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CENTRAL VALLEY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

**NO GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 7
FLY-IN AND POTLUCK SEPTEMBER 21
(SEE PAGE 10)**

**Next General Meeting, Sat., Aug. 3 9:00 a.m.
Speaker, Rick Emerian**

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.



PATTY & HENRY WANG RETIRE



It seems like just yesterday when Patty and Henry opened up Flight Line Café at Chandler Executive Airport, but hard to believe it's already been 8 years. And in case you didn't know that completes a total of 16 years running the restaurant at Chandler, the first time from 1993 to 2001. Henry and Patty have always been warm and welcoming hosts, making each of us feel like we were at a friend's home for breakfast or lunch. And let's not forget the little dessert treats Patty would just throw in sometimes at the end of our meal.

They're ready to retire as of August 31, and Patty says it's with mixed emotions—looking forward to this new phase of their lives but knowing they're going to miss all of the patrons who have really become friends.

They want to say thank you to all the CVAA members who gave them support, loyalty, friendship and love, and to all their other loyal customers.

And we say a big thank you to you, Patty and Henry, for the wonderful food and camaraderie we enjoyed at Flight Line Café. Enjoy your retirement years and long visits with your adorable grandson. You've earned it!!

BUT WAIT—IT'S NOT OVER YET!!

Flight Line Café will remain open under new management. It reopened September 1 with American and Mexican cuisine and will keep the same hours. You can continue to enjoy this favorite spot. So stop in and meet the new owners. We will introduce them more extensively in October's The Plane Scoop.



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner

What Are Those Sharp Things On The Wing?

If you've ever preflighted an airplane, you probably noticed small wedge-shaped strips on the front of the wing. They're called stall strips, and they're a pretty important part of a wing's design.

Stall strips create a more controlled stall across the wing, as well as increased wing buffeting before a full stall occurs. So how do they work? It starts with something called the stagnation point.



The Stagnation Point

When air approaches the leading edge of your wing, it divides. Some air flows over the top of the wing, and some flows under the bottom. The spot where the airflow splits is called the "stagnation point".

When your wing is at a low angle of attack (AOA), the stagnation point is on the leading edge, and when your wing is at a high angle of attack, the stagnation point moves below the leading edge.

How The Stall Strip Helps

Stall strips begin working when your wing is at a high angle of attack. Because the stagnation point is on the underside of the wing, air flows up and around the leading edge, making its way over the top of the wing. With no stall strip, airflow can stay attached to the wing as this happens.

But since the stall strip is sharp, airflow can't stay attached as easily, and it starts to separate from the wing before your wing reaches the critical AOA and stalls. This causes an "early" stall directly behind the strip, and prior to the entire wing stalling. Stall strips are typically fairly small, and placed near the root of the wing (next to the fuselage). The idea behind their location is simple: you want your wing to begin stalling in a desirable location, which is typically the root. When the root of the wing stalls first, you still have aileron roll control in the stall's early stages. Wing washout also contributes to this phenomenon.



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner (continued)

Buffet Warning

There's an added benefit to stall strips: wing buffeting. Because the small section of wing behind the strip stalls before the rest of the wing, you'll feel a buffet from airflow separation several knots before you actually stall. It's a good addition to your stall warning indicator.

Do Your Wings Have Them?

The next time you head out to the airport, check out the leading edges of airplanes on the ramp. You'll find almost every kind of aircraft with stall strips, from training airplanes to corporate jets. And when you see them, you'll know exactly what they're used for too.

Fly safely and fly often,

Jim and Aileron

TIRED OF THE HEAT – IT COULD BE WORSE! (WHEN PEOPLE GET BORED IN SNOW COUNTRY)





THE WAY IT WAS



Sometimes I look back on the way things were in “the old days” and compare those old times with what young people have today, like fences around the airport, electronic security gates, video cameras spying on you once you do successfully somehow gain entrance to an airport, especially one that has received Federal money like Chandler. How would an aspiring young pilot-to-be even gain entrance to an airport?

I was privileged to work at an airport 10 miles from my home when I was 13 years old and rode my bike and got paid in flying lessons until my instructor was killed in a crop-dusting accident over in Indiana. Lessons were put on hold, but I kept my passion for airplanes anyway.

I think that those young years when I could listen in to pilots talking “hangar talk” had a bearing on how I looked at flying and how carelessness of any kind could end your life in an instant. Airplane accidents had a huge impression on my, and I always tried to err on the side of caution.

On one summer day that I was off work, a friend from school that liked airplanes came by my house and said, “There’s been a plane crash near the airport. Let’s check it out.” So we took off on our bikes and soon saw the remains of what had been a silver Fairchild PT 19 lying in a pasture about 1/4 mile north of the airport. The left wing was absolutely smashed to smithereens, nothing left but toothpicks, the rest of the plane was fairly intact, but the pilot was killed. The plane was based at the airport where I worked. I did not know the pilot/owner. I had only seen the plane in the hangar.

Apparently, he had taken off early that morning headed for Southern Illinois and must have decided to turn around and come back, although I remembered when I had WOKE UP IT WAS VERY FOGGY, and it stayed that way until about 11a.m. The pilots at the airport all tried to figure out what had happened, and the general consensus was that he was attempting to land at what he believed was the airport but was off by 1/4 mile, stalled at 20-30 feet, left wing dropped and the plane cartwheeled. When we got there the sun was brightly shining and the pilots remains had been taken away, but this really left an impression on me. We all know it as “Get there itis”, the often fatal disease. Taking off in the fog and then trying to land in the fog.....this at an airport with no ILS, no instrument approaches of any kind. The pilot’s smashed thermos bottle and his brown bag lunch were both lying about 50 feet in front of the plane. In those days, weather reports were available but sketchy, and our airport had no nav aids at all—this was 1952.

I was to have a love affair of my own with a PT 19 which I will be pleased to tell you about next month — stay tuned.

— Arnie Schweer



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.

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	



September Birthdays

Larry Powell	9/13
Dale Emerian	9/16
Faith Potter	9/21
Don Neal	9/26
Evelyn White	9/26
Ruth Zimmerman	9/27
Judith Ratzlaff	9/28



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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Arnie Schweer — The Way It Was



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

Monday (Labor Day), Sept. 2—Sept. 12 — Aircraft of Historical Significance on Display at APR Aviation on the Fresno Yosemite International Airport, 5045 E. Anderson Ave, Fresno. For further information contact Captain Len, 559-779-9940

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 10)

Saturday, Oct. 5— CVAA General Meeting, Speaker, Rick Emerian

Saturday, Oct. 12— EAA 376 Pancake Breakfast and Fly-in, Tim & Clari Cone
End 'O Summer Fly-in and Car Show cancelled due to city construction.

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

Saturday, Nov. 2— CVAA Fall Pilot's Clinic (See Details Page 10)

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

Saturday, Jan. 11—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering, Ryan & Dominique Caglia

Saturday, Feb. 10—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering, Diane Tjerrild

LATER IN LIFE

I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.

I think the reason we are born with two hands is so we can pet two dogs at once.

Life is too short to waste time matching socks.



CVAA FUTURE MEETINGS

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

OCTOBER 5, 2024— CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker– Rick Emerian

- Season 2, The Rest of the Story

NOVEMBER 2, 2024—CVAA FALL PILOT’S CLINIC

- Safety Program and Continuing Education—Wings Accredited
- Segment #1 will be on IFR OPERATIONS, Jim Shamp & Mark Delforno (Oriented to Instrument Flying for EVERYONE, Not just for instrument pilots)
- Segment #2 will be on AIR TRAFFIC & CLEARANCES - Mark Delforno & Doug ` Sisk
- \$50/Person Donation
- 1st three people to sign up will receive a complimentary tour of the FAT tower and facilities
- IFR, Oriented to Instrument Flying for Everyone, Jim Shamp & Mark Delforno
- **Complimentary** Flight Review will be offered to paying attendees! This is a \$280 dollar value for the price of \$50! And your \$50 donation is **tax deductible**!

DECEMBER 2024 — DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

JANUARY 4, 2025—CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker to be Announced

FEBRUARY 1, 2025—CVAA GENERAL MEETING, Speaker—Jim Shamp

- “Most Surprising Check-Ride Experiences”

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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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