

# A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE WEST VALLEY FLYING CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP

Newcomers are invited to attend 2 regular meetings or the Thursday morning breakfast (see below) without any obligation to join the club. If you do attend a meeting or breakfast, it is easy, just call the Membership Chairman (Howard Woodruff at 623-523-3192) and he will be there to introduce you to some of the other members. It is easy to identify a member as most of us wear a nametag with the club logo on it.

Visit our website [www.westvalleyflyingclub.org](http://www.westvalleyflyingclub.org) for a calendar of upcoming events and just show up. Bring a guest if you like. Our meetings are generally held at the Glendale Airport.

Potential members can join the WVFC by paying annual dues of \$20 (\$27 the first year to cover the cost of your custom name badge) and completing a short information form. Club communications are normally accomplished via email, the newsletter and our web site.

There are no qualifications necessary to join our club: no age limit, no residence requirement, and you need not own an airplane or even be a pilot. We seek members of any age or experience level. **You only need to have an interest in general aviation, and small airplanes.**

## WEEKLY BREAKFAST

Every Thursday at 8:30 AM club members meet for breakfast at the Something Special Aviation Café in the Terminal Building at the Glendale Airport. After breakfast some of the members relocate to one of the members hangers for some "hanger flying".

## FLY OUTS FOR BREAKFAST

Twice monthly from November through April, there are group fly outs to various Arizona airports where the club members have breakfast and social time together. A schedule of dates and destinations is available on the Club web site. Non-flying members may fly with flying members provided there are sufficient seats available (if there are not enough seats available, then passengers are selected via a chance drawing). Passenger seating and costs decisions are set by each pilot as airplanes have different seating, speeds, load capacities, and fuel costs.

## MEETINGS

There are 6 regular meetings annually: (i) a BBQ dinner in November, (ii) a Christmas dinner in December, (iii) meetings with a speaker in January, February and March, and (iv) a BBQ in April. Each meeting focuses on some aspect of aviation. Meetings run 2 to 2 ½ hours and door prizes are normally given out. Spouses are welcome.

We do not formally meet from May through October although many members continue to meet weekly for Breakfast and get together regularly for social or flying activities during the summer period.

## **PILOTS AND PLANES**

The club does NOT own or rent airplanes. Some club pilots own airplanes and may take club members on a “share-the-cost” basis for privately arranged flights. The club does NOT provide flight instruction although there are Certified Flight Instructors in the club who might offer personal flight instruction. The club does offer a Pilot-In-Command refresher ground school on a fee basis every other February. Some members have been able to find member partners for fractional ownership of an airplane.

## **EXAMPLES OF OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES WE HAVE DONE IN THE RECENT PAST**

Tours of the Phoenix TRACON site.

Tours of control towers and FAA facilities.

Automobile trips to the Pinal County Airplane Museum in Tucson and the “bone yard” at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Group visits to the Luke Air Force Base and the Goldwater Range to observe live bombing and strafing practice.

Visits to the Embry-Riddle Flight Training School in Prescott.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The club operates with a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Leadership changes annually at our December social/business meeting. Leadership duration is from January through December each year.