



# Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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November 2021



## Quarterly Membership Meeting: Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

Isaac Mosgrove

The club's next quarterly meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th at the hangars. Please contact a Board member if there is a particular topic that you would like to have discussed. All members are welcome to attend.

## Club Christmas Party: December 11<sup>th</sup>!

Isaac Mosgrove

After canceling last year's Christmas party because of COVID, we are looking forward to getting together with everyone to celebrate this year. Joan and Vern have graciously agreed to host the party, starting at 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 11th.

In order to have enough food for everyone, each member is asked to bring either a main dish or salad, and a small dessert to share. The club will provide meat and some fixings. We'll also do a gift exchange, so bring a fun gift in the \$10-15 range (aviation gifts are always fun). Bring your family or friends and masks for a fun evening together. This is a great time to see old friends and to meet some of our newer members. Please RSVP to Isaac by December 4th so that we can get the plans finalized and seating appropriately spaced. Feel free to text or email Isaac or Joan if you have questions.

## November flyout: Night Currency Event

Todd Lindley



Haven't flown at night in a while? Want to get some additional night experience or regain your night passenger currency? Join us

Saturday night, November 20<sup>th</sup>, for some night take offs and landings. We'll have several club instructors

on hand to fly with up to two pilots in the 172's for some night dual. The tentative plan is to fly to a nearby destination (e.g. KMMV, S12, etc.) and get three landings, then switch pilots and fly to another airport for three landings.

Sunset for the 20th is at 16:35 so an hour after that we'll launch after a short night safety briefing. Plan to arrive at 16:30 to pre-flight while it's still light outside. Afterwards for those interested, we'll go to the Flight Deck restaurant for flying talk and food. The instructor cost will be \$25 per pilot and each pilot is responsible for paying for their aircraft time (estimated .5 hour). Please RSVP to Todd Lindley (via Flight Circle) by November 13th as space is limited.

## December flyout: Sunriver

Todd Lindley



The last time we had a club fly out to Sun River was April 2020.

That was Spring so what a better time to go on a sunny winter day (hopefully) with

snow on the pass and surrounding the airport. On Saturday December 11, we'll depart at 10:00 am for S21 and from the airport take the resort shuttle to the Sun River Resort to grab lunch at one of the resort restaurants.

## PIREP: Joseph, OR

Todd Lindley

Had the opportunity to accompany a club member and one of his friends to Joseph, OR (KJSY) so that he could log some time towards his club 182 checkout and for some hiking around Wallowa Lake. We also took the opportunity to ride the pedal powered rail cars at Joseph Branch Railriders. We departed VFR on Friday afternoon and with the favorable winds aloft, made the 245-mile flight in just under two hours. We

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made a brief stop at Enterprise (8S4) to drop off one of our party to pick up a rental car and then made the 5-minute flight to park the airplane at KJSY where we were met by the member of our party that picked up the rental car. After checking in to our respective accommodations, the Kokanee Inn and Bronze Antler B&B, we headed to downtown Joseph for food and cocktails at the Embers Brewhouse. We called it an early night as we had hiking and the rail ride planned for Saturday.



Wallowa Lake

I was up early to walk around main street and find a coffee shop before meeting up with the rest of the crew. After walking the length of main street up and down each side of the street, I stopped at Arrowhead Chocolates for an espresso. Turns out they serve Stump Town so this turned out to be an excellent choice. We continued the morning with a quick car tour of Joseph and then drove out to Wallowa Lake for a short hike. The hike was relatively short (two miles each way) and we made a vertical ascent of about 1000'.

After the hike, we headed back to town for some lunch and a short break before our afternoon rail ride. We signed up for the two-hour rail trip, which is a round trip run to Enterprise and back to Joseph. There are other length trips and will have to do the four-hour Minam-Wallowa River trip next time. The rail cars are pedal powered and do have electric assist for the uphill leg of the journey. Since it's downhill from Joseph to Enterprise, once we got the car rolling it was pretty much a coast down the tracks until the road crossings which require a mandatory stop. Then it's pedal-pedal-pedal and coast until the next crossing, or until you catch up with a slower car in front of you. According to the GPS telemetry of my Garmin VIRB, we topped out at 17 mph.



Railrider pedal car

At the end of the line in Enterprise, the rider staff used a nifty carousel device to turn the cars around for the ride back to Joseph. Here's where the electric assist really came in handy, once the car gained some speed (about 3 mph), as long as the rear left seat pedals were moving, the motor accelerated to 7 mph and it was a leisurely trip back up the grade to Joseph. It had been a full day, so we returned to our respective accommodations for a short rest before dinner. As it turned out it was prime rib night at a popular place called the Stubborn Mule Saloon & Steakhouse.

Sunday was fly home day, but since we were nearby Hells Canyon we decided to fly east to get some aerial views of the canyon before heading home. We flew to the canyon dam and then up the canyon a few miles before turning back west for a stop in Pendleton, OR. (KPDT) for lunch. We had planned to eat at the restaurant in the terminal but they were closed on Sunday's so the folks at Wildhorse Aviation provided us with a crew car to go grab lunch in town.



Hells Canyon Dam

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## Fuel Prices

Isaac Mosgrove

If you haven't noticed, Salem fuel prices continue to rise. Fuel is one of the most significant costs that affects our hourly rates. It is much appreciated if you keep an eye on fuel costs while out and about to try to save some costs for the club. As examples:

	<b>Cost Per Gallon</b>	<b>Skylane Estimated Savings</b>	<b>Skyhawk Estimated Savings</b>
Salem	\$5.40	-	-
Twin Oaks	\$4.80	\$7.80/hr	\$5.40/hr
Mulino	\$5.29	\$1.43/hr	\$0.99/hr
Lenhardt	\$5.05	\$4.55/hr	\$3.15/hr
Corvallis	\$5.09	\$4.03/hr	\$2.79/hr

Please purchase what fuel you need for the flight, regardless of the cost. Safety is always top priority. Stopping at a fun local airport to buy cheaper fuel will help the club keep our hourly rates low.

## New member intro: Scott Anderson

Scott Anderson

I recently got my pilot's license later in life, on August 3, 2021 from Aurora Aviation. I am a retired mental health crisis counselor, so I've got time to fly :) My goal is to fly conventional tailwheel airplanes and would like to find an experienced instructor to help me with that. I would like to build up proficiency and time in the air, get qualified on all the club's airplanes.

My first goal is to fly to California or long distance, perhaps Idaho... but need to work up to that. My second goal is to study and obtain Instrument certification. Flying is a hobby for me in retirement. It's awesome fun!

## OPA Annual Conference: November 6<sup>th</sup>

The Oregon Pilots Association (OPA) is holding its annual conference on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. There's a rusty pilot seminar in partnership with AOPA, that also gives FAA WINGS credits. The seminar is free for AOPA members. More information on OPA's website: <https://www.oregonpilot.org/annual-convention>

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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