



# Valley Flyers

*"Just Plane Fun!"*

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## Happy New Year!



On behalf of the Board, Happy New Year to all our members! 2024 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 2025. If you're able to, please consider attending the Annual Business Meeting on January 29th (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 the article below.

Have a safe and aviation-filled 2025!

From Flight Circle, here are some figures on the club's activity in 2024 (the 2023 numbers were in [the January 2024 newsletter](#)):

Total flights	1016
Total hours flown	1497.6
Most flown aircraft	N515ED (390.2hrs)
Busiest month	July (178.8hrs)
Busiest day of the week	Sundays (301.9hrs)
Busiest single day	August 18 (17.7hrs)

## Club Christmas Party – December 14<sup>th</sup>!

This year's Christmas Party was an absolutely wonderful event at Joan and Vern's house. Thank you both so much for hosting our annual celebration! It was a relaxing and festive evening filled with laughter, visiting, and eating. There were great gifts for the gift exchange (with lots of thievery, bantering, and laughing).



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Again, people went all out with the food and desserts (including turkey, BBQ ribs, and tons of other delicious dishes, desserts, and hors d'oeuvres). It was great to see so many new connections being made (we had 40 people attend).

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a successful event and for helping clean up afterward. We look forward to doing it again in 2025!

## Annual Business Meeting – January 29th



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), Jon Eggert (Secretary), Corey Benson (Safety & Maintenance), Chris Eriksson (Chief Pilot).

If you know of specific 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 29th at La Margarita Express [on Chemeketa Street](#). Please RSVP to Isaac so that he can let the restaurant know how many people will be there.

## Club flyouts: January-March

*Simon Hayes*

Once again, the weather got the better of us in December. Hopefully, we'll get a brighter start to 2025! Here are the dates and destinations for the next three months:

Date	Destination	Airport
01/18/2025	Tillamook	KTMK
02/15/2025	Siletz Bay	S45
03/15/2025	Prospect	S45

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

## Member achievements

Congratulations to Chad Eason on passing his ATP checkride at Sporty's Academy!

## PIREP: Verkehrshaus der Schweiz

*Jon Eggert*

On a recent family trip to Switzerland, I had the pleasure of visiting the Swiss Museum of Transport in Lucerne. The museum includes sections for air, space, rail, road, and cableway transportation, along with additional areas reminiscent of OMSI. I spent most of my time in the air transport section.

One major display gives a detailed history of the Swiss airborne rescue service, Rega. I counted at least four models of helicopter used for mountain rescue and medical transport over the years, plus a Storch airplane and Challenger jet air-ambulance. In addition to helicopter mountain rescues in the Alps, Rega uses jet air ambulances anywhere in the world to repatriate citizens if they cannot obtain adequate care where they become sick or injured.

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The museum has a variety of interesting artifacts, including a capsule used by Felix Baumgartner for preliminary jumps of the Red Bull Stratos program. In 2012, he rode an identical twin of the capsule to the stratosphere, suspended from a balloon. After rising to 127,851 feet, Baumgartner set altitude and speed records with his jump, reaching Mach 1.25, propelled only by gravity.



I was particularly taken with the only remaining Lockheed Model 9 Orion, a single engine, single pilot airplane from the early 1930s that was very fast for

its time. Swissair flew them in passenger service from 1932-1936. The airplane on display is now in Swissair livery, however it was owned by Shell Aviation in the mid-1930s and flown frequently by Jimmy Doolittle.



### Local fuel prices update



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](http://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:	\$5.98/gal
Mulino	\$6.19/gal
Albany	\$5.99/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 January.

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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