



The Flypaper

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SVPA BBQ potluck at A30 on Thursday, December 4th at 6 PM.
Bring something to throw on the grill and a dish to share.

A30 100LL now \$6.25

We received a load of 100LL in November at a slightly lower cost, the new price is \$6.25. Demand is high, so fuel your plane soon!

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Keep flying and I'll be back!



Still not too late to go hiking.



Stuart Fork needs a white Christmas.



Anna Lake and Billy-Be-Damned are being shaded.

Prez Sez

SVPA President Chuck Jopson

“Let me sleep on it”. That was the reply when I asked Tunde, a woman originally from Romania, if she wanted to fly around Scott Valley in the Piper. Having never flown in a light plane, she was understandably nervous - especially when you consider who's doing the piloting.

The next day Tunde decides that she does want to go flying and we are pulling up to the hangar at A30. She looks over at Bill's Taylorcraft in its shade hangar and says something like “I don't think I would want to fly in that plane”. I have to gently explain that the plane we will be flying in isn't much different from the T Craft.

Tunde gets to see how small the Piper is as we pull it out of the hangar. I bounce my hand off the fuselage to show her that the plane is covered in fabric, perhaps not the best move for an introductory flight. I remove the rear stick, a standard precaution when an anxious person is in

the back seat. We climb in and I make sure she is buckled in correctly. We back-taxi runway 16 and I do a runup while explaining the dual ignition to my slightly nervous passenger.

I push the throttle forward and the Piper soon lifts off of the runway. We aren't twenty feet off of the ground when Tunde exclaims “This is really great!”. OK, no need to do an abbreviated flight. We climb up to 8500 feet and fly over the mountains west of Scott Valley, from Boulder Peak to Bolivar. I rattle off the names of most of the lakes we fly over, all of them are covered in ice to some degree.

Tunde enjoyed the entire flight and in doing so, made me more enthusiastic as well. The ability to fly is a form of magic. Taking someone up for their first flight is a great way to remind yourself of that.

The weather is getting cold, so come warm up at SVPA December BBQ potluck at A30 on Thursday, December 4th at 6 PM!