



Valley Flyers

"Just Plane Fun!"

885 Lancaster Dr SE
Salem, OR 97317

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SAVE THE DATE

Club Christmas Party – December 13th!



Joan and Vern have graciously agreed to host the party, starting at 6:00pm on Saturday, December 13th. To have enough food for everyone, each member is asked to bring either a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. The club will provide meat (ham and BBQ ribs) and some fixings. We'll also do a gift exchange, so bring a fun gift in the \$10-20 range (aviation gifts are always fun). Bring your family or friends for a fun evening together. This is a great time to see old friends and to meet some of our newer members.

Please RSVP to Isaac by December 8th so that we can get the meat and seating plans finalized. Also, please let Isaac know if you can volunteer to help clean up after the party. Feel free to text or email Isaac or Joan if you have questions.

Annual Business Meeting – January 28th



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 any other business that you wish to bring up.

The President, Treasurer, and Safety and Maintenance Officer 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 current board members for more information: 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 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 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 28th (the location will be announced in the January newsletter).

Club flyouts: December-February

Simon Hayes



Our November flyout to Florence went ahead as planned, thanks to the weather clearing up just at the right time (see article below).

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

Date	Destination	Airport
12/20/2025	Hood River	4S2
01/17/2026	Tillamook	KTMK
02/21/2026	Siletz Bay	64S

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

PIREP: Florence (6S2) flyout

Simon Hayes

At first it looked as though our planned flyout to Florence (6S2) was going to be another washout. The morning started with low clouds sitting over most of the valley, with forecasts suggesting they'd clear sometime in the late morning.



We met for breakfast at the Flight Deck, anyway, figuring we could at least talk flying if we couldn't actually go flying. While we ate, we kept an eye on the weather, and by the time we were wrapping up the ceilings had indeed begun to lift.

Seven of us departed in three aircraft and headed south. Near Corvallis the coastal layer broke apart, giving us a clear path to turn southwest toward Florence. The day had flipped from marginal to ideal, with smooth air all the way across the Coast Range.

After landing, we walked the mile or so into town for something to eat. While some of us stuck to coffee and snacks, others went all in on clam chowder. With the delayed start, time was short, so once we were done, we retraced our steps back to the airport and headed back to Salem.



For several people, it was their first landing at Florence. The field has a courtesy car, but it's also an easy walk to the waterfront under the bridge, where there are plenty of food options. The day ended up being a great flyout that almost didn't happen!



N5174E paint update

N5174E's paint job is nearly complete, and the aircraft will be ready to be picked up mid-December. A detailed summary of the upgrades will be included in the January newsletter once 74E is back in Salem.

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We ask that all members please take special care of the plane to protect the new paint job!

- A fueling wing mat has been purchased and will be in 74E. **This mat must be used during fueling to protect the leading edge.**

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- Please be sure to thoroughly clean the leading edges, struts, and cowling after each flight.
- Please remember that it is still an older airframe and we need to be careful with the doors (opening, closing, and locking), seat mechanisms, and other aspects of the plane.
- Please report any damage noted to the paint.

Member achievements

Congratulations to Garrett Duch on his first solo in N515ED! CFII Holly Benson.



KSLE Fuel Discount

When submitting your fuel expenses for fuel purchased at Salem, please remember to do the following to help us with the fuel refund from Salem Aviation Fueling:

- **When purchasing fuel at KSLE:** Enter the full Aircraft Tail number in the pumps when you purchase fuel at KSLE (e.g., 5174E, 70574).
- **When checking your flight into Flight Circle:**
 - Enter each fuel expense separately and upload an image of each fuel slip. Flight Circle allows you to enter multiple fuel reimbursements for each flight. If you purchased fuel at multiple locations, please do not mix KSLE fuel reimbursements with those from other airports.
 - Enter KSLE as the fueling location for each fuel purchase made at Salem.

Local fuel prices update

The price of 100LL at Salem is currently \$5.95/gal, and there will be no fuel surcharge for December.

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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