October 14, 2026

Valley Fliers October Board Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30
Present: Clapp, Steinman, Meyer, Vader, 12 members, and 1 potential member.
Excused Absent: Dewitt, Smith

Approval of September Meeting Minutes
Nick moved to accept as written. Jake 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.

Maintenance Officer's Report
9MA Nick asked Ed Bryce to describe what happened in flight. Ed was in cruise at night. Cylinder #2's temp went from fine to red between scans. He enriched the mixture and backed off the throttle. The temp peaked over 500 degrees. Once enriched it worked okay for the rest of the flight home. A valve failed, perhaps due to a spark plug failure. The engine has a cylinder pulled off it. We hope to get an exchange cylinder in the next few days. We'll change plugs and oil before putting it back in service. We also have a new sump heater for it. All temperature probes seem to be functioning. The elevator tip has been taped and will be replaced at annual. Ed noted the run up and mag check were normal so the failure occurred in flight. Nick noted the rest of the engine looked visually good and oil analysis was clean.
117 The right door has been having issues, perhaps with alignment. Some parts have been changed and hopefully it will last better. There was a pre-flight issue with the flaps, the mechanic replaced the switch. The Dynon issue at boot up seems to be gone. A member reported he had a failure of the backup system. Nick will monitor. All the probes are working. The lower right cowling fastener has a part on order. Mag inspection is coming up.
727 The trim was freezing up, perhaps on cold mornings. The chains on the trim cable were cleaned and it seems better. The flap switch was pro-actively replaced and the flaps have been re-rigged. Commenter from the floor noted the POH has different flap-raising behavior. Nick will look.
63S is getting new fuel senders and should be back up tomorrow. Commenter from the floor notes that the fuel selector has an issue with its safety pin. Nick will have it looked at during its annual.

Nick noted all the plane's annuals are now blocked out in schedule master. Question from the floor: how will the new engine process work for 727? Nick noted it is something the club budgets for. He also reviewed the payment points for in the process. He noted the propeller overhaul is often the limiting time factor. After it is put back together there is a break in process. Question from the floor about cupholders? Nick said if someone wants to put in something removable, that might be okay. It cannot be permanently installed. Some of the planes don't have any room to put one.

Safety Officer's Report
Geoff was not present so no report. Andy is not aware of any safety issues over the last month.

Old Business
Jenn Jensen Andy introduced Jenn and her husband. She thanked us for allowing her to join. She learned to fly about six months ago. She has a plane in Texas. Nestor mentioned the club to her. She would like to get her instrument rating. Her husband Tom flys for Alaska Airlines.

New Business
Potential New Members
Garren Staubli Andy introduced Garren. He has been flying for a few years. He has an instrument rating and enjoys flying. He's married and has kids. He has flown a lot of Cherokees, 172s, 152s, and 182s. Nick moved to accept Garren, Jake seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other
Nick noted Brian Funk has completed the Washington Passport program. Nick briefly described the program. Brian said it took about two years to get all but Stehekin. Stehekin took another two years.

Free flight hour won by: Dzianis Siarheyeu
Meeting adjourned at: 7:04

Next Meeting The next board meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11 at Trotters with food at 6:00 PM and business beginning at 6:30.