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CENTRAL VALLEY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting

February 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Air Squadron Building

Chandler Executive Airport

Speaker: Jim Shamp

Call Jim Shamp, 559-779-4406 for access if you don't have a pin code.

ATTENTION

All pilots with an "Aircraft of Historical Significance" who fly in to Chandler Airport to attend any CVAA meeting and display their aircraft will be eligible for a signature for their property tax exemption.



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner

How Fast Should You Taxi?

I can't count the number of times I watch aircraft taxiing to the run-up area as if they were trying to takeoff on the taxi way. Why hurry? So what should be the safe taxi speed?

The 'right' taxi speed is the one appropriate to the conditions taking into account the wind, the taxiway surface and width, the presence of other aircraft and what type of aircraft you are operating. Slow down on those windy days especially when turning. The rougher or more uneven the taxiway surface, the slower you should go. Slow down if you have to pass close to another airplane. Remember that retractable landing gear is not designed to take high speed turns. However, when conditions are ideal, taxi at a speed that is appropriate to your personal minimums and is safe to you, your aircraft and everyone around you. Remember, don't takeoff while taxiing. Do that on the runway!



The taxi speed on my last few flights varied from less than 5 knots to over 25. The low end was used when making a turn out of the wind on a seriously windy day. The fast speed was to help a ground controller avoid congestion around a runway intersection, on a perfectly straight, smooth, wide taxiway, on a calm wind day. And was only used briefly.

Some folks say to monitor your groundspeed on GPS, but I don't agree with this advice. You should be heads-up with your eyes focused outside the airplane while taxiing. If you must check the GPS, ask yourself what speed you expect to see before you look and see how close you were. This will train your speed sense and soon you won't need to check the GPS. Your eyes will have already told you how fast you're going.

Ever feel intimidated by taxi communications at a towered airport? Go to Pilot Workshops. Com "VFR Communications: A Pilot-Friendly Manual". Here is great



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner (continued)

insight into what to expect when communicating with ATC. Also, at Pilot Workshops you will find other great manuals such as, "IFR Communications", "IFR Procedures", "How ATC Really Works" and more.

Well, get out there and fly, fly often and slow down that taxiing and get to the run-up area safely.

Aileron and Jim

AWESOME AIRCRAFT PAINT JOBS



THE WAY IT WAS



Way back about 1952 when I was a 14-year-old punk living in a town called Chicago Heights, Illinois, I was riding my new Schwinn bike down Chicago Road to my cousin's house. I heard an airplane engine coming up behind me like I had never heard before, a low, even kind of a moan with a very strong hint of massive power. It was a cloudy day with an overcast ceiling of about 2500 feet so this thing was down fairly low and moving very fast. I recognized it as a P51 and still have the image of it in my mind's eye.

I later found out it was owned by a man named Bill Ross who would later become well known in the EAA Warbirds of America. He based the Mustang at the Joliet Illinois airport, about 30 miles away. It seems the area southwest of Chicago was becoming a hotbed of WWII aircraft of all kinds. There were so many surplus ex-military aircraft at many of the small and large airports of that day and that area.

Dr. Lou Antonacci tells of this interesting tale in the current issue of Air Classics magazine....about in 1979 he was restoring a Corsair and ran across a like-new propeller that a friend of his had, so he bought it to use as a spare. Naturally curious about where his friend got it, he asked where his friend got this prop. Turns out that a Grumman Hellcat and a Corsair used interchangeable props. About 30 years prior, his friend was driving along old Route 12 near Oak Lawn, Illinois, and watched as a man pulled his pickup truck over and opened up the tailgate and rolled a lightly loaded drum from the road into a farmer's field about 50 feet. There was some oil in the barrel, and the man lit it and soon the air was filled with black smoke. Soon a Grumman Hellcat from WWII appeared on the horizon and set up for a downwind, then base, then final, landing in this farmer's field and taxied up to near this smokepot which was still throwing black smoke 1000 feet in the air.

A short time later a Cessna landed and pulled up next to the Hellcat, and the man with the barrel snuffed the fire out, offered everyone a cup of coffee and asked 'what was the deal?' Turns out it was a CAP/Chicago Vocational School joint exercise., and they were practicing "find the missing airplane." A short time later they all left in the Cessna and just left the Hellcat sitting there in the farmer's field.



Time went by and pretty soon it was planting time, and the farmer needed to have the Hellcat removed. The friend called the school that owned the Hellcat and was told if he wanted the plane, he could have it for free! So, rather than sell the plane as is, where is, he figured he could make more money by parting it out. He wrapped a chain around the landing gear and proceeded to pull the plane over to his shop and started the salvage work.

That, of course, is where the spare prop came from. Wonder how much it is worth today?

- Arnie Schweer

ACTUAL COMPLAINTS FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS ON VACATIONS

We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow.

It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time — this should be banned.

No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.

Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers.

I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.

AVIATIONISMS

Never trade luck for skill.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication.

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.



REMINDER!!!!!!

CHANDLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT ACCESS

To enter Chandler Executive Airport gates you must have a personal PIN number. The application is in this newsletter. In the box for Aircraft Hangar Numbers — please put in Central Valley Aviation Association. Turn this application in and then Airports will be in touch with you for the rest of the process.

If you have not received your PIN number in time for the CVAA meeting you plan to attend call Mary King, 559-250-1489, or Jim Shamp, 559-779-4406 and one of us will meet you and caravan you in.

ATTENTION ALL CVAA MEMBERS

Important update on Chandler Airport Access Pin Codes

Pin codes issued by Airports to CVAA members are for the sole purpose of accessing the field when attending the CVAA monthly meetings. They are going to be issued only to “active” CVAA members who attend the meetings. The Airports Department does check with CVAA on a regular basis to ensure they are issuing Pin Codes to active CVAA members only. In order for a CVAA member to be issued and maintain a Chandler Pin Code, that member must attend at least three (3) CVAA General Meetings per calendar year. If you are unable to attend at least three (3) CVAA General Meetings per year, you will be considered an inactive member, and your Pin Code will be discontinued. You can still attend the general meetings, but you will need to contact Jim Shamp so that he can escort you onto the field. To be considered an Active member, please be sure to sign in at the General Meetings and attend a minimum of three (3) meetings per year.

**Thank You,
Your CVAA Board of Directors**



FRESNO CHANDLER

EXECUTIVE AIRPORT

IDENTIFICATION TENANT APPLICATION

TENANT INFORMATION					
Full Name					
(Please Print) First		Middle	Last		
Residence Address					
Street		Apt. #	City	State	Zip
Phone #	Cell #	Email:			
Emergency Contact (1)				Emergency Contact Phone #	
(Please Print) First		Middle	Last		
Company Name					
Aircraft Hangar Number(s)/Tail Number(s)					
The information I have provided is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is provided in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement can be punished by fine or imprisonment or both. (Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code)					
Signature:			Date		
PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)					
Issued:	Expires:	File #	Pin #		Tenant/Vendor/ Sub Tenant

AIRPORT PROPERTY MANAGER AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Full Name (Print) First		Middle	Last
Signature		Date	
FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT · FRESNO CHANDLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE 4995 E CLINTON WAY FRESNO, CA 93727 559-621-6650			



February Birthdays

Linda Cannon	2/03
Mark Pomaville	2/07
Harold Gallagher	2/09
Chip Blythe	2/12
Mable Smith	2/16
David Purvis	2/27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

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President: Jim Shamp; Vice President: Arnie Schweer; Treasurer: Sarah Donaldson; Secretary: Rita Fairbourn

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Jim Shamp—Aileron and Jim’s Safety Corner

Arnie Schweer — The Way It Was



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 31— EAA 376 Airplane Movie Night, 6:00 pm Dinner, \$5/person donation; Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Soft Drink/Water;
6:30 pm Movie: Red Tails—Free

Saturday, Feb. 1 — CVAA General Meeting, Speaker: Jim Shamp

EAA 376 Aviation Ground School, Beginning, Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, continuing Through May, 7:00pm—8:30pm. Free to all 376 members!
Instructor—Jim Shamp, Email: shampjs@sbcglobal.net,
Phone: 559-779-4405, 559-431-5918 (See Details Page 10)

Saturday, Feb. 8 —EAA 376—Young Eagle's Flights, 9:00 a.m., for youth (ages 8-17), Questions: Contact Clari Cone, clari.cone@gmail.com, 209-617-1170, Young Eagles Flights Rally Registration link:
<https://events.eaachapters.org/event-details/YE3233TP>

Saturday, Mar. 1— CVAA General Meeting, Speaker: Dr. V.J. Mirzayan

Saturday, Mar. 8 — 67th Annual Cactus Fly-In, Casa Grande Airport
See Flyer Page 11

February 14, 28—EAA 37 Airplane Movie Nights

CVAA FUTURE MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 1, 2025— CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker—Jim Shamp
"Most Surprising Check Ride Experiences"

MARCH 1, 2025—CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker—Dr. V.J. Mirzayan
"Cognitive Performance Training" which will include how to sharpen focus, distraction control, emotion and performance relationship, error reduction techniques, and more as time permits.

APRIL 5, 2025—CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker—Phil Barnett

MAY 3, 2025—CVAA SPRING PILOT'S CLINIC

JUNE 7, 2025—CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Tour of Fresno/Yosemite Airport Tower

JULY 2025—NO MEETING



EAA 376 Aviation Ground School Starts Monday, Feb. 3, 2025!

Don't miss the start of this year's Aviation Ground School beginning Monday, Feb 3, 2025, at the EAA Chapter 376 Hangar, 4344 W. Spaatz Ave, Fresno, CA 93722 – located west of the Sierra Sky Park runway.

If you are just learning to be a pilot or want a good refresher, the EAA Chapter 376 Aviation Ground School is for you. The class will be held each Monday for four months, beginning February 3, 2025 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the EAA Chapter 376 hanger located at Sierra Sky Park (E79). Fly in or drive, there is room for everyone. We expect the class to go through the end of May, and will cover roughly one chapter per week.

This is offered to **all** pilots, students, and certified pilots alike. No previous experience is required! No age limit as long as not disruptive in class. This will be a fun and educational class involving sessions presented by Jim Shamp with guest instructors along the way. Just show up on the first day of class to register, there is no pre-registration required.

Can't come to the first class? Come the second week instead and catch up with the class!

Cost - Annual Membership to EAA National \$48 single / \$60 Family

<https://www.eaa.org/membership/join.aspx> [Special free national membership for students 8 - 18+6mo. (see details under student tab at website) plus annual membership to EAA Chapter 376 which is \$50 single or family (sign up at class). **Members free! You can't beat that price!**

Instructional Material - Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge (PHAK): (required)

https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/phak (FREE PDF DOWNLOAD)

Or old school print—Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Pilots-Handbook-Aeronautical-Knowledge-FAA-H-8083-25C/dp/1510779876/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Pilots-Handbook-Aeronautical-Knowledge-FAA-H-8083-25C/dp/1510779876/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=1) (The 2i023/2024 is the latest version). You can also use an older version of the PHAK.

or purchase from Sporty's Pilot Shop: <https://www.sportys.com/sporty-s-pilot-s-handbook-of-aeronautical-knowledge-softcover.html>

We look forward to seeing you on the first day of class: Monday, February 3rd! No need to pre-register—just show up and pay your membership dues! We have room for everyone!!

Questions? Contact **Jim Shamp** 559-779-4406, 559-431-5918, email: shampjs@sbcglobal.net



67th ANNUAL CACTUS FLY-IN & HOT ROD SHOW



MARCH 8, 2025
CASA GRANDE AIRPORT

Join the fun with vintage aircraft, war birds, hot rods and food. Early aircraft arrivals are invited to Cactus open-house Friday evening with snacks and beverages. Spaces available for on-field RV parking and camping. Enjoy a Saturday morning pancake breakfast and food trucks all day while viewing amazing antique and classic aircraft and hot rods.

ENTRY DONATION: \$10 / Person \$20 / Car Load (CASH)
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: CACTUSFLYIN.ORG

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**Central Valley Aviation Association
Membership Application or Update**

Name: _____ Membership: Single _____ Family _____

Spouse's Name (If family membership): _____ (we encourage family membership)

Address:

Street _____, City _____, State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone:

Home: _____, Work: _____, Cellular: _____

Email address: _____ (Print carefully)

I would like to receive the Plane Scoop via e-mail: Yes _____, No _____

Airplane (you usually fly):

Type: _____, N number: _____, Colors: _____

Date of birth (just the month and day—not the year):

Primary member: _____, Spouse: _____

How many years have you been a member of CVAA? _____ (estimates are OK)

CVAA Service:

Please list any offices or committee positions in which you are interested in serving:

Please list any talent or skills you have that you would be willing to use to serve CVAA:

This information will be printed in our Club roster and distributed to members only. Please omit any information you do not want to appear in the Club roster.

Mail application, with \$20 single membership or \$25 for a family membership to:

Sarah Donaldson
c/o Sierra Land Co.
7726 N. First Street #510
Fresno, CA 93720

If you have already paid your dues please complete the form anyway and mail it or hand it to Sarah Donaldson.

Comments or suggestions:



Experimental Aircraft Association/EAA Chapter 376 Membership Application

President - Tim Cone, EAA Chapter 376, 4344 W. Spaatz Ave., Fresno, CA 93722
Ph: (559) 352-6145 tcone1@comcast.net



Check one: ☐ New local Membership ☐ Renewal of local EAA 376 Membership

PLEASE PRINT

First & Last Name _____ Nametag: ☐ Have one ☐ Need one

Is your information the same as last year? If so, check here ☐ and skip down to "Please Complete"

Spouse's First & Last Name _____ Nametag: ☐ Has one ☐ Needs one

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address(es): _____

By supplying an email address, you understand that you will receive emails regarding events, meetings, and other local aviation news.

Phone Number(s): Home: (____) ____ - ____ Member's Mobile: (____) ____ - ____

Spouse's Mobile: (____) ____ - ____ Other/____: (____) ____ - ____

EAA National Member #: _____

Please note: To comply with the National EAA Charter, please also join EAA National at www.eaa.org
There are lots of great advantages to having a national EAA membership, including its beautiful magazine plus many other perks, latest news, and aviation updates.

Do you have any comments, thoughts, help you would like to offer or volunteer for? _____

Local EAA Chapter 376 dues are \$50 for the calendar year of 2023. Due Dec. 31, 2022. (Prorated to \$25 if after June 30 if you have not been a local member of Chapter 376 before. Lifetime local EAA 376 membership with **perks is \$1,000.

**Lifetime Membership is a one-time \$1,000 with Special Perks. Contact the Board for details!

Please Complete:

EAA 376 Standard Membership Dues for 2023
Additional donation to help support our Chapter

	\$50.00
+	
Total	

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE to: EAA Chapter 376

Or fill out the CREDIT CARD INFORMATION below:

Cardholder Name (as shown on card): _____

Card Number _____ Exp. ____ / ____ Code: _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Mail this Application with Payment to:

Vern Berry
1677 W. Shaw #109
Fresno, CA 93711

Legal Name: Kings River Area Chapter 376 EAA 501(c)(3) Charitable non-profit educational California Corporation, President: **Tim Cone, President**, 4344 W. Spaatz Ave., Fresno, CA 93722 | Common Name: EAA Chapter 376 - Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea376> Facebook: EAA Chapter 376 Email: tcone1@comcast.net

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