

TCAA Transponder

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Undated photo Columbia Airport

TCAA & CALPILOTS

TCAA is working towards becoming a chapter of Cal Pilots!

We urge our members to head to their website and become a Cal Pilots member! They are a great resource for aviators and airport groups here in California!

AIRPORT NEWS

- On August 30, the FAA revoked the Certified Repair Station certificate of Velocity Avionics.

-Fathers Day Fly-In 2022?

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EVENTS

Currently, monthly meetings are being held on the second Wednesday each month.

- December 8 2021 6:00PM
- January 12 2022 6:00 PM
- February 9 2022 6:00 PM
- March 9 2022 6:00 PM
- April 13 2022 6:00 PM



BECOME A MEMBER!

Join Us! Bring a friend! Being a member of the TCAA is great! We are growing fast and have lots of ambitious plans! Whether you enjoy the social aspect of meeting with fellow aviators, pilots, neighbors and friends of the airport, or are interested in helping the TCAA with new projects, and challenges. We'd love to have you!

AIRPORT NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON AT COLUMBIA AIRPORT?

-In early September, *Velocity Avionics* at Columbia had their Certified Repair Station Certificate revoked by the FAA. A reason as to why via an inquiry to owner William Walker was not returned.

-*Pilot Controlled Lighting* has been reported by DPE Pilot Examiner Ken Cobb to often be intermittent. This had been reported during the summer months. On 10/27/2021 a local based pilot was unable to land at night due to the pilot-controlled lighting. This was brought to the attention of the airport manager that same day. Personally, I was able to get the PCL to work properly on 11/11/21.

- The *vehicle gate* at the west side of the airport continues to be problematic. The security of the airport is questionable due to the failings of this gate. Make sure the gate closes behind you!

- During the November 10th meeting, It was voted upon by those in attendance change int the duties of the various board members to better utilize the resources of each volunteer member. The new board is as shown to the right.

TCAA Board

President: Rod McNally

Vice President - Jake Carter
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Secretary - Robyn

Treasurer - Shawn Price
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Board Member: Ed Sunday

Sub Committees:

Website: Jake Carter

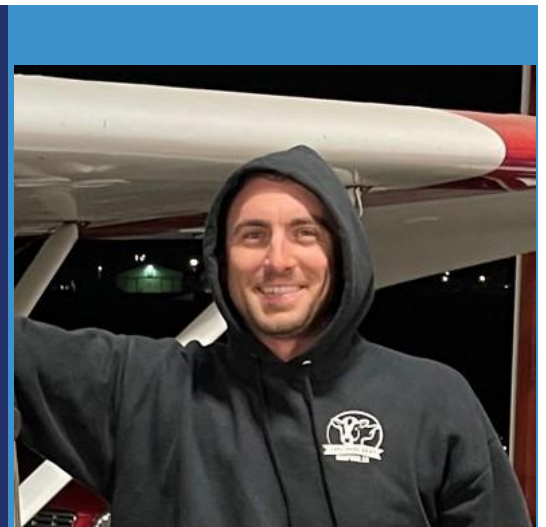
Scholarships: Robyn

Newsletter: Jake Carter

Meet a Member

Nick Ferraro

Nick is a native of Visalia, CA and learned to fly in 2018 and frequents O22. He is a huge fan of the wonderful airport that is Columbia. He enjoys camping at the campground in the summer and even uses it in the winter months! "The grass runway is a great place to come practice landings and hone my skills." Nick is a Pacer owner and in his free time enjoys fishing for fatties and flying his Pacer. He is a professional AG pilot with around 2700 hrs. He hopes to join the TCAA meetings sometime in the future.



NEXT MEETINGS

The member meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesdays of each month. Currently meetings have been held starting at 6:00pm at Hangar Six on the west side of the airport. IF you are unable to get onto the airport. Please call or text (209)-651-0632 and we will send someone to let you into the airport.

If you have a talking point or ideas, we hope you will get up and speak about anything you may have to say. Meetings will start with our potluck BBQ dinners followed by the official member meetings. A member wishing to add items to the agenda for discussion are encouraged to do so. After the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, we will have various guest speakers or other special events.

So that all the meetings going forward are not exclusively "business", we would like other social or discussion topics or guest speakers. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to be a speaker and just get up and talk flying stories, we would love to have that!



TCAA PROJECTS:

Hello TCAA Supporters,

While membership in the CalPilots and CalDART (California Disaster Airlift Response Team) provides financial support for arguably the two most important aviation champions in California, it also gives our Tuolumne County aviation champions access to some of the best opportunities to enrich our own flying experiences. The idea of organizing a DART was first discussed by the South County Airport Pilot Association (SCAPA) Board of Directors in 2008. After a great deal of work and outreach, the SCAPA, with the help of grants from AOPA and the Northrop Grumman, additional California pilot associations (Santa Monica and Half Moon Bay) soon formed. In August 2018 The DART Network featured DART Operators at San Martin, Watsonville, Half Moon Bay, and Santa Monica, with active DART Operator formation efforts underway at Lincoln Regional, Santa Rosa, and San Jose Reid Hillview airports, and additional DART Supporters located at Vacaville, Concord, Angwin, Sacramento Executive, Santa Barbara, Livermore, Napa, Gness, and Upland airports. The value of CalDART in responding to natural (and unnatural) disasters has also lead to FEMA recognition and support.

Joining CalPilots and CalDART is easy! All you need to do is go to <https://calpilots.org/> click on "Membership" to reveal a drop-down menu, and click on "Membership Signup". Fill in the blanks and purchase a membership. It only takes a few minutes to join what are clearly California's best aviation champion organizations.

- Shawn Price, Treasurer

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FATHERS DAY FLY IN 2022?

In the last two years, we saw the cancellation of the Fathers Day Fly-In. (FIDI) There seems to be interest in having the TCAA assist in hosting the FIDI in 2022. If you have ideas or are interested in helping, please let us know and we will include you on the FIDI Committee mailing list. The FIDI is a huge draw in the county and is one of the best opportunities to showcase the airport to the general and local public. It is imperative to take advantage of an opportunity as such to advocate for the airport and all that it provides for the community. The biggest difficulty in operating the FIDI is physical bodies and volunteers for both set up and during the weekend. Please consider volunteering!



Photo of Army DHC-4 Caribou taking off from Columbia, Runway 17, dated pre-1998.

DUES ARE DUE!

It was voted on in the October meeting to collect dues. At the November meeting we have begun accepting "dues" as a donation or initial seed money to begin various projects required for us to be a CalPilots Chapter. We have been donated a Post Office Box by Paul Weston. We will also be getting a bank account to be managed by our new Secretary / Treasurer, Shawn Price. Dues are \$35 and are for the remaining 2021 and 2022 fiscal year. Free memberships are offered to individuals aged 25 and under. If you have not paid your dues, we can collect cash or checks during meetings, or they can be mailed to the treasurer at the address on the back of this newsletter.

Aircraft Maintenance Tip

When an owner is performing his own maintenance under FAR 43 Appendix A, he is responsible for all the same things a certified mechanic is required to perform. (43.13) This includes having the proper tools to perform the job, the current manuals and the proper knowledge. Just because an owner is legal to perform a certain maintenance task, does not mean you can just do that task without proper knowledge, tools or manuals. Items such as torque wrenches are required to be calibrated yearly. (ISO 6789) Manuals must be of the current revision. (43.13(a)) That old Cessna service manual that was printed in 1977 likely does not have all of the proper and required revisions. Paperwork and log book entries are required to have specific information in them. (43.11) Not just a signature but the type of certificate and certificate number along with a description of the type of work is required when performing maintenance. FAR Part 43 is not too long. (12 pages) Any pilot performing their own maintenance should be familiar with Part 43. -Jake Carter Jake's Air Repair (209) 651-0632



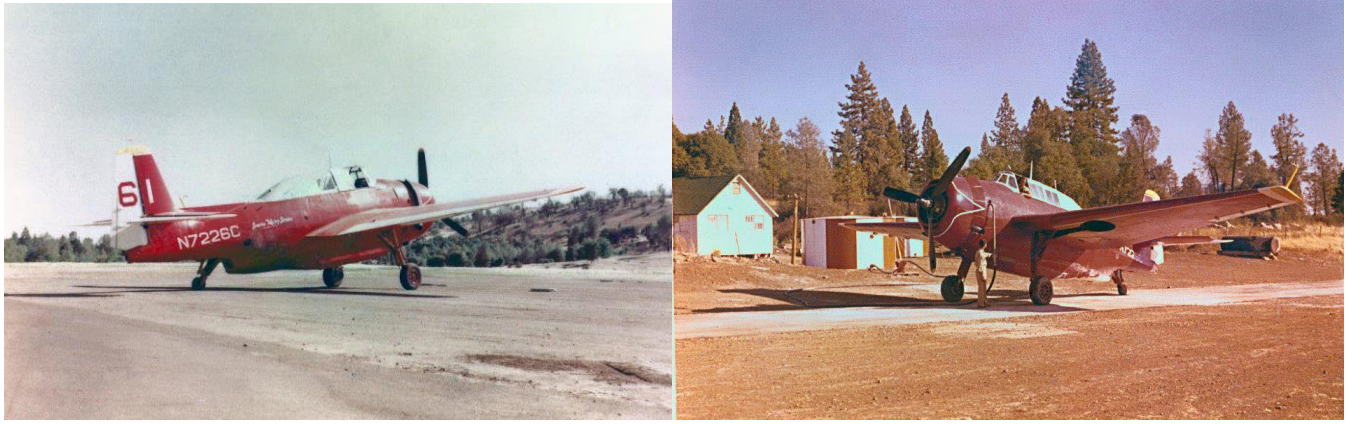
High speed pass from a P-51 at the Hangar Six BBQ 2015



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings! The Tuolumne County Aeronautical Association (TCAA) is officially back in business! Thanks to a lot of hard work and paper pushing by TCAA past president and now Treasurer Shawn Price, TCAA is once again registered as a nonprofit corporation, and all contributions are tax deductible.

At the November 2021 general meeting, there was a shuffling of board member titles to better reflect each board member's talents, of which I have little, so I got the title of President. Of the board membership, the roles of Treasurer and Secretary by far require the most time and have the most workload. Past president and now Treasurer, Shawn Price and Secretary Robyn have graciously volunteered to take on those roles. Many thanks to both for all the work they have already done and will continue to do to get TCAA back up and running. The other board members are Vice President Jake Carter and Board Liaison Ed Sunday.

Shawn and I spent the better part of an afternoon at Wells Fargo bank opening a TCAA bank account, and Shawn deposited over \$500 of member contributions. From here, the next step is to petition CalPilots to become a local chapter of that organization, or California Disaster Airlift Response Team (CalDART), which recently separated from CalPilots. If TCAA is approved as a chapter of one of organizations, they will provide us with assistance with drawing up bylaws and other such documents TCAA will need.

There is still a lot of work to do, but TCAA is on track to becoming the active presence it once was on the field at Columbia Airport.

Rod McNally, President

FOR SALE

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The Burning Man for Pilots! High Sierra Fly-In

If you've never been to or heard of the High Sierra Fly-In, then you're missing out! A giant dry lake bed north of Reno becomes home to thousands of airplanes, campers and "big boy toys" in mid-October every year since 2012. Enthusiasts of flying in the high desert all gather to share in adventures and stories alike. This year's event I chose to drive in my motorhome. The main reason being my airplane is still out of service, but also because it gets really cold at night and my camper has a furnace! I left on Wednesday morning from O22 bound for Sacramento to meet up with a friend and convoy into Reno for final preparations and finally off to Dead Cow dry near Flanigan NV. It's a sight to see arriving on the playa to hundreds of airplanes, each being pretty cool. In the evenings, the big communal fire becomes the meeting place for libations after a day of flying around northern Nevada and landing on gravel roads and lake beds and even hilltops! It is worth checking out next year! If you don't mind a little cold! I spent 5 days on the lakebed. It was a long 5 days but I was able to take a shower in the motorhome! Most people who are camping out of their airplanes are limited to what they can carry in. There are no services out there, but there are plenty of people willing to share a floor to sleep on in an RV, extra food at their camp and even airplane gasoline! We hosed many friends and acquaintances at our camp. Even if you just pop in for the day to watch the STOL drag world championships, its worth a visit!

-Jake Carter



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