



Valley Flyers

“Just Plane Fun!”

885 Lancaster Dr SE
Salem, OR 97317

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Aircraft care: tires



The club has been having issues with tires recently, including flats and worn spots. Our mechanic has suggested that at least some of those issues could be because the tires are underinflated. That allows them to shift on the rim, possibly damaging them.

To increase safety and help to reduce the club’s maintenance costs, please keep these points in mind:

- During pre-flight, make sure the tires are inflated to the proper pressures, as listed in the POH. We have at least two compressors available in the hangars to top off tires that are low.
- After a flight, check the tires for any new wear or damage, like new flat spots. This is especially important if you had a ‘challenging’ landing and skidded or braked heavily.
- Keep proficient on crosswind landings, to minimize sideloading and avoid skidding. If you aren’t comfortable with crosswind techniques, it may be worthwhile to get a refresher from an instructor.

March flyout – PDX



Our original plan to fly out to PDX in February was postponed due to weather. The rescheduled flyout went ahead on March 5th, and there’ll be a full report in the next newsletter.



Did anyone bring a taxi diagram?

Member news and achievements

Congratulations to Dan Kirkpatrick, who passed his helicopter CFI checkride! He trained at Jerry Trimble Helicopters in McMinnville.

Taildragger scholarship

Thanks to Annie Tupek for sharing news of a new taildragger scholarship for female pilots. The scholarship is offered by Ladies Love Taildraggers (www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com) and applications close on April 15th 2022.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/3MKSiX9>



I smell coffee... (N992DB, operated by Dutch Bros)

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April flyout – Prospect (64S)

Todd Lindley



On Saturday April 9th, we'll plan on going to Prospect State Airport (64S). The Prospect airport is 132 nm from Salem so about an hour or so enroute. We'll grab breakfast/lunch at one of the nearby diners and afterwards feel to deviate to the east on the flight back for some photo opportunities of Crater Lake.

Explore Oregon air rally

The Oregon Pilots Association self-paced air rally, Explore Oregon 2022, starts on March 17th and runs through September 17th. Pilots visit airports around the state to collect raffle tickets, and this year the finale will include an aerial drop competition at Mulino Airport.

For more information, and to order a passport book with details of airports to visit and other activities, visit the OPA website.

<https://www.oregonpilot.org/explore-oregon-flyer>

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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