

TCAA Transponder

TO BE THE CHAMPION OF AVIATION IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY



Above: Ken Lancaster dropping on a fire in Milton, CA in 2018. Photo by John Slot



Open irrigation hole on runway 29. No action has been taken to repair the hazard since June.

Columbia Airport News

- Gone West: Ken Lancaster
- PML Airport Day Oct 1
- Livermore Airport Day Oct 1
- Oakdale Airport Day Oct 8
- Young Eagles at Pine Mountain Lake Oct 8
- Tracy Halloween at the Airport
- TCAA Work party Nov 19

New TCAA hats are available for \$25

They are available in tan or black and revenue from the sale goes



Meeting Schedule

Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday each month.

- September 14 2022 6:00 PM
- October 12 2022 6:00 PM
- November 9 2022 6:00 PM
- Dec 14 X-Mas Party 6:00 PM

Below: Ken Lancaster far left and other Cal Fire personnel. Photo John Slot





BECOME A MEMBER!

Join Us! Bring a friend! Being a member of the TCAA is great! No obligations and dues are only \$35 for the year! If 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 community and airport projects, you belong at the TCAA!

AIRPORT NEWS

WHAT'S GOING ON AT COLUMBIA & PML AIRPORTS?

Vehicle Gate Cards If you have not already done so, your old vehicle gate cards do not work. You can exchange it for a new one at the airport office.

TCAA Work Party November 19th, TCAA Member Aiden Scheftner is organizing a work party. Some small projects are planned, primarily campground picnic bench improvements. Please consider donating some of your time, money or resources to this project! Lunch will be provided. Time TBD. Bring some gloves and sanders!

TCAA MEETINGS

The member meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesdays of each month. Currently meetings have been held starting at 6pm. Meetings are currently held in Hangar 6 on the west side. If you choose to attend but cannot find us, Please call or text (209)-651-0632 and we will send someone guide you to the meeting location at the Columbia Airport!

EAA Young Eagles Day @ E45 10/8/2022 EAA Chapter is hosting Young Eagles at Pine Mountain Lake Airport on October 8. Pilots and ramp volunteers are needed! Contact Ed Sunday

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Gone West: Ken Lancaster

Ken Lancaster September 1, 1980 ~ September 5, 2022 (age 42).

Born September 1, 1980 in Phoenix, Arizona, died in a private plane accident September 5, 2022 in Columbia, California.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Erin and children Kaleb, Anna, Seth, Sara and Joseph. He is also survived by his parents, Dennis and Lynne Lancaster, brothers Ryan (Nancy), Scott (Heidi), Brad, Lancaster and sister Lora (Bryce) Jones.

He graduated from Washington High School in Phoenix, Arizona in 1999 where he excelled in

academics, swimming, soccer and track. Ken was awarded the Scholar-Athlete award his Senior year. He attended Arizona State University on a ROTC scholarship graduating with honors and a degree in Airport Management in 2005. He then honorably served our country in the U.S. Air Force as an A-10C fighter pilot, MC12 Mission Commander, and T-38 instructor pilot for 10 years. He flew combat missions over Afghanistan (2 tours), Libya and two tours in Korea. During his years with the Air Force, Ken found time to complete an MBA from Embry Riddle University. While in the Air Force he and his family lived in Arizona, Texas, Korea, Germany, and Oklahoma. They loved visiting many countries in Europe and Asia while living overseas. For the past six years, Ken briefly flew the OV-10A observation plane and then the S2 Tanker for Cal Fire as an aerial fire fighter based in Columbia California dropping retardant on wild fires. This was his dream job. He loved protecting America, whether it was protecting servicemen in combat zones, or protecting property, homes and lives from wild fires.

Ken was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter-day Saints throughout his life. He served a mission in Lima Peru North Mission from 1999-2001 before marrying Erin Hatch, daughter of David and Wendy Hatch, in the Mesa Arizona Temple in February 2003. He served in many church callings including temple worker, scouting, teaching, and counselor in a Branch presidency in Germany.

Ken loved to fly, but his most important love was his family. He cherished spending time with his family at home and on trips and activities. Being adventurous, he and Erin took the family on many camping, hiking, backpacking, biking, and sightseeing trips with immediate and extended family. For his family & comfort, Ken renovated the family home in Columbia California and was working on renovations to a recently purchased Snowflake Arizona home. A natural leader, always fun and funny, always serving others, Ken was respected for his even disposition, kindness and reliability. Spending time with Ken was always fun and enjoyable. He will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Main Street Church located at 48 North Main Street in Snowflake, Arizona 85937 followed by graveside at Snowflake Cemetery. Cal Fire is holding an additional Memorial Service at Oak Pavilion at Columbia College campus Saturday morning, 9 AM September 24, 2022 in Columbia California. Memories can be shared at silvercreekmortuary.net

<https://zoom.us/j/95278978102?pwd=TnlaTEh4YnlyMU9aZDVMTWNwdmQ1QT09>

Meeting ID: 952 7897 8102 Passcode: 327031

Obituary provided by SandCreek Mortuary



SHARE YOUR STORY!

We are always looking for contributors for our newsletter. If you would like to write an occasional article or helpful tip or share flying stories, please do so. If you have information about happenings at O22 or E45, please share that as well. We don't get a lot of first-hand important news around the airports and rely on members for that information.

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TCAA WORK PARTY! NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Our first work party of 2022 is organized by Aiden Scheftner. I think it is great we have young people interested in charitable work like this and we are privileged to have him chose aviation and airport related projects! November 19th we will meet at Columbia Airport and work on restoring various picnic tables and benches in the campground along with some other projects. Bring your gloves and work clothes, or consider donating a few bucks or some tools and equipment to the project. We will need sanders, paint brushes and varnish/ sealant for the wood benches. Start time is TBD. Email TCAA to sign up or contribute! Lunch & snacks will be provided!

Aircraft Maintenance Tip

Changing tires is something most owners and pilots can do on their own. FAR 43 requires that a person performing preventative maintenance have all the proper tools, manuals and knowledge to perform a task first. Small wheels like 5" or even 6" wheels with 6 or 8 ply tires can be hard to press the wheel halves together in order to install the wheel tie bolts. If that is your case, you can get a generic large bolt and fender washers from the hardware store and use it to clamp the wheel halves together through the axle bore on the wheels. This allows the technician to install the wheel half tie bolts and torque them without fighting the opposing force of the tire. Remember to always deflate tires and remove valve cores before performing any wheel work. Videos on this topic are available on the Jake's Air Repair You Tube channel.

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





RENO AIR RACES 2022 TCAA VP Jake Carter was on hand at the Reno Air Races serving as chief mechanic for Biplane Racer #25, Shake N' Bake, flown by pilot Tommy Suell of Las Vegas. This was Jake's 5th year as crew member for this race team. Tommy placed 5th in the Biplane Gold at 190 MPH. *Shown above is L-R Curtis Cash, Jake Carter, Tommy Suell.*

TCAA LOGO HATS & STICKERS

You may have seen the new hats available. Tan and black are available for \$25. TCAA logo decals and stickers are now available. They are \$2 each. Perfect for your airplane, bumper or tool box!

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Meet a Member

Chris Henningsen

You may know Chris from association meetings as the BBQ master, but Chris doesn't just donate his time to us, but also volunteers with the VFW, Lumber Jubilee and Celtic Fairs every year. He is a native of Calaveras County and has five children. He served two tours overseas with the USMC in Iraq as a helicopter mechanic. He currently works as an aircraft mechanic at Columbia Airport and is working to complete his A&P license soon. Thanks for your service!



PML COMMUNITY AIRPORT DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2022

FREE ADMISSION!

PML AIRPORT
NOON – 3:00 PM



**SKY DIVERS • FORMATION FLIGHTS • RC PLANES
FLYING SKILLS CONTESTS • SPECIAL AERO SURPRISES!
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Bring a chair and enjoy the entertainment!

At the PML Airport – Our Community Resource!

Organized by Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

FOR SALE

This space is available for FREE classified ads. Airplanes, parts, hangar stuff. Whatever within reason! Submit your items with a brief description, a price and a method of contact.

Renew Your Membership for 2023!

As 2022 comes to a close, membership for next year will be collected. Get it paid early so you don't get shaken down by the board members! Membership dues are \$35 per person or \$70 per family. Dues are tax deductible.

Become a TCAA Board Member!

There is still an open board member position available, and another vacancy might become available. We are supposed to have a minimum of five board members but a sixth is desired by Cal Pilots, should we decide to join that organization again in the future. We always need additional "Behind the Scenes Help". Your assistance to any degree is greatly appreciated!

Pine Mountain Lake Airport Day

Sunday October 1st, 11:30 to 3:00 This is not a fly-in. If you are flying in, plan to arrive before 11:30

EAA Young Eagles

Sunday October 8th, 9:00 to Noon. Kids age 8-17 get free airplane rides! Register as a pilot or volunteer! YEday.org, or contact Ed Sunday. Volunteer lunch for pilots and ground crew follows the Rally on the Gregory deck.

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