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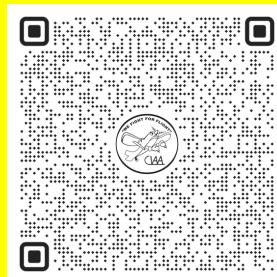


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CENTRAL VALLEY AVIATION ASSOCIATION **CVAA MEMBERS-ONLY REMINDER**

If you haven't completed the member survey you can access it with the QR code below or the following link:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/eVXKGheu7j>
Please take the time to complete it so the club can become a more valuable and meaningful experience for you.



<https://centralvalleyaviation.org/>



Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner

The One Bounce Rule

I teach what I call the 'one bounce rule,' which means you can try to correct the bounced landing only once. To be clear: You might need to go around after the first bounce. But in all cases, if the airplane bounces a second time, always go around. Risk increases with each bounce.

Bouncing can result from touching down with too much vertical speed. The landing gear flexes and throws the airplane back into the air. A bounce can also be the outcome of contacting the ground with too much forward speed. The airplane can skip back into the air if the wing is not stalled at touchdown.

One outcome from a bounce is an airplane that's airborne without sufficient energy to flare and the second impact is much harder. Another common mistake is the pilot making corrections too slowly, entering a pilot-induced oscillation that magnifies each error until control is lost or the landing gear is damaged. A third bounce outcome is a recovery that results in such a long landing that the airplane goes off the end of the runway. A fourth is a go-around so late the airplane collides with an obstacle while trying to climb away. If you're in danger of any of these after the first bounce, go around without a second attempt.

Bouncing happens to everyone every now and then. You can minimize how often it happens to you with good approach technique. Aim to be precisely on speed, on glide path to the touchdown spot, aligned with the runway with the centerline stripe between your main wheels, and with no sideways drift. My students will tell you, I'm always saying, "The rudders keeps the plane tracking straight down the runway and the ailerons correct the drift". If you're off on one or more of these variables—or even if you have final approach nailed, but a gust of wind upsets the balance—the airplane may bounce. GO AROUND!





Aileron and Jim's Safety Corner (continued)

Landing an airplane smoothly at the planned touchdown spot requires every bit of judgment and precision a pilot has. No matter how well your last landing went, you have to work just as hard at it on the next landing.

Keep practicing those landings and fly often and fly safe,

Aileron and Jim

AWESOME AIRCRAFT PAINT JOBS





THE WAY IT WAS

(continued from December 2025)



So this beautiful time with the Mustang was coming to a close, and I could tell Grandma had been smitten by the experience of being so close to a real, fire-breathing genuine North American Aviation P-51 Mustang.....
“Grandma, do you want a ride in something like this?”....
“Well, yes, I think I would.” “OK, let me see what I can do, Grandma.”

A few years earlier I had heard about a privately-owned public-use airport north of San Francisco where a P-40

had been restored to flying condition and was offering rides. So I went on their website, North Bay Air Museum, and not only did they have the P-40 but they also had a P-51 Mustang available for rides. Grandpa needed to be consulted, and he was on board, so we made arrangements for a 30-minute Mustang ride, flying in a huge circle from takeoff from Schellville Airport over the hills to the north, over to the Pacific Ocean, down to just north of the Golden Gate Bridge and back to Schellville.

A briefing for Grandma, the pilot, Chris Prevost, would be flying on this beautiful fall day, and Grandpa, Grandson RC pilot, Sharon and I all jumped on this six-passenger golf cart to watch the takeoff. Then they turned left in a shallow climb until they were just a speck in the sky. But we could still hear the Merlin engine ever so faintly.

Now we had a half hour to wait so let's look at some of these antique aircraft based here...a gorgeous Blue and White Howard DGA along with a beautiful Navy N3N biplane in one hangar, a Cessna Bird Dog and Bucker Jungmeister in another hangar, a T-6, several beautiful Stearman biplanes and almost before we knew it the Mustang called in with “Mustang five miles east will be making a pass overhead to check for deer on the runway”. Here they come, the engine making that low even moan and the sun glinting off that aluminum. It seemed that all of five minutes had passed, but here they are landing and taxiing to parking, a 180-degree swing and the engine purrs smoothly as Chris runs it up to circulate the coolant before the shutdown. The canopy rolls back, and Grandma stands up and raises both arms in a victory salute!

Well, as Dean Martin used to say, “Memories are made of this!”

Arnie Schweer



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

Friday, January 2—EAA 376, Friday Night Airplane Movie, “Space Cowboys”, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Social Time, Dinner \$5, Movie is Free.

Next Movie Nights to be Announced

Saturday, January 10—EAA 376, 2nd Saturday Lunch Gathering, \$10/Adults, \$5/Children 13-18, Children 12 and Under Free. Possible Young Eagle Flights (to be determined)

Monday, February 2 —EAA 376, Aviation Ground School, 7:00—8:30 pm, every Monday through May, EAA 376 Hangar on the west side of Sierra Sky Park, 4344 W. Spaatz Ave, Fresno. Must have an annual membership to EAA National \$48 single/\$60 family <https://www.eaa.org/membership/join.aspx>. Special free membership for Young Eagle participants 8-18+6 mos. (see details under the student tab at website) and an annual membership to EAA Chapter 376 which is \$50/single or family (sign up at class). **Class is FREE to Members!!**

Instructional Material: Pilot Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge (PHAK) Required
https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/phak (Free PDF download)

https://www.amazon.com/Pilots-Handbook-Aeronautical-Knowledge-FAA-H-8083-25C/dp/1510779876/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr= (The 2023/2024 is the latest version, says 2025 on cover on Amazon) you can also use an older version of the PHAK.

or purchase from Sporty's Pilot Shop <https://www.sportys.com/sporty-s-pilot-s-handbook-of-aeronautical-knowledge-softcover.html>

Sign up at first class. If you can't make the first class, come to the second.

For more information: Jim Shamp, 559-779-4406 or 559-431-5918, email shampjs@sbcglobal.net

CVAA FUTURE MEETINGS

JANUARY 3, 2026— Local Pilots Oshkosh Experience Presentation
Jim Shamp & Rick Emerian will be sharing their 2025 Oshkosh experience, pointers on flying and landing there, and some newer aircraft photos.

FEBRUARY 7— Ed Lowder, NASA Aerospace Engineer



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 you plan to attend 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 Phone #	Apt. #	City	State	Zip
	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)

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE (RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

AIRPORT PROPERTY MANAGER AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

Full Name (Print) First Middle Last

Signature _____ Date _____

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January Birthdays

William Campbell	1/06
Jean-Marie Bonner	1/07
Judie Moradian	1/09
Mary King	1/13
Margaret Borns	1/16
Tony Whitehurst	1/16
Carl Christenson	1/24
Nichole Kaninya	1/31



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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President: Isaiah Kaninya; Vice President: Arnie Schweer; Treasurer: Sarah Kutz; Secretary: Nichole Kaninya

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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/year, due on January 1 of each year. (Prorated to \$25 if after June 30 only 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 this year

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Additional donation to help support our Chapter

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:

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Regarding the local area EAA Young Eagles Flights and Program, please contact: Clari Cone: Phone: (209) 617-1170 Email: clari.cone@gmail.com