



# Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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## Happy New Year!



On behalf of the Board, Happy New Year to all our members! 2021 was a busy year for the club, with new members, club flyouts, aircraft upgrades, and the return of our club Christmas party.

We're looking forward to continuing all our activities in 2022. If you're able to, please consider joining the Annual Business Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> to hear about plans for the coming year, give feedback and suggestions, and ask any questions you might have. More details are in an article below.

Have a safe and aviation-filled 2022!

From Flight Circle, here are some figures on the club's activity in 2021:

Total flights	1183
Total hours flown	1731.5
Most flown aircraft	515ED (505.6 hrs)
Busiest month	July (208.7hrs)
Busiest day of the week	Wednesday (284.5hrs)
Busiest single day	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> (19.9hrs)

Congratulations go to Mikel Wynn for most hours flown in the past year (he was also the winner in 2020!). He gets a free hour in the club aircraft of his choice. The prize for most airports visited in 2021 is still up for grabs; if you think it could be you then please contact any board member.

## Club Christmas party

Photos: Mikel Wynn

Many thanks again to Joan and Vern for kindly hosting the club's annual Christmas party on December 11th. The event was well attended, and we had a great time with dinner and a gift exchange.



Being a pilot means making quick decisions: turkey or ham?



The gift exchange led to some ruthless 'steals'



Club members and family/friends

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# Annual Business Meeting: January 26<sup>th</sup>

Isaac Mosgrove



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

The President, Treasurer, and Safety & Maintenance Officer 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), Al Gray (Safety & Maintenance), Chris Eriksson (Chief Pilot).

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 26th at La Margarita Express, 515 Chemeketa St NE (members pay for their own orders).

## January flyout

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our planned flyout to Sunriver (S21) on December 11 due to weather. We'll try again on January 8<sup>th</sup>, departing at 10am. The plan is to take the resort shuttle to the Sun River Resort to grab lunch at one of the resort restaurants.

## Engine block heaters in the 172s

We now have engine block heaters in all the club C172s. Please plug the aircraft in after flying if the overnight temperature is expected to be below 40F. There's an extension cord in each hangar, and you can access the heater plug through the oil filler door on the cowling.



Accessing the engine heater plug

## Member news and achievements

Congratulations to Evan Estep on passing his private checkride! (CFI Joshua McKinney)



## New member intro: Annie Tupek

Annie Tupek



I've always loved airplanes. I grew up in the Chicago suburbs and my parents used to take me and my siblings to O'Hare airport where we would stand at the gates (pre-9/11 of course) and watch the planes take off and land. I didn't think it was something I could ever do. Then I moved to Alaska where it seemed like everyone I met had their PPL. I had a lot more exposure to small planes,

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but never had the opportunity to take lessons. I moved back to the Lower 48 and flying became something I'd like to do "one day." Now that I'm working for Garmin, that "one day" has arrived! Alan Lasneski is my flight instructor and I'm excited to be a student pilot. When my brain isn't being filled with aviation information, I write speculative fiction and am involved in several writing communities. I'm still relatively new to the Pacific Northwest and am looking forward to exploring it from the air.

### New member intro: Tristan Kramer

*Tristan Kramer*

I'm a 28 year old mechanical engineer. Grew up in Portland, and moved to Mount Angel with my wife after graduating from OSU. I've been interested in flying my whole life but never saw an avenue to get into it when I was younger. I worked in the motorsports industry for a few years after high school. While there my curiosity for flying was re-ignited by the shop owner's stories about flying a T6 and restoring a Cherokee 180 float plane when he was younger. I finally took the plunge and started pursuing my PPL after some friends in the OSU flying club took me on a local flight. Completed my training through Infinite Air Center in Albany and will likely look into getting my instrument rating in a few years. I'm excited to be a member of Valley Flyers and look forward to taking friends and family on local flights, trips with the wife, and enjoying many of the club events and meeting other members.

### New member intro: Jon Eggert

*Jon Eggert*



I started flying lessons in the year 2000, when cameras used film and text messaging was done on numeric keypads. I started dreaming about flying a few years before that. My wife, Leanne, was in veterinary school and extremely busy, while I worked as a software engineer from home. My opportunity to fly came when she recognized that I was going to go nuts if I didn't get out of the house.

My intro flight confirmed that flying lives up to all the dreaming I'd been doing. I started lessons in

Pullman, WA and finished in Corvallis. I was active for a few years, including doing some instrument training. Then I "paused" because a busy time at work made it very hard to stay current and proficient. Between work, having kids (Ethan and Kian), buying a veterinary practice with Leanne, and more work, that "pause" turned into sixteen years without flying. I don't advise taking a break from flying.

On a recent trip to visit friends in Idaho, they took me up in their Cherokee 180. It felt so wonderful to be in the air again that I couldn't believe I wasn't active anymore. The flight was on a Sunday and I had my medical certificate by that Wednesday. It took several flights to knock the rust off and I just recently completed my flight review.

I'm very excited to join Valley Flyers, not just because of the great airplanes, but also because this is such an active group with fly-outs and other events. I'm looking forward to enjoying aviation with you!

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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