latest Garmin products. The GTN 750 and GTN 650 navigators will be replaced with the new GTN 750Xi and GTN 650Xi units. Additionally, the GMA 35 audio panel will be replaced with a new GMA 35c that has built-in Bluetooth connectivity so you can wirelessly connect your phone and audio devices to the audio panel.



The GTN Xi features and user interface are nearly identical to the GTN, so the transition will be very easy. We expect to configure the new GTN Xi features

sometime in January, so watch your email and future newsletters for more specifics on the new features that you'll be able to use.

Proposed bylaw changes

Isaac Mosgrove

As mentioned in the December newsletter, the following 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.”

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).

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