



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Happy New Year!



On behalf of the Board, Happy New Year to all our members! 2022 was a busy year for the club, with new members, club flyouts, aircraft upgrades, and

our club Christmas party.

We're looking forward to continuing all our activities in 2023. If you're able to, please consider joining the Annual Business Meeting on January 25th (see the article below) 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 2023!

From Flight Circle, here are some figures on the club's activity in 2022:

Total flights	1168
Total hours flown	1712.9
Most flown aircraft	N12382 (378.3hrs)
Busiest month	August (226.7hrs)
Busiest day of the week	Sunday (301.6hrs)
Busiest single day	November 19 th (22.5hrs)

Fuel surcharges update



Fuel prices have come down a little in a few locations near Salem, however the price at KSLE itself hasn't changed. and we're keeping the surcharges unchanged for now:

- Skyhawks/Cherokee: \$5.10/hr.
- Skylane: \$7.80/hr.

Safety is still our top priority, but with Salem still at \$7/hr please consider refueling at another local airport if possible. For example, Twin Oaks (7S3) is currently at \$5.99/gal., a saving of \$13.13/hr. in the club 182.

Club Christmas Party

We had the December Christmas party again at Joan and Vern's house. Thank you both so much for hosting our annual celebration! There was a great turnout, and the food was fantastic (including Turkey, BBQ ribs, and tons of side dishes and desserts).

Annual Business Meeting: January 25th



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 Vice-President and Secretary 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 25th at La Margarita Express [on Chemeketa St.](#)

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Aircraft update: N515ED and N12382

The new engine has been installed in N515ED, but we are still working on the engine break-in. Unfortunately, the weather has made the engine break-in more challenging. The types of flights and who is authorized to fly during this time is limited. We do need help building low-altitude cross-country break-in hours following careful procedures. If you are interested in helping build these hours at a reduced hourly rate of \$71/hr, please contact Chris Eriksson or Isaac Mosgrove. Once the engine break-in has been completed, N515ED will be put back online in Flight Circle.

N12382's engine installation has been rescheduled to the mid-February or March timeframe to help with the shop's availability and to help avoid having two aircraft offline at the same time.

We have gutters!

We've been working with the airport, City of Salem, and other experts on an overall strategy to address the challenges with water build-up around the hangars, on the aprons, and on the grounds surrounding the hangars. A comprehensive, multi-phase solution has been created. The first phase has now been completed by adding new fascia boards, gutters, and downspouts to the hangars. The goal is to complete the other phases in 2023 when the ground is not so waterlogged. Big thanks go out to Will Horsey, Vern Johnson, and Isaac Mosgrove for their help with this effort.



PLEASE HELP PROTECT THIS SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AND PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO DAMAGE THE DOWNSPOUTS. Additional work will be done with the downspouts during the future phases.

Club flyouts



The weather in January continues to be poor for flying, and we haven't made any plans for a flyout this month. If we do get an unexpected good day, we may do something spontaneous

for any members who are able to fly at short notice.

In the meantime, please continue to send any suggestions for destination to Todd Lindley.

Color by numbers: 70574

70574 needs a new paint job, and we want your input on what the scheme should be. If you've seen a great paint job that you liked, or if you want to sketch one from scratch, let us know. To keep the cost down it does need to be primarily white, so no Ferrari Red.

We'd like to review the submissions with members at the Annual Business Meeting on January 25th. Please send a picture, photo, or sketch to Joan for consideration.

Flagpole dedication at Salem Airport

Pilots in the Salem Airport User Group have worked together to put up a new flagpole and American flag at the airport. There will be a ceremony on Thursday, January 19th at 10.30am for the first raising of the flag.

The organizers shared these details: "Still not sure if the Salem Mayor will be there but he has been invited. The B17 Alliance has accepted the invitation, it is their monthly gathering. They have a flag ceremony as well as a coffee and donut time, if you haven't seen their B.17 project now is a good time. It would be an honor to have a turnout from the Salem Airport User Group present at the first raising of Salem Airport's new flag on our brand-new 30-foot pole. Please fly in if weather permitting or drive if it's

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not so good. Your attendance would be most sincerely appreciated.”



We are looking for members who may be interested in serving on the Board in the future. We realize that you may be hesitant to sign-up to serve if you don't understand the commitment and how the Board functions. If there is a particular position in which you may be interested, we'd like to invite you to reach out to the Board to ask questions or to join alongside a Board Member and shadow or help them. Our goal is to make sure that we have members who want to serve on the Board and are ready for a smooth transition when the time comes.

Officer elections are held each January at the Annual Club Business Meeting. In 2023, you will be electing the Vice-President and Secretary positions.

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.



Board of Directors

Isaac Mosgrove

We have a fantastic Board of Directors who enjoy serving Valley Flyers and who have lots of fun while working to ensure the club remains viable, vibrant, and healthy. Most of our Board members have served for many years. While we really enjoy what we do and it is very rewarding, for Valley Flyers to remain healthy and successful it is important that we have other members ready to take a turn serving our wonderful club.

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