November 11, 2026

Valley Fliers November Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30
Present: Clapp, Meyer, Vader, 10 members, and 1 potential member.
Excused Absent: Dewitt, Smith, Steinman

Andy greeted a veteran in attendance on this Veterans Day.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Andy moved to accept as written. Nick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Alan was not present, but he sent reports and they were distributed. Andy said Alan says the club is in good shape. The bills have been paid and the taxes were paid on time. Nick passed along Alan's thanks to members for finding lower priced fuel than Auburn. The fuel surcharge was $3.00 and would have been $3.25 if all fuel had been purchased at Auburn. Question from the floor: how does the fuel surcharge work? Nick noted the fuel rates are based on $5/gallon (which we aren't likely to see again), and surcharge is based on our fuel costs above that amount. It is adjusted monthly.

Maintenance Officer's Report

9MA We're still under break in procedures for the new cylinder. Run it a little hard. Run it a minimum of an hour.
117 The right door armrest is not a great design. We've already replaced it once with a used armrest and it is broken again. The standby attitude indicator is still being monitored and hasn't reoccurred. The mags are coming due, but we'll likely hold off work on them until it is in annual. The cam lock screw on the cowling is a problem as it keeps coming undone, but it also will wait until annual for a fix.
727 The old vacuum gauge is squawked as starting up slowly. Nick reminded members it is required for IFR. Commenter from the floor noted the GPS is intermittent and multiple folks have squawked it. It may be tied to the radio transmitter. We're still trying to figure out how to troubleshoot it. The flaps appear to work appropriately based on the POH. Commenter from the floor said the pilot side flap seems to struggle to fully raise.
63S Nick looked a the fuel selector and it appeared to work correctly. Commenter from the floor noted the plane's lock doesn't work. Nick said fixing it is not high on the club's priority list.
Commenter from the floor noted that in 727 the full down flap indication is not 40 degrees.

Safety Officer's Report

Geoff was not present so no report. Andy noted that Ed Bryce is now acting as an assistant safety officer. Commenter from the floor noted that 9MA had wildly varying CHTs, but they settled after runup. Nick said we will continue to monitor it. Andy is not aware of any safety issues.

New Business

Potential New Members

Andrew Schiff introduced himself. He's been flying for the last 11 years and has his private and instrument. He's looking for a place with better availability than Rainier. He works for an aerospace supplier that supports the air traffic control system. Andy moved to approve his membership. Nick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Austin Harris could not be present but is considering joining. He was recently a Whidbey controller. Andy said he seems like he could bring a lot to the club. He may want to use the plane as a commuter some of the time. Andy cautioned him that might be a concern.

Free flight hour won by: Brian Funk
Meeting adjourned at: 7:05

Next Meeting The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 9 at Trotters with food at 6:00 PM and business beginning at 6:30.