



The Plane Scoop



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If you haven't met Joe, you will have an opportunity this Saturday, March 7, at the CVAA meeting. He will be giving a FAAS Team presentation on pilot safety with Wings Credit. You can read about him beginning on Page 2 and see full meeting details Page 6.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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CENTRAL VALLEY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

CVAA General Meeting
Saturday, March 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
Sheriff's Air Squadron Building
Chandler Airport
Speaker: Joseph Biviano

Call Isaiah Kaninya (559) 417-8112 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



JOSEPH BIVIANO, BS, MS, CFII-MEI

Joe was born in Rhode Island and attended the University of Massachusetts where he earned his B.S. in Aero Engineering and his M.S. in Aviation Safety ERAU.

Like many pilots, his interest in aviation began as a child. He joined the Civil Air Patrol at age 13 and was awarded a private pilot's scholarship at 16. He then received his private pilot certificate at age 17.

He served in the Navy as a pilot from 1973 to 1979 flying T-2s and A-4s.

Following his service he accepted a job at Lockheed Martin which brought him to Southern California. He was employed with Lockheed for 33 years, some of those years as a Test Pilot.

During his 57+ years as a pilot he has owned ten airplanes. Today he owns two – PA28-140 and a RV-4.





JOSEPH BIVIANO (continued)

In the past 15 years since his retirement he has continued to enjoy aviation as a mechanic, flight instructor, and a FAAS Team volunteer giving numerous presentations helping pilots increase their flying safety.

He is married, and he and his wife (Zanya) live in Tehachapi. She is also a licensed pilot.

CVAA is fortunate to have him as our speaker at our general meeting on Saturday, March 7. You don't want to miss it.

Thank you, Joe, for sharing your story with us. You've been blessed to have been able to incorporate aviation into your career, Navy service, and retirement. May you have many more years enjoying what you love.

Managing Emergencies Not in the POH/AFM

Hero Wall "ROID"

B.S. Aero Engineering M.S. Aviation System Safety

57+ years of flying -- ATP CFII MEI, A&P Com Glider

9100 hrs of Mistakes 3600 hrs as a CFI FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

Accident Investigation School USC - NAVY Aviation Safety School NAVY

6 years flying in the US NAVY (T-2s, A-4s)

33 years Lockheed Martin

Wind Tunnel Test Eng, Structural Test Eng, RCM Eng, Elt+System Safety Eng,
U-2, F-117, F-22, C-130, X-33, Eng. Test Pilot - X55, X56 OTHERS

Aircraft Owned - 10 aircraft, presently own 2 aircraft



FEBRUARY SPEAKER

If you missed Ed Lowder's presentation about his training and subsequent parachute jump out of a C-47 at the 75th D-Day Anniversary in Normandy you missed an exciting first-hand account of what it takes. We saw slides and videos and realized the risks involved. It definitely takes bravery and skill.

Thank you, Ed, for sharing your experience with us. We're so glad you "lived to tell the tale".



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner

Essential "Mental Toughness" For Aviation Success

This is an article by a friend of mine David St. George, President and CEO of "SAFE" Society of Aviation and Flight Educators, that I thought all Flight Instructors, Students and Pilots should read.

Success in aviation, both in training and during the career climb, requires many things (money, time, and effort), but mental toughness is essential (and seldom mentioned in flight schools). Components of this essential trait are resilience, persistence, courage, and a positive self-image. When I interviewed candidates learning to fly, I always looked for the essential elements of **"head, hands, and heart"** (native intelligence, hand-to-eye coordination, and motivation/passion). Increasingly, it seems to me that this passion and mental toughness are the most important predictors of success.

In modern times, the only consideration on pilot intake seem to be a fat wallet, as if we can turn anyone with \$125K into successful pilot/CFI in 8 months. Without mental toughness many of these students end up in the 80% group that never finish, or whining on a Reddit stream, limping along and only partially capable. Courage, resilience, and perseverance are essential qualities that every pilot must either possess or acquire. Aviation is a challenging and unforgiving at times and "stuff happens." Persevering and overcoming the inevitable obstacles are the most important predictors of aviation success and survival.

Angela Duckworth's NYT best-seller; "[Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance](#)" found that this critical personality trait was the secret ingredient to success in most difficult, long-term accomplishments. Over ten years, she studied a wide variety of exceptional success stories, from cadets at West Point surviving "[Beast Barracks](#)" to the winners of the National Spelling Bee. She developed a "[Grit Scale](#)" and has suggestions for developing a positive mindset. The common correlational characteristic she discovered was this mental toughness she





Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner (continued)

termed "[grit](#)". You either have this and push on, or you quit. And 80% of aviation learners do just that, they drop out before getting a certificate. We need to focus on mental toughness for pilots both as educators and learners.

Greg Harden, a well-respected coach at the University of Michigan, took a skinny freshman from California named Tom Brady and helped him become a 7-time Super Bowl winner. When you watch his amazing comeback performances, you wonder, "[What is the fuel](#) that powers that amazing performer?" Mental toughness!

Harden also worked extensively with [Michael Phelps](#) (23-time Olympic Gold Medal swimmer) and 400 other highly successful athletes. Mental toughness and positive self-image can be taught. This is the super-power for aviation success. For instructors, this motivational power is essential resources to turbocharge your teaching technique.

Fly safely and often!

Aileron and Jim

AWESOME AIRCRAFT PAINT JOBS





FAASTeam

For more information go to [FAAsafety.gov](https://www.faa.gov/safety)

Links on this page are not active

"Emergencies NOT Found in the POH/AFM"

Topic: How To Manage Emergencies Not Specifically Described in the POH/AFM

On Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 09:00 Pacific Standard Time

Location:

Fresno County Sheriff's Air Squadron Hangar
510 W. Kearney Blvd

Fresno, CA 93706

Select Number:

WP17142075

Description:

The POH/AFM under Section 3 contains procedures to manage emergencies. These procedures do NOT contain details/guidance for off-nominal conditions, such as an alternator failure in IMC or at night. In these situations, procedures will vary. What about other emergencies not in the POH/AFM such as vibrations, fuel/oil in the cockpit, or limited/reduced control power? It's the pilot's responsibility to manage the emergency to a safe outcome. This presentation will review select emergency procedures under various conditions and provide insight on managing emergencies that you normally would NOT find in the POH/AFM.

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, [click here](#).

The sponsor for this seminar is: [FAASTeam](#)

The FAA Safety Team ([FAASTeam](#)) is committed to providing equal access to this meeting/event for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, please communicate your request as soon as possible with the person in the 'Contact Information' area of the meeting/event notice. Note that two weeks is usually required to arrange services.

The following [credit\(s\)](#) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs:

Basic Knowledge 3- 1 Credit

[Click here to view the WINGS help page](#)

Earn your WINGS to get a chance to win a prize. Go to <https://www.wingsindustry.com/WINGS-Sweepstakes> for more info. Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GASafety/>



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

Friday, March 6— EAA 376—Airplane Movie Night, Movie—"Flyboys"; 6 p.m. Dinner, \$5/person Donation; 6:30 p.m., Movie—Free

Saturday, March 7—68th Annual Cactus Fly-In and Hot Rod Show, Casa Grande Airport, Arizona. For More Information Visit: cactusflyin.org:

Saturday, March 14—EAA 376—Young Eagles Rally—Free Flights for Youth Ages 8—17; Contact: Clari Cone (209) 617-1170

Second Saturday Luncheon Following

CVAA NEW BOARD ELECTION

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Our March 7 meeting will include an election for the board. You can vote by the link or QR code on the email sent by President, Isaiah, until 11:59 p.m. March 6. or at the meeting Saturday.

Candidates: Isaiah Kaninya, President; Shawn McMinn, Vice President; Leticia Council, Secretary; Nichole Kaninya, Treasurer; Directors:(3) Leonard Federico (Incumbent), Rubi Jaramillo, Carl Garrison, Howard Ratzlaff, Bob Crooks

Nominations will be open for additional candidates at the meeting.

CVAA FUTURE MEETINGS

March 7— FAAS Team Event, Joseph Biviano, Speaker

April 4 — Reedley College Staff

May 2— FCSO Helicopter Program

June 6— Spring VFR Pilot's Clinic



68th ANNUAL CACTUS FLY-IN & HOT ROD SHOW



MARCH 7, 2026
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: \$15 / Person \$30 / Car Load (CASH or ZELLE)
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: CACTUSFLYIN.ORG

With great pleasure the Classic Airplane Association of Arizona announces scheduling of the 68th Annual Cactus FLYIN.



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)					
Previous Badge at FCH?		Badge #		Return Date	
Yes No					
Previous Badge <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		<input type="checkbox"/> Lost/Stolen		<input type="checkbox"/> Revoked/Reason: <input type="checkbox"/> Returned	
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)					
I UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNIQUE PIN CODE ASSIGNED TO ME IS FOR MY SOLE USE ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE SHARED WITH ANYONE.					
Signature:			Date		
PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)					
Issued:	Expires:	Badge #	Pin #	Tenant/Vendor/ Sub Tenant	
AIRPORT PROPERTY MANAGER AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE					
Full Name (Print) First		Middle	Last		
Signature			Date		
<p>FRESNO YOSEMITE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - FRESNO CHANDLER EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE 4995 E CLINTON WAY FRESNO, CA 93727 559-621-6650</p>					



March Birthdays

Peggy Witmer	3/05
Christina Anderson	3/10
Bob Fairbourn	3/11
Isaiah Kaninya	3/11
Roland Lamer	3/14
Cliff Hall	3/24
Vern Goyette	3/26
Jeff Hall	3/27



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Officers and Board Members for 2025-2026

President: Isaiah Kaninya; Vice President: Arnie Schweer; Treasurer: Sarah Kutz; Secretary: Nichole Kaninya

Board Members (Directors)

Leonard Federico, Mary King, Sharon Schweer

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Jim Shamp—Aileron and Jim’s Safety Corner

Arnie Schweer — The Way It Was



The Central Valley Aviation Association



**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/year, due on January 1 of each year. (Prorated to \$25 if after June 30 only 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 this year	+	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Additional donation to help support our Chapter		<input type="text"/>
Total		<input type="text"/>

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
EAA Chapter 376
4344 W. Spaatz Ave.
Fresno, CA 93722**

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 | Non-Profit Fed. ID: 71-0869246

Additional 2025 Board: VP: Diane Tjerrild; Secretary: Phil Barnett; Treasurer: Vern Berry; Rick Emerian, Bruce Witmer, Ryan Caglia, Judie Moradian, John Krikorian, and Dave Bonnar

Regarding the local area EAA Young Eagles Flights and Program, please contact: Clari Cone: Phone: (209) 617-1170 Email: clari.cone@gmail.com