



The Plane Scoop



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CVAA SPRING PILOT'S CLINIC

Congratulations to all who attended the spring clinic. You completed your continuing education, learned more about Foreflight, what the flight to Oshkosh entails, and had the opportunity to get a complimentary flight review at a huge savings and receive a tax donation receipt for the cost which goes directly to the CVAA scholarship fund.



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CENTRAL VALLEY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

No meeting July 6 due to 4th of July

**Next Meeting, Saturday, August 3 9:00 a.m.
Speaker to be Announced**

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

Four Rules for Safe Flying



I was recently preparing some lessons for a student preparing to obtain his Multiengine Flight Instructor rating when I ran across a briefing on “Four Rules for Safe Multiengine Flying” and thought this really applies to all our flying. These four rules are not just for multi engine operations, but for all types of flying in all types of aircraft. They are not complicated or difficult to manage but help us to strive for greater safety. Most of us probably comply with these rules but sometimes we overlook or fail to accomplish one or two. Oh! That could be 25 or 50% of them and that could spell disaster. But when flying by a

pilot who is well trained and proficient and not breaking the rules, flying can be fun, well rewarding and most of all safe.

So lets take a look at the “Four Rules for Safe Flying”.

Rule #1. Respect the aircraft! When taking off and getting airborne it can be very exciting and one can feel they can do anything, go anywhere. But, there are a couple of things to remember. First, you are not an airliner and you are not flying an F-15. There are limitations based on a number of performance factors such as weather, loading, and engine performance. All of which will bring you back to reality very quickly, let alone maybe back to the ground unexpectedly. Secondly, your training is not a typical indicator of what you will expect in real life. Think about it, your training was accomplished in conditions that do not replicate how you will be flying with all your family on board in the summer with high density conditions, at airports you are not familiar with. Remember, respect the aircraft and what it is capable of really doing. This brings us to rule number two...

Rule #2. Plan like a pro! Since you are not flying an airliner or an F-15 you should aspire to flight plan like a pro. Consider performance at those special airports with nearby terrain, altitude considerations, runway conditions and, Oh yes, time of day. Remember, the margin of error is slimmer in our GA aircraft than in our F-15. Consider a risk assessment tool. This can be a simple “go, no go” decision application based upon evaluation of those parameters that will affect the safety of flight. There are online risk assessment tools and will help in develop the mind set that will help you to make that decision to operate your aircraft more safely.



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner (continued)

Rule #3. **Cut yourself some slack!** The performance numbers were achieved by a professional pilot under very specific conditions and your results may vary. It's important to think of those numbers as best case scenario rather than expected outcomes. So how do you build in that extra margin? There are no set rules but set your performance numbers a bit higher, sort of like "dipping your feet in the water and getting use to it rather than jumping in all at once" set some personal minimums and then work from there as you build experience.

Rule #4. **Proficiency is Key!** Last and most important is staying proficient in the airplane. This means staying not only proficient in normal operations, but most importantly in emergency procedures. Seek out instruction by instructors well versed in the type of aircraft you are flying and the avionics equipment you have on board. Remember, proficiency is staying mentally engaged. Practice not only makes you proficient, but prepares you mentally for the unexpected.

Proficiency will help you "speed up and slow down" in the cockpit. That might sound strange, but by "speed up" that helps you anticipate and deal with abnormal situations and by "slow down", you will be calmer and less likely to rush and make panic mistakes. In other words, do what you have been taught to do and go with the procedures.

So remember, be realistic about the limitations of the aircraft, put greater emphasis on flight planning, build in extra safety margins into your flight operations and making an effort to build a higher level of proficiency not just only for you but for you and your passengers.

Remember those four rules and get out there and fly safely and fly often,

Aileron and Jim

WISE WORDS OF WISDOM & A LAUGH

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

Man who runs in front of car gets tired, but man who runs behind car gets exhausted.

War does not determine who is right; it determines who is left.

THE WAY IT WAS



When Sharon and I bought our first Bonanza in 2005, I joined the American Bonanza Society and at that time there was a Flying Octogenarian named Johnny Miller writing a monthly article for the magazine. I believe he was right around age 95 at that time. Of course, this was before the insurance companies started singling out pilots over age 80 and non-renewing their policies. So John was flying all over the United States and visiting different family members and friends he had made through the years. He was based in Poughkeepsie, New York, and back in the '30s and '40s had been the FBO operator, doing what FBO owners always did, selling, renting, maintaining and flying airplanes.

He owned a New Standard biplane that was his personal plane, and he had a German Shepherd dog whose name escapes me just now, let's call him Fido, that he had rigged a harness for so that Fido could ride in the front cockpit and be safely strapped in. Johnny and Fido would take off in the open cockpit New Standard and fly around awhile, then make sure the pattern was empty and come back over the airport with enough altitude to perform a loop, with Fido barking all the way around the loop and bringing smiles to all on the ground watching and listening.

One day a couple of teenage boys were playing catch and keep-away from Fido with the dog watching for any opportunity to grab the ball, when the ball rolled under a tailwheel airplane. Just then the pilot yelled "clear" and hit the starter as Fido was running at full speed to grab that ball. The ball rolled all the way back to the tailwheel, and the engine started a couple of seconds before Fido got to the front of the plane. The spectators were aghast at what was seemingly going to be the end of Fido. As he was going as fast as he was, there was no way he could stop in time, so he just hunkered down and skidded under the now idling killer prop and grabbed the ball in his teeth and BACKED out from under the plane and its whirling propeller, his fur on his back being raised up an inch or two as he backed out. He was, after all, an airport dog.

John Miller was still flying his v-tail Bonanza at age 100 and was the first to fly an Autogyro from Los Angeles to New York. He deemed the Pitcairn Autogyro the safest airplane in the world. There is a movie titled "It Happened One Night" starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert which has an Autogyro landing on the lawn of some rich guy's estate. It was an interesting aircraft indeed. I wish there were some around that we could see at an airshow, don't you?

Arnie Schweer

AWESOME AIRCRAFT PAINT JOBS



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 on May 4 call Mary King, 559-250-1489, or Jim Shamp, 559-779-4406 and one of us will meet you and caravan you in.



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)					
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June Birthdays

Deana Briscoe	6/04
William Newburn	6/11
Kent Vandenberg	6/17
Donna Oldham	6/12
Robert Gonzalez	6/25



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

CVAA Officers and Board Members for 2024-2025

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UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

Saturday, June 8—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering (Tim & Clari Cone) and Young Eagles Rally

Saturday, June 8—Car Movie Night, *The Blues Brothers*, 6:00 p.m. Social Time; 6:30 p.m. Trivia Game & Movie

Friday, June 18— 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Movie: *The Great Santini*
6 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Movie (Dinner is \$5 donation/person, Movie is always free); Movie: *The Great Santini*

Friday, June 28—6 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Movie (Dinner is \$5 donation/person, Movie is always free); Movie: *Executive Decision*

About: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Executive_Decision

Saturday, Aug. 10—EAA 376, Pancake Breakfast due to heat, Vern Berry

Saturday, Sept. 14—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering (Phil Barnett) and Young Eagles Rally

Saturday, Sept. 21—CVAA Fly-In and Potluck, 11:00am to 2pm (Details Page 9)

Saturday, Oct. 12— 39th Annual End O' Summer Fly In and Car Show

Saturday, Oct. 25 —Reedley Airport 2024 BBQ & Open House (Details to Follow)

Saturday, Nov. 9—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering (Dennis & Marilyn Sniffin)

Future EAA 376 Airplane Friday Night Movie Dates: Sept. 6, Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, Nov. 15

Future EAA 376 Saturday Car Movie Night Dates: June 8., Sept. 14, Nov. 9.



CVAA FUTURE MEETINGS

NO MEETING IN JULY 2024

AUGUST 3, 2024 - CVAA GENERAL MEETING 9am / Sheriff's Air Squadron
Speaker to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 - CVAA FLY-IN AND POTLUCK! 11am to 2pm

- Bring your own beverage and chair! Come enjoy the Chandler community for a fun Fly-In and Potluck.
- CVAA will provide the Hamburgers and Hotdogs / Donation Jar will be there to help offset the costs
- Display your Classic Aircraft for sign-off
- If your Last name begins with A through L: Please bring a side dish to share
- If your Last name begins with M through Z: Please bring a dessert to share
- Story telling is encouraged!
- This will be in place of our CVAA General Meeting
- Kindly RSVP so we know how many people to feed

LATER IN LIFE

My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else.....

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?"
We just laughed and laughed.... I need bail money.

Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."

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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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