

Flying Partnership



The Flying Signaleers, Inc. is a non-profit airplane partnership located at the Pierce County airport (1S0) in Puyallup, Washington. The partnership began in the 1956 when a handful of signaleers from the National Guard got together and

bought their first plane: a 1946 Aeronca Champ. They incorporated in 1958 and the rest is history. It is perhaps one of the oldest aircraft partnerships in the US.

Today, the Flying Signaleers has different members but still the same focus on the social aspects of flying. Each member is a part owner and each member contributes to ensuring the planes are well kept. Unlike many other partnerships, The Flying Signaleers enjoy being involved in all aspects of aircraft ownership including the management, maintenance, upgrading, cleaning, and, of course flying.

Our Values

We are **not** an aircraft rental service. The planes are owned, operated, cleaned, and managed by all of the members. The Flying Signaleers is a way for all of the members to share in all the pleasure of owning their own aircraft.

As a partnership we value:

In our members

- Honesty
- Safety
- Conscientious about how their actions affect other members
- Don't feel burdened by the share price or the hourly rates
- Clean up planes after they use it
- Pay for any damage they might cause
- Proud of the aircraft we own

In our aircraft

- Great condition
- Well maintained
- Look sharp

Financially

- Not for profit
- Planning for the future (saving money versus borrowing)
- Spending money on good equipment but not always the latest and greatest
- Safety above cost

The Planes

The Flying Signaleers, Inc. has had a variety of aircraft over the years. The aircraft are reliable and a well maintained fleet making frequent flying inexpensive and accessible to the members.



We currently have a Cessna 172K and a 182P. Both aircraft are great performers since we've upgraded to 180hp in the 172 and a 280hp in the 182.

Becoming a Partner

We usually have a few shares for sale and are looking for additional partners. Since this is first and foremost a social flying partnership, each person wanting to be a member should fill out the application material and contact the Board to arrange a meet and greet.



The first step is to contact us by email info@flyingsignaleers.com and we'll be happy to arrange a time for you to meet some of the members and kick-off the new member procedure. The existing members come from a range of backgrounds with many years of flying. Some are active professional pilots. Also, visit us at <http://flyingsignaleers.com> to learn more, read the bylaws, and download a new-member application.

Costs

Once you have made it through the selection process you can then buy a share, which are as low as \$200 for a restricted share if all you want to do is fly the 172. The monthly dues are \$120 per share.



In addition to the monthly dues, there is an hourly "wet" rate charge for each plane. The 172 rate is currently \$80/hour and \$120/hour for the 182. The usage is based on tach time rather than hobbs. Once in a great while there may be an assessment to cover the expense of something completely unexpected or to improve one of the planes.

Note: Please check the web site for the most current prices.

You can feel good about taking your family on a trip for the weekend or even a whole week since the planes may be reserved for up to 15 days without a daily minimum.

Summary

Partnership

- Flight partnership (not a rental club)
- For individuals who want to own a plane
- One of the oldest partnerships in the US
- Reputation for well-maintained planes
- Value safety above cost

Planes

- Planes: 172 and 182
- 172 with 180hp engine
- 182 with 280hp engine
- Both IFR equipped

Costs

- \$200 restricted share price or \$1200 for unrestricted for access to both planes
- \$120/month dues
- \$80/hr rate (\$65/hr hobbs) for the 172
- \$115/hr rate for the 182



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