

# TCAA Transponder

TO BE THE CHAMPION OF AVIATION IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY



## TCAA BACK IN BUSINESS!

After 20 years of inactivity, the official TCAA is back in business! The TCAA is an airport advocacy group for the benefit of its members, to support actions that support long term benefit to users of the airport and to secure resources to peruse growth.

## AIRPORT NEWS

-Everybody's favorite airport hard worker Tyler is no longer with the airport. We wish him luck in his future!

-Public Works director visited the airport in July and is anxious to work with us on airport issues.

## EVENTS

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

- September 8 2021 6:00PM
- October 6 2021 6:00PM
- November 3 2021 Time TBD



## 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! Weather 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

WHATS GOING ON AT COLUMBIA AIRPORT?

-Recently, airport facilities personnel Tyler Stoy left the airport to pursue other career opportunities. This has left the county without any facilities maintenance personnel until a new position is filled.

-Back on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Public Works Director Kim MacFarlane visited the airport for a meet and greet meeting with airport users. This was made known with short notice (two days) before the meeting date and the meeting was sparsely attended. A number of concerns were made aware to her. She seems very interested in working with the airport users group, (us) and we look forward to possibly hosting a visit from her to a meeting in the future!

-Deer continue to be observed on the grass runway in early morning and evening hours. There is a known group of deer that have been seen and are believed to be trapped inside the perimeter fence. Be aware of these when operating especially on the grass in low light conditions.

## TCAA Board Election July 2021

President- Shawn Price

Vice President - Rod McNally

Secretary - Jake Carter

Treasurer - Vacant

Newsletter- Jake Carter

There will be other positions that will need volunteers for in the future. If you would like to become a board member or a chairperson for a group, please let us know

## WELCOME BACK!

I think I speak for all our current members when I say we are glad to finally be meeting once again and working together to work towards a number of goals that will benefit the airport, the community and our users and tenants.

Our August meeting was held August 11th at Hangar 6. We enjoyed a potluck BBQ that worked so well, we will continue with that model with future meetings!

I have also volunteered to prepare a regular newsletter. This is something I think will help grow our group and highlight our missions going forward. I ask that anyone who has any content to contribute to please reach out to me. We would love pictures, stories, and regular contributors. The more content we can generate, the more regularly we can publish a newsletter that is worthwhile and looked forward to. My current hope is for a bi-monthly or quarterly newsletter that would be distributed electronically but could be made available in print for distribution outside a mailing list. As this is our first one, I hope that input received can be used to make this better and more enjoyable for all. Please don't hesitate to offer up comments, concerns or criticisms. Although I'd rather you send me content for the next one!

-Jake Carter

# Meet a Member

## Jake Carter Aircraft Mechanic

Hello everybody, I am Jake. I am the current secretary and newsletter coordinator for the TCAA. I grew up around airplanes and its all I know! I've been up here at Columbia airport for about 5 years now. I am originally from Livermore and relocated up here in an effort to further build my business as an aircraft mechanic. I currently run Jake's Air Repair here at Columbia working on "flipping" airplanes. I have been an A&P since 2008 and an IA since 2014. I enjoy outdoor activities but mostly I just hang out at the airport. I compete in competition aerobatics flying a Super Decathlon in the Sportsman level. I have had a desire to organize the tenants of Columbia for a few years and have been overwhelmed at the support and enthusiasm everyone has towards the new TCAA! I am super excited to get things done here at O22!



## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Hangar 6 located along the grass runway. We will BBQ a dinner again for a social period with drinks and meat! These BBQ's are pot luck style so bring something to share.

If you have a talking point or ideas, we hope you will get up and speak about anything you may have to say. It takes a village!

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!

This next meeting may have a few other goodies such as a raffle. If you have something to donate, or If someone would like to stand up and tell bad jokes, we could all use a laugh, be it with you or at you!



## RENO AIR RACES

SEPT 15-19 2021

Jay & Jake Carter of Hangar 6 & Jake's Air Repair are attending the Reno National Championship Air Races this year. Jake is crewing for a biplane racer, but they have great VIP box seats right next to the announcer stand. Reach out to them if you're at the races! The party is at Box A5!



## MEETING MINUTES 8/11/2021

**The Vision of the Tuolumne County Aeronautical Association** is to be the champion of aviation in Tuolumne County, CA.

### Our Mission:

1. Advocate on behalf of our members
2. Support activities that ensure the long-term benefit and safety of aviation in Tuolumne County
3. Secure sufficient resources to pursue our vision

### We Resolved on 8/11 to:

1. Establish the TCAA as a Non-Profit Association with the State of California Secretary of State (SOS) (Mission #1)
2. Establish the TCAA with the California Pilot Association (CPA) (Mission #1)
3. Establish an effective liaison with the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors (BOS) (Mission #1)
4. Promote TCAA through the use of a website and quarterly newsletter (Mission #1 & #2)
5. Establish annual membership fees of \$30 (Mission #3)
6. Establish an aviation scholarship committee (Mission #2)
7. Partner and coordinate with the Pine Mountain Lake aeronautical association (Mission #1 & #2)

### Action Items:

1. **Complete TCAA registration with the SOS**
  - Owner: Jake Carter
  - Due: 9/8/21
2. **Complete CPA registration**
  - Owner: Jake Carter
  - Due 9/8/21
3. **Draft Q4 2021 Newsletter**
  - Owner: Shawn Price
  - Draft Review Due 9/8/21
4. **Draft County Liaison Strategy Proposal**
  - Owners: Jim Stenger & Hans Byer
  - Due 9/8/21
5. **Draft Scholarship Strategy Proposal**
  - Owners: Robyn Moore
  - Due 9/8/21



Undated photo of Columbia Airport

## Aircraft Maintenance Tip

When performing an oil change, It can be difficult on some aircraft models to get the safety wire to lay where you want it to and not “pop” out of the way. I will take a pair of pliers and bend up the four safety wire tabs on an oil filter. This makes it easier to run the safety wire through the hole on the tab and prevents the twisted pair of safety wire from popping off and over once the wire is pulled tight.

I have a number of maintenance videos oriented to the “hands on” owner on my YouTube channel. Check it out! [Youtube.com/JakesAirRepair](https://www.youtube.com/JakesAirRepair)



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



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## MISSIONS AND PROJECTS

A lot of good ideas were discussed at the July and August meetings. A scholarship program is one of the top projects going forward. A few other project ideas are listed below. IF you would like to contribute resources or sponsor a project, please get involved!

**-Youth Scholarships and scholarship programs.** Securing donors to provide scholarships to various groups.

**-Clubhouse / Pavilion.** Reconveyance of the former TCAA Clubhouse Pavilion for use by TCAA. About 20 years ago when the TCAA went dormant, the clubhouse that was built with TCAA Member resources and funds was handed over to the airport.

**-Bike Rack in Campground.** A bike rack with bicycles and helmets made available to campers and visitors to ride into town. Oceano Airport does this and it's a fantastic idea and huge draw for people visiting the area.

**- Father's Day Fly-In.** It sounds like the airport administration does not have much desire in running the Father's Day Fly-In. Running the fly-in may be a project for the TCAA for 2022.

**-Aircraft of Historical Significance Property Tax Exemption.** For those of us with airplanes more than 30 years old. There is an opportunity to be exempt from property tax if the airplane is displayed. One project would be to host these display days.

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