



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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April flyout: Woodland State (W27)

Todd Lindley

Saturday April 24, we'll fly to Woodland State Airport (W27) and walk into town for BBQ at Daddy D's. We'll depart in the 9:30-10:00 time frame and possibly get a touch and go in at PDX for those feeling adventurous.



Woodland State (W27)



Cherokee Pride

Frank de la Puente

Until the end of December, Valley Flyers counted on at least 15 pilots, including me, to regularly fly the Cherokee. Then, the airplane was grounded for repairs and updates. On the off chance you have not learned, the Cherokee is back. Included in the repairs are a factory remanufactured engine, new seats with pilot and co-pilot vertical adjustment, a second G5, IFR capable (certification pending), and new paint on the empennage and the nose wheel fairing. The machine looks beautiful. It reminds me of my Piper Turbo Arrow IV which had the same colors and with which I was in love. I am so looking forward to flying the Cherokee again. Thank you Board.

You will recall that before the Cherokee's nose wheel fairing was re-painted, it was well-cooked by hot engine oil which had dripped onto it, and hot gases from the exhaust pipe which is on the starboard side. Now, the new engine is unlikely to leak oil, but the exhaust pipe will still blow exhaust onto the nose wheel fairing while the airplane is stopped with the nose wheel straight and the engine running. For that reason, when practicable, please keep the nose wheel

cocked to the right 25 - 30 degrees while you are stopped with the engine running, particularly during engine run-up. Let's take pride in the Cherokee as if we owned it.

PIREP: new café at Bend airport

Stuart Jantze

I wanted to provide an update that Bend Municipal Airport has a new cafe in operation as of 01 February: *CJ's At The Airport*. Todd and I noticed this when we flew to Bend on 26 February, though we didn't have time to dine. Dad and I drove in for breakfast on 3 April, the food was great, and the new owners are exceptionally friendly.



Their website is www.cjsattheairport.com. Check the hours of operation before going – they are non-traditional.

New member bio: Greg Murphy

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After flying with my best friend (a professional pilot for Alaska Airlines) in his Citabria on several memorable occasions, I finally decided to get my own private pilot's license. I punched my ticket June of 2009, and immediately took off for an aerial

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adventure with my wife, a tour of Oregon. We hit Florence, almost got fogged in, took off from there with no plan except to head east out of the fog, ended up overflying Crater Lake, Steens Mt and ended up in Lakeview for the night. It just happened to be their hang-glider festival weekend, so the mountain just outside of town had dozens of gliders soaring around it like a pack of buzzards. A magical time. Got chased into John Day by a convective movement, then back through the Gorge to home. I was a 1/3 owner of a Cherokee back then, and hence did a lot of trips, multiple runs down to Santa Rosa, once into the Salt Lake City suburbs.

I grew up in South Dakota, and moved to Oregon in 1984 for college, then again in 2001 to settle more permanently. I have past US Navy time and have worked for the VA since 2006. My wife and I have 3 children all of whom are excited that dad is getting back into flying again. I had sold my share in the Cherokee due to lack of use a few years back. When my oldest was young, we would take off from Newberg, he would fly the Willamette river, and we would land in McMinnville. From there we would make our way across to the air museum, where we could find non-alcoholic pinot noir sparkling juice, which at one time was called either Spruce Goose or Rocket Fuel. Hence, that became our regular rocket fuel run! Since they no longer sell it, we have been relegated to Independence runs for brunch instead. When not flying, I might be found sailing, traveling, or writing music.

New member bio: Nathan Powell

Nathan Powell

Hello fellow club members. I appreciate joining your ranks in this great club and the shared passion for aviation. A little about myself. I am an Oregon native through and through having been raised in Hillsboro and Sisters. This was never more apparent when my CFI would try and get me lost and day or night, I could tell him where we were at by just looking out the window! After graduating from Oregon State University, I began work in my field of Construction Management and now am the owner of PNM Construction taking on some of the larger commercial construction projects in our area. My wife and I have two children, a son (12) and daughter (9). One of their Christmas gifts this year was aviation headsets!



My interest in aviation began by watching the annual airshow out of Hillsboro, as each summer I'd climb up on my roof and watch the Blue Angels, Thunderbirds, and other

performances pass by. Other than that, I really had little other connection to aviation. A little over a year ago I decided to go all in. Did a discovery flight and was completely clueless what was going on. This past October I finished my PPL. Going forward I plan to get an IFR rating and of course a high-performance endorsement to fly the club's 182. At this point I plan to just enjoy flying as much as possible, take some friends up, and build as much XC time as possible for the future IFR rating. Again, I'm glad to be a part of this club and look forward to meeting each of you.

N70574 down for upgrades

Just a reminder that our C182 is unavailable from April 5th through June 30th while it's upgraded to a full glass panel!

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.

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