



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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February flyout: Florence Creswell

Todd Lindley

As of Friday night, the weather for the Saturday fly out on February 27th was shaping up so we opted to fly to Florence (6S2) for a quick trip into town for donuts. The forecast called for 4000' ceilings in most of the valley but the coast from Newport to the north was showing 3000' broken but south towards Florence things looked promising with ceilings around 4500'.



Since we couldn't fly straight west and then south along the coast due to ceilings and terrain, we planned to head south toward Eugene and cross west bound where the terrain was lower, and ceilings were forecast to be higher. 5ED, 382, and 74E launched toward Eugene and all was going as planned, but as we approached Eugene the ceilings and visibility were socked in along the ridges between Eugene and Florence.

12382's Flight Aware Track

We had briefed the flight before departing and the contingency was to divert to Creswell (77S) if the path towards Florence was impassable so that at least we could log a cross country. Since everyone was monitoring 123.45 the lead ship was able to call the

other aircraft and make the divert call to Creswell. We all jogged around the KEUG class delta airspace and completed the leg at 77S.

Our next flyout will be on Saturday, March 20th.

First solo: Ben Simpson

Congratulations to Ben Simpson for his first solo on February 24th! CFI Scott Bragg said, "He's put a lot of work into learning to fly and managed to find enough days in the winter to stay current."



Ben Simpson: first solo

New member bio: Tim Misener

Tim Misener

I started working towards my private pilot in the summer of 2012 and was able to put in the hours to receive my license by the fall of that year. After I spent all my money getting licensed, I started working full time and didn't get back in the air until this last September when I joined the club.

I'm planning at some point to start toward my instrument rating, but for the short term I'm just enjoying being back up in the sky cruising around for a few hours at a time as much as I possibly can. I have been knocking around the idea of starting an RV-10 project but haven't decided to make the commitment just yet. Maybe some of the club members can talk me in or out of the idea!

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When I'm not flying, I fill most of my time as the accounting controller for Pratum Co-op here in Salem, or getting out to go hiking, hunting, or meticulously manicuring my lawn. I look forward to meeting more of you in the near future.

New member bio: Stuart Jantze

Stuart Jantze

Hello, Stuart Jantze, here; first time member, long time spectator. I recently joined Valley Flyers in November 2020. My vision for joining the club is to further my personal flying experiences; working towards my instrument rating within the year, and to encounter great pilots like you. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you soon and hopefully joining on flying adventures too!

I was born and raised in Bend, growing up in the family cut stock lumber manufacturing business. After graduating in civil engineering at Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls (many years ago), I moved to Salem to pursue my career and passion. Starting my career with the Oregon Department of Transportation, I transitioned into my current role with the Oregon State Marine Board designing boating infrastructure for the recreational boaters of this great state.

Becoming a private pilot was something I wanted to accomplish and be a part of ever since I was very young. Unfortunately, life, schooling, and other distractions kept me from pursuing my aviation dream. After serving my term in marriage, the opportunity of learning to fly presented itself and very strongly.

Thanks to the excellent instruction of both Dennis Wyza and Steve Larsen, including the thorough practical examination by Lisa Bushwell Dahl, I earned my private pilot certificate on 22 October 2020. My first solo flight (as witnessed by President Isaac Mosgrove), my cross-county solo, and earning my private certificate are accomplishments that I will never forget – I'm sure my fellow pilots can say the same. I look forward to taking my first passengers soon; when the weather cooperates, and I feel comfortable performing the task.

When I'm not flying, thinking about flying, or aggravated by valley winters, you can find me spending time with dad in Bend. Fishing in Oregon and Alaska during the summers are my obsession. Until the pandemic hit, world traveling had become my calling but I'm looking forward to hopefully getting back in this mode again starting this fall.



Stuart Jantze: post checkride

Aircraft travel chocks

We now have travel chocks in all the aircraft, for cross countries and other times when you might not find chocks lying around. Please **keep them with the aircraft** to make sure they're available when needed. Each set has the aircraft's N-number written on them:



For everyone who likes being as precise as possible with weight and balance calculations, the chocks weigh 1lb.

Have you had a memorable trip, flying experience, or words of wisdom that others in the club would benefit from, or that you would like to share? Please send your stories, tips, quotes, and pictures to **Simon Hayes** for inclusion in future newsletters.