



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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Lower KSLE fuel prices!



The price of 100LL at Salem has finally dropped to \$6.60/gal! **This means that there will be no fuel surcharge for June!**

Thank you to everyone that has been fueling at local airports that had significantly lower prices than Salem. The fuel prices change often. You can use www.airnav.com, Garmin Pilot, Foreflight, or other tools to check current local fuel prices (some airports are now significantly more expensive than KSLE). Thank you for helping to keep our costs down!

Personal gate codes – June 3



Starting June 3rd, you are required to **scan your airport security badge and enter your unique PIN code** to open the gates at the airport. You selected your PIN when you received your security badge. If you do not remember your PIN, then please contact the Salem Airport Credentialing Program Coordinator (Micah Aldridge) at 503-589-2060. Board members do not have access to your PIN.

Board member change

Alan Lasneski has faithfully served on the Board of Directors as Secretary for over 8 years. Life has recently gotten extremely busy, and Alan has found it necessary to step away from his role on the Board for a while. Alan has been a true servant leader, helping in many activities far beyond his role as Secretary. The Board and club have benefitted greatly from his service, leadership, wisdom and humor. Alan plans to continue being actively engaged in the club, including as an approved instructor. Thank you, Alan, for all that you have done and continue to do!

At the May Board Meeting, Jon Eggert was appointed as Secretary by the Board to fill the remainder of the term. Jon started proactively volunteering around the club right after he joined Valley Flyers in November 2021 (organizing and stocking cleaning supplies, washing towels, identifying and implementing improvements around the hangars, etc.). Jon started attending Board meetings last November to better understand how the Board and club operate. We look forward to serving alongside Jon on the Board!

President:	Isaac Mosgrove
Vice-President:	Simon Hayes
Treasurer:	Joan Johnson
Secretary:	Jon Eggert
Safety and Maintenance:	Corey Benson
Chief Pilot:	Chris Eriksson

Feel free to contact any Board Member if you have any questions or suggestions. We are here to serve the Club and guide it to continued success.

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Strawberry Shortcake Summer BBQ – Jun 22



We have planned our annual Strawberry Shortcake and BBQ event for **Saturday, June 22nd**, weather permitting! Please bring your choice of meat for your family and a salad or main dish to share in the potluck. The club will provide beverages and strawberry shortcake for everyone.

We'll start the event at 12pm, with the grilling starting at 1pm. Bring your family and friends to enjoy an afternoon at the hangars! We'll also invite the Tower so we can get a chance to visit with some of our controllers.

This event is BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair). It would be helpful – but isn't required – to **RSVP to Isaac Mosgrove so that we can plan enough beverages and strawberry shortcake.**

Keep an eye on your emails in case the schedule changes!

Club flyouts: June-August

Simon Hayes

Our May flyout to Crater Lake was cancelled due to high winds over the Cascades. We made a spontaneous decision to fly to the coast instead, however low ceilings and rain prevented that too.

Here are the dates and destinations for the next three months:

Date	Destination	Airport
6/15/2024	Sunriver	S21
7/20/2024	Seaside	56S
8/3/2024	Orcas	KORS

For June, we'll fly to Sunriver for lunch and to check out the resort. Note that the Orcas trip in August is to the local [EAA Chapter 937 fly-in](#). You can read a previous trip report in the [September 2023 newsletter](#).

Please contact Simon Hayes or Jon Eggert if you have questions, suggestions, or comments about the flyouts.

N12382 avionics upgrade complete



N12382's GTN 650 has been replaced with a new GTN 650Xi! During the upgrade, we also updated the GTX 345 transponder software and changed the audio panel settings so that traffic alerts are now played in the headsets rather than the cabin speaker.

N70574 update

N70574 made it to SunQuest Air Specialties at Paine Field (KPAE) on our May 15th scheduled date. It is being stripped and all exterior fiberglass pieces replaced prior to being painted. Barring unexpected delays, we expect N70574 to be back mid-July.

A huge thank you to Steve Liddane and Aaron Walters! Steve drove up to KPAE to deliver the replacement flaps and elevator, and then brought Aaron back to Salem.

As a reminder, the paint scheme and colors will be similar to the image of N2265W below.



PIREP: Mt. St. Helens and Scappoose

Jon Eggert

A flight around Mt. St. Helens provides some excellent views, and is especially fun for those of us who lived in this region at the time of its 1980 eruption. With some nice weather on April 17th, I

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took the opportunity to make the tour for the first time in about 20 years.

The FAA publishes guidance for flights around Mt. St. Helens in the [Northwest U.S. Chart Supplement \(A/FD\)](#) Special Notices section. In accordance with that, I plotted an arc that would keep me three miles from the summit. I planned to fly directly from Salem to a tangent point on the three-mile circle and then fly the arc until reaching the tangent line leading to Scappoose.



I took off from Salem and had to stay under 2,000 feet until Woodburn due to some clouds in the area. From there, I picked up flight following and climbed to 7,500 feet. The flight path took me over PDX airspace and across Swift Reservoir. As I approached the mountain and the turn to a westerly direction, I climbed to 8,500 feet and remained there as I flew the arc around the north side of Mt. St. Helens. I was afforded some awesome views of the crater on my left side and Spirit Lake on my right side.



After passing the mountain, a 500 fpm descent kept me above the ridges and put me at a good altitude coming into Scappoose. After a quick snack, I departed for Salem and ended the trip with 2.3 hours of very pleasant cross county time.

Reminder: gas expands!

Simon Hayes

As temperatures increase, please remember to leave a little room in the tanks rather than filling them all the way to the caps. Avgas expands in the heat and can end up running out onto the hangar floor.

Upcoming 2024 PNW aviation events

Mikel Wynn

Air show season has officially kicked off here in the Pacific Northwest with the Oregon International Air Show at Hillsboro last month! Fly-in events are also scheduled throughout the summer as well! Highlighting a few notable events scheduled to take place this summer, here's a list of many of the events happening close to home, as well as a few that are a little further-afield, but still within our corner of the country.

(Events in **BOLD** are ones I'm planning on or thinking of attending, with plans to fly out to many of them)

June

15th-16th: Moses Lake Air Show - Moses Lake, WA

15th-16th: Olympic Air Show - Olympia, WA

22nd: Wings & Wheels - Cottage Grove, OR

22nd-23rd: Fairchild AFB Skyfest - Spokane, WA

July

12th-13th: Wallowa County Fly-in - Joseph, OR

26th-28th: Tri-Cities Water Follies -

Kennewick/Pasco, WA

August

3rd: Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in - Cottage Grove, OR

3rd-4th: Boeing Seafair Air Show - Seattle, WA

17th-18th: Bremerton Air Show - Bremerton, WA

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23rd-24th AirShow of the Cascades - Madras, OR
24th-25th: EAA 292 Fly-in/STOL Wars - Independence, OR

September

August 31st-2nd: Oregon International Air Show - McMinnville, OR
7th-8th: Hood River (WAAAM) Fly-in - Hood River, OR

There are some notable things worth mentioning regarding some of the listed events from above:

- The Oregon International Air Show held at McMinnville this year will take place over Labor Day weekend, which means they'll have an unusual Saturday thru Monday air show schedule (instead of their usual Friday thru Sunday); keep an eye on their website for additional schedule details.
- The STOL competition for the EAA 292 Fly-in/STOL Wars at Independence will take place on Sunday (the 25th) only, with Saturday being more of a static display open-house.
- Both the air shows at Moses Lake and Olympia takes place over Father's Day weekend.
- The AirShow of the Cascades at Madras runs a Friday/Saturday air show schedule, with Friday being an evening air show.
- And it goes without saying, but **do be mindful of any TFRs and airspace restrictions that may take place at/around any of these events if you happen to be flying around these respective areas on the day of!**

Further afield, I'm also personally planning on attending two air shows (which might interest some of you!) this year that are not in the Pacific Northwest, and therefore not listed above:

- July 13th-14: California Capital Air Show in Sacramento to see the Italian Air Force's *Frecce Tricolori* while they conduct their North American tour. This show is the closest the Frecce Tricolori will be to the Pacific Northwest, and I

consider it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

- October 4th-6th: Reno Air Show in Reno, NV, which is being put on by the Reno Air Race Association (who recently announced that they've selected Roswell, New Mexico as the future site of the National Championship Air Races starting in 2025!) to celebrate 60 years and to give one final good-bye to the now-former air racing venue, Reno-Stead Airport; the show will feature the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as well as the Canadian Forces Snowbirds as headliners for the event.

Member photos

Isaac and Barak Mosgrove flew 5ED and 382 into Green Trees Ranch Airport (OG28), a private grass strip on the hill near Scio.



Barak Mosgrove attended the Oregon International Air Show at Hillsboro last month and took these pictures.



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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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