

TCAA TRANSPONDER

TO BE THE CHAMPION OF AVIATION IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY



Columbia Airport Aviation Explorers Post 777 on a tour of the Cal Fire Air Attack Base June 21, 2023.

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AIRPORT NEWS

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- TCAA is back in the Pavilion!
- New TCAA Treasurer
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CALENDAR

- 9/9, O22 Airport Day
- 9/13, TCAA Meeting 6PM
- 10/7 PML Airport Day
- 10/11, TCAA Meeting 6PM
- 10/14 EAA Young Eagles PML
- 11/8, TCAA Meeting 6PM
- 12/13, TCAA X-Mas Party



Become a TCAA 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, mechanics, neighbors and friends of the airport, or are interested in helping the TCAA with new projects, and challenges. We'd love to have you!

MEET A MEMBER

Hans Bayer

Hans is a Columbia local having grown in Columbia and around the airport. Riding bikes and playing with airplanes with his brother Fritz and Jeff, who are both aviation professionals, Hans has always been around and loved airplanes. Hans has been very active with the TCAA helping get the organization going again in recent years and was just elected in July 2023 as the new TCAA Treasurer. Thank You Hans for your service to our organization!



AIRPORT NEWS

WHATS GOING ON AT COLUMBIA AIRPORT?

- Benedict Stuth is no longer the Tuolumne County Airports manager and has taken a job at Livermore Airport.
- On May 13 2023, the Tuolumne County Airports, spearheaded by Traci-Williams-'Oneil hosted a tenant appreciation BBQ. There was a great turn out and opportunity for tenants to meet the new airport staff and other airport tenants. Thank you to Tuolumne County Airports Staff for this fun event! Next year's event will be held at Pine Mountain Lake.
- The TCAA Transponder. It has become too difficult to maintain this newsletter regularly and it has been decided to wind it down and make the website and email list the primary "news source" for the TCAA. Check out the website if you have not, it has a lot of cool stuff and new stuff is added regularly! We also have Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Shawn Price our Treasurer has stepped down and the TCAA has elected Hans Bayer as the new Treasurer of the TCAA! Thank you to Shawn who was instrumental in helping restart the TCAA in 2020. We are so grateful to you for your service and generosity, and awarded Shawn with TCAA Lifetime Membership #1!
- Drew Nijirich who was appointed as the Interim Airport Manager has been officially named the new permanent Tuolumne County Airports Manager. Drew is a Columbia native; a pilot and helicopter mechanic having worked at O22 for many years with different operators. We welcome Drew and look forward to working with him to improve O22 and E45.
- The webcam has been replaced a few times. Apparently, birds liked the aluminum tape used to seal the wire splices and allowed the cameras to short circuit. A new camera was installed by Hans Bayer and was up and running until June. It appears our web host was in Ukraine and we assume it no longer exists! We need a new web host service and it looks like it'll cost \$200 or so per year. We will be passing the hat at the next meetings for donations to support the webcam.

Airport Day
Columbia Airport
Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Food Vendors
Craft Vendors
Cornhole Tournament
50/50 Raffle
Glider Contest (Ages 4-18)
Tricycle Races (Ages 4-99)
Historic Aircraft & Classic Cars
CalFire Aircraft
Smokey Bear
And MUCH More

FREE Admission & Parking
Columbia Airport 10723 Airport Rd., Columbia, CA
For more information call Traci (209)533-5685 or twilliams@co.tuolumne.ca.us

Airplane & Classic Car Show & Shine

TCAA Board

- President: Rod McNally
- Vice President - Jake Carter
- Secretary - Robyn Moore
- Treasurer - Hans Bayer
- Board Member: Ed Sunday
- Board Member: Mark Banks

-Since March 2023, the TCAA has been hosting its meetings back at the TCAA Campground Pavilion! Thanks to Traci and Drew at Tuolumne County Airports for making this happen!

- Old news, but in case you didn't know, the numerous deer inside of the O22 airport fence are gone!

- TCAA is planning to host "Vintage Aircraft Display Days" allowing applicable aircraft owners an opportunity to meet the property tax exemption for publicly displaying your aircraft. A date has not been set. Currently, Monthly meetings qualify as public display days.

- April 22, EAA 1337 Hosted a Young Eagles rally at Columbia Airport. Organized by **Ed Sunday** .76 kids pre-registered, 55 YE flown, 72% of the YE were male, 82% were first time YE, 27% heard through school program and 26% saw a flyer/poster - thanks to **Robyn Moore** - who did ALL the advertising. Pilots, **3 from Columbia: Andy Aldrich, Jim Stenger, Diana Sunday**. 5 PML: Armin Abusaidi, Mike Gustafson, Bob Hornauer, Bill Thomas, Greg Triplett. 20 Ground Crew: **11 Columbia** + 9 PML Roles: Greeters, Check-in, Dispatch, Hot Ramp, Registration, Post Flight, and more. **Hans Bayer, Hal Cunningham** (static aircraft), **Chris Henningsen, Robyn Moore** (post-flight lead), **Carson Scheftner** (hot ramp), **Tonya Scheftner** (dispatch lead), **Ed Sunday** (Rally leader), **John Williams** (registration) & **3 Aviation Explorers** (runners for check-in & dispatch). Thanks to all that helped!

-EAA 1663 is hosting EAA Young Eagles next at Pine Mountain Lake October XX. As always, Wed love to see many TCAA members support EAA 1663 and have a big turnout of pilots and ground volunteers. If you are interested, reach out to Ed Sunday (ESunday@SBCGlobal.net)

- The 2022-2023 Tuolumne County Grand Jury Report was published, and boy did they not have much good to say about the airport. Its worth a read and available online.

Gathering of Luscombes & Hangar Six BBQ 2023

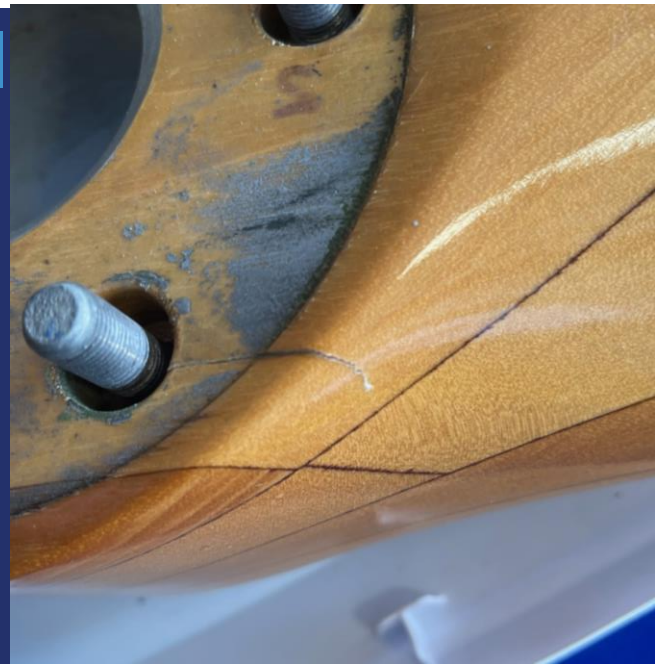
May is always one of the favorite months at O22. Especially the CLA Gathering of Luscombe's. This is one of the oldest Type Club Fly-In's at Columbia, having been going on since 1976. Scott O'Brien of Camarillo has been the president and organizer of the event for 10+ years. Scott had one of his first dates with his to be wife at the CLA Gathering of Luscombe's in 1993. Not to mention the Obrien family's love of Luscombe's. (They have 7!). This Year Scott brought his Luscombe Model 8A "Bad Habit". This year at the CLA Gathering of Luscombe's, there were 70 airplanes! On the other side of the runway at the same time, was the semi-annual Hangar Six BBQ. To avoid having too many airplanes again, invitations were kept minimal but there was a myriad of cool airplanes all around the airport. A cool Airplane is a pre-requisite to the Hangar Six BBQ! It's a great weekend and tons of fun! Next years Gathering of Luscombes is scheduled for May 19-21 2023! Be there!



AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TIP

Wooden props have been around 100 years, and you'd think everyone would know everything there is to know about them, but you'd be surprised how many owners neglect their wooden props! Wooden props need to be re-torqued seasonally as the wood expands and contracts with heat and moisture. Props are also supposed to be stored horizontally, as moisture in the prop can travel to the lowest point and put a prop out of balance. AC 20-37E talks about propeller maintenance and has lots of good information. So, when the seasons change, give your mechanic a call and have them retorquer your wood prop! If not, props like this one that are only 4 years old can crack and become junk! This replacement was \$3400 and took 3 months to get!

-Jake Carter, A&P, IA, CFI Jake's Air Repair (209) 651-0632



Columbia Aviation Explorers Post 777

In late 2022, TCAA Members Jim Stenger, Hal Cunningham and Tonya Scheftner organized the Columbia Aviation Explorers Post 777. A group for kids ages 14-21 interested in learning STEM subjects but primarily focused on aviation and helping introduce them into the many career's aviation has to offer. The aviation explorers are funded by generous donations from donors and their hosts, Jim, Hal and Tonya. The Columbia Aviation Explorers Post meets on the second and Fourth Wednesday each month at Columbia Airport. If you have any kids that may be interested, check it out! If you wish to help out in any way, or attend a post meeting, reach out to Tonya.Sheftner@gmail.com

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