

Valley Fliers meeting

Trotter's Restaurant

May 13, 2026

Vice President: Jake Steinman (presiding)

Maintenance: Nick Meyer

Safety: Geoff Smith (taking minutes)

Old business: None

Maintenance Report: Expensive month. Alan mentions by proxy to stop breaking planes because we're deep into our reserves.

9MA has a new alternator installed. Cabin Lights breaker was broken and has now been replaced. Cabin Lights were observed and a couple were replaced.

9MA fuel imbalance was looked at. Some tubing/piping of flexible lines is suffering aging and will be diagnosed and replaced as necessary.

9MA copilot's side seat rail was cracked and replaced (\$400 just for the rail itself, not including labor. Cost for all of it is over \$2k per seat). Nick suggests going EASY on the rails.

9MA EGT #3 reading is problematic, seems to be caused by the original mechanical mounting of the probe. Nick looking at different probes.

117 has new brake pads.

117 low oil pressure squawk is ongoing and not yet diagnosed/adjusted.

117 seat rails are getting worn. Probably facing new seat rails in this plane too.

727 has new prop governor (\$3k).

727 has new oil cooler (\$700). This appears to have fixed the oil leak.

727's engine now has over 2,400 hours. Could be facing an overhaul in the next year. Oil analysis and compression, upon latest check, were good though. Last overhaul was 30 years ago.

63S is nearing end-of-break-in time. Probably 5 or so hours more.

63S **caution:** #3 CHT gets very hot very fast. Nick will send something out on this to help get everyone to do gently climbs.

63S avionics are working great. Analog Tach and Hobbs are nearly, but not exactly synced with the digital on the GI275. Please use the **ANALOG** Hobbs for billing purposes. Right fuel gauge is a little finicky. Be mindful of your initial fuel.

Safety Report: 1) Clean safety month, no reported issues. 2) Geoff has language substantially ready for new Articles 11 and 18 and the Club Flight instruction Policy for a look over by the Board for an appropriate time and vote by the membership. 3) BFI VFR procedures are supposed to have slight revisions starting on the 14th; however, King Co.'s website still has the 2021 procedures listed. The Kent Arrival in north flow is already discontinued. SEA VFR Flyway chart has all these proc.'s on the back. 4) Ian Phillips is now an Instrument Instructor.

New business: Gregory Tang gets an hour of free flight time for tech troubleshooting in the office. Alan donated his free hour to Greg to benefit the Club by one hour.

Free Flight Hour: Ed Bryce

Meeting adjourned at 19:14.