



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

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501(c)(7) tax exemption status

Isaac Mosgrove



As you recall, we submitted our application for tax-exemption to the IRS earlier this year. We received a letter from the IRS in August informing us that our application had been approved and that we are now officially a tax exempt 501(c)(7) social club! Now that we have federal tax exemption, we are working to get state tax exemption.

Huge thanks to Rus McCracken and Alan Wynn for leading the effort to achieve this long-held goal that the Board has viewed as key to keeping our costs low. This will allow us to save ahead for future significant repairs and investments without tax penalties (e.g., engine replacements, adding or replacing aircraft, avionics upgrades, etc.).

N5174E avionics upgrade completed!



N5174E avionics upgrade is now complete! A huge thanks to Avid Avionics for working extra hard to get it complete in time for a member's flight to Utah. The panel now includes:

- GMA 345 audio panel
- GTN 650Xi navigator
- Flight Stream 510 wireless connectivity
- GNC 215 NAV/COM
- GI-275 CDI that is connected to the GTN 650Xi to allow it to be used as a multifunction display (MFD) during VFR flights for displaying information such as terrain and ADS-B traffic and weather.
- GTX 345 ASD-B In/Out Transponder

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: September-November

Simon Hayes

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

Date	Destination	Airport
9/14/2024	Westport, WA	14S
10/19/2024	Night currency	---
11/16/2024	Florence	6S2

As the days get shorter and the clocks change, more flying will be at night. We're planning a night currency event on October 19th for members who want to regain their night passenger currency, or simply get some more night flying experience with a club CFI. We'll share more details about the format and times in advance.

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

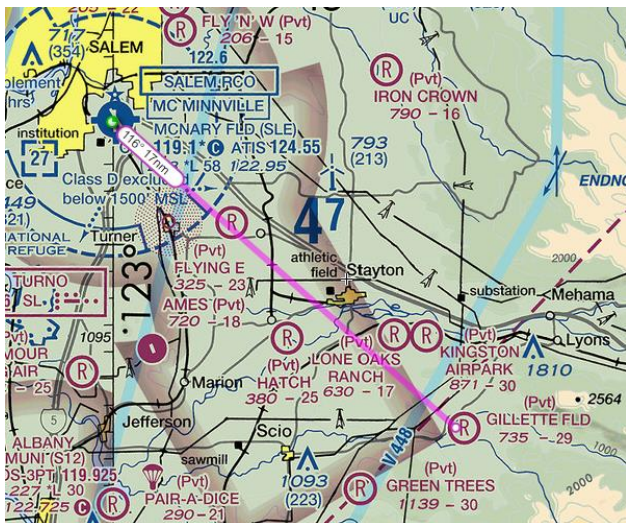
Annual Jordan Dinner – Sept. 22nd

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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 Jim Crowell, who passed his private pilot checkride with DPE Lisa Dahl! CFI Simon Hayes.

Also, congratulations to Greg West, who added fixed-wing to his rotorcraft certificate with DPE Lee Shuster in Corvallis. CFII Chris Eriksson.

New member intro: Daniel Wood

Daniel Wood

I got my PPL in 2019 and then got up to about 100hrs before COVID and ended up not flying for a few years. I’m excited just to get back into flying for fun and hoping to start working towards an instrument rating.

I’m a new Flight Test Engineer at Garmin and I have a wife and an almost 2-year-old son at home.



PIREP: Oregon International Air Show Fly-Out

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We spent a great Saturday at the Oregon International Air Show. The admission fee was waived for those who flew in, so we grabbed a couple of club planes and Vern’s plane and flew up to McMinnville in the morning before the TFR went active. We tied down the planes in the grass off the taxiway on runway 35. All planes flying in were

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required to bring their own tie down stakes since the planes were actually parked in the aerobatic box and the airshow wanted to make sure that the planes were not flipped when the jets flew over them. We were then shuttled over to the main airshow area.



Club members Isaac Mosgrove, Will Horsey, Barak Mosgrove, Matt Martin, Joan Johnson, and her husband Vern Johnson flew to the Oregon International Airshow at McMinnville on August 31st.

There were lots of displays, food, drinks, treats, and things to do as we waited for the air show to start. Although it was hot, there was very little wind, and it was a great time! There were great performers, but the Air Force Thunderbirds were definitely the highlight. Their precision flying is unreal!



Air Force Thunderbirds picture by Barak Mosgrove

PIREP: Columbia Gorge flight

Holly Benson

This past Sunday was my birthday, and Justin's aunt and cousin were in town to visit. His cousin

Taylor is a flight attendant for United but had never flown in a small GA plane before. So, on my birthday, I took them for a flight in 74E from Salem to Hood River. We had a lovely time. Taylor thought it was very cool flying midfield over PDX and then up the Columbia River. They also got to watch gliders landing, which was super cool.



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PIREP: Taylor's Sausage (Illinois Valley 3S4)

Todd Lindley



At some point the need for a good sausage maker came about and right here in our own southern Oregon back yard there just happens to be such a place. If you are unfamiliar, Taylor's Sausage is a family-owned sausage company which began in 1924 and after doing business in Canada and California, the business landed in Cave Junction, Oregon. As it turns out, the Cave Junction factory store is located just a few miles from the Illinois Valley airport (3S4). On a Sunday in July, we loaded three of us and an empty cooler in the newly painted 182 and launched for 3S4. The 170-mile flight took a little over an hour. The store is located five miles north of the airport and we had arranged to borrow the owner's truck from the local flight school to get us the rest of the way there. After the short drive to Cave Junction, we got lunch inside the sausage store and then proceeded to shop for various sausage and meat products. In exchange for borrowing the truck we topped off the tanks and threw in a package of frozen sausage as payment for the rental truck before driving back to the airport. On the return flight we stopped at Grants Pass (3S8) for fuel before returning to Salem.



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!

Salem:	\$6.60/gal
Twin Oaks:	\$5.90/gal
Lebanon:	\$5.99/gal
Mulino	\$6.19/gal
Albany	\$6.39/gal
Lenhardt:	\$5.79/gal

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

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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