



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

885 Lancaster Dr SE
Salem, OR 97317

August 2024



N5174E avionics upgrade



N5174E is now in the shop undergoing its long-anticipated avionics upgrade! [Avid Avionics](#) in Salem is modernizing 74E with a new radio stack and panel upgrades that include:

- GMA 345 audio panel (replacing GMA 340)
- GTN 650Xi navigator (replacing GNS 430)
- Flight Stream 510 (adding wireless connectivity)
- GNC 215 NAV/COM (replacing GNC 255)
- Removing the mechanical CDI
- Moving the GI-275 CDI and connecting it to the GTN 650Xi to allow it to be used as a multifunction display (MFD) for displaying information such as a moving map, terrain, ADS-B traffic, and weather.
- Retaining the GTX 345 ASD-B In/Out Transponder

The updated avionics will make 74E a great IFR platform, with WAAS GPS and dual COM/NAV radios. The Pilot's Guides for the GMA 345 and GNC 215 will be in the aircraft (please do not remove them) and

will also be made available for download [from the club's website](#).

Club flyouts: August-October

Simon Hayes

July and August have been difficult months for scheduling. The July flyout to Seaside ended up with a single aircraft making the flight. And although no one was able to make the trip to the EAA fly-in at Orcas on August 3rd, several members did fly there on the previous weekend:



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

Date	Destination	Airport
8/3/2024	Orcas	KORS
9/14/2024	Westport, WA	S12
10/19/2024	Night currency	---

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

Annual Jordan Dinner – Sep. 22

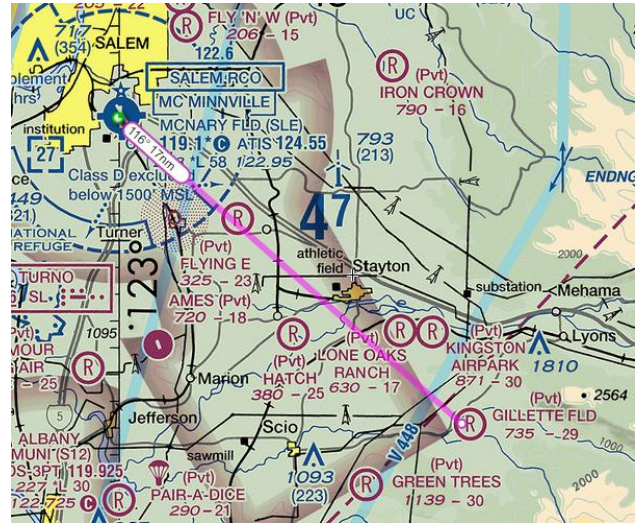
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This year’s Annual Jordan Dinner Cruise-In & Fly-In will be held September 22, 2024, from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm. This event is a ton of fun to fly into with lots of airplanes, cars, vendors, activities, kid games, and good food. Plus, you get to land on grass! A few years ago, there were nearly 100 airplanes and 500+ cars.

The all you can eat dinner (chicken, rolls, noodles, potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert) is \$20 (adults), \$5 (children 6-10), and free for kids 5 and under. There are only 2000 meal tickets, and tickets can be purchased in advance.

Address:	39043 Jordan Rd., Scio
Airport:	Gillette Field OR51
Runway:	8/26, 2800' long Wide grass runway Powerlines at the east end
Pattern:	Left-hand
Unicom:	122.9

Elevation:	735
GPS	N 44° 43.228'
Coordinates:	W 122° 41.753'



Member achievements



Congratulations to Holly Benson, who passed her commercial checkride at Aurora with DPE Katie Leonard (CFI Mindy Fisher)!

Congratulations also to Corey Benson on passing his CFII checkride with DPE Lisa Dahl (CFII Chris Eriksson)!

Runway closure at Independence

Simon Hayes

The Oregon Department of Aviation is planning to refresh the runway and taxiway markings at Independence in early August. There will be runway and taxiway closures on August 6th through 8th, from 6am to 3pm local time. More details are [available online from ODA](#), and please keep an eye on NOTAMs in case of any changes.

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Lower local fuel prices



Thank you to everyone that has continued to fuel at local airports that have 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. Thank you for helping to keep our costs down!

The price of 100LL at Salem has remained at \$6.60/gal, so there will be no fuel surcharge for July.

Salem:	\$6.60/gal
Twin Oaks:	\$5.90/gal
Lebanon:	\$5.99/gal
Mulino	\$6.19/gal
Albany	\$6.39/gal
Independence:	\$6.60/gal

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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