

CPA FLIGHT LINES

June 2025



CPA Member Chris Woods and a 2011 CubCrafters Carbon Cub SS



President's Corner

by Adrian Nye



I am surprised it has taken this long, but the noise folks have finally landed on their most realistic way to reduce flight operations. Landing fees. This is something airport operators can legally impose, unfortunately, without involving the FAA.

At the same time several companies have realized they can use ADSB data, along with cameras, to automate the collection and billing of landing fees. Companies such as Vector Airport Systems

(<https://www.vector-us.com/planepass>) are actively marketing this “service” to governments. It’s so tempting that Durango, Rifle, Aspen, and Colorado Springs are already clients (and many more nationwide). To make it even worse, it’s difficult to determine what the fees are at most airports. Do I even dare land there anymore? Astronomical FBO fees are kept nearly secret and now this.

To governments it seems like a new revenue stream that costs them nothing. They don’t realize it compromises safety because some pilots will choose to turn ADSB off where not required or reduce the number of practice landings to save money. They don’t think about the fact that other airport revenue sources such as fuel sales will be compromised. It makes an airport less attractive to visit, cutting down on tourism dollars. OK Durango, be that way, but I’m going to Pagosa Springs instead.

I believe this could be an even more serious threat than the state legislation we fought last year. If landing fees become established at smaller GA airports nationwide, they could escalate until flying here is like it is in Europe, nearly killing GA.

CPA just signed on to an AOPA letter to try to head off landing fees at KLMO Longmont. We will be calling out the troops to fight that at every opportunity. But it’s not just this one airport. It’s being sold to every airport. If you can think of a way to head this off, please do so and let us know.

Happy contrails,

Adrian



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Contact the CPA Newsletter Editor at newsletter@coloradopilots.org to have the information featured in the monthly Flight Lines CPA NOTAMs.



CPA NOTAMs

CPA Membership Directory Opt-In Visibility

The Colorado Pilots Association values the protection of your personal information. At the January 2025 board meeting, the board decided to change to an **opt-in** membership directory. This means that if you would like any of your information shared and accessible to other members of the Colorado Pilots Association via a membership directory, you **MUST** opt-in to participate and have your information made available to other members.

If you want to OPT-IN, it is a simple process that takes about 1-2 minutes of your time, where you can choose which items of personal information you'd like accessible in the membership directory. You must be logged in and follow the instructions [here](#).

Mountain Flying & High-Elevation Airport Operations Course

Originally developed by the Colorado Pilots Association in 1986, this course taught by Colorado pilots who live and fly the mountains for business and recreation, has evolved into one of the premier safety training courses of its kind. Accident statistics demonstrate that pilots without the knowledge and skills needed for safe flight over mountainous terrain find themselves in situations beyond their capability. This course is designed to improve your knowledge, skills, and capability. Register for the June 21 Mountain Flying Course [here](#). Additional course dates August 16 and September 27.

June CPA Presents: STEMFlights

Check out the June CPA Presents event. "STEMFlights is a national nonprofit organization that connects Middle and High School students with volunteer Pilot Mentors to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). We inspire America's youth to pursue STEM and aviation careers with a unique flight experience." Presenter: Founder of STEMFlights, Brigadier General Dave Brubaker (Ret.). Information [here](#).

Flight Lines Newsletter Podcast

Check out CPA Flight Lines podcast on your favorite podcast provider. If you're always on the go, try our new CPA Flight Lines podcast, to obtain a summarization of the content from Flight Lines each month. You'll miss some details, but it's a great way to consume information from the Newsletter and determine where you want to take a closer read. Experience this new option [here](#).



Colorado Aviation Events – June 2025

For many of the links to function, you must be signed into your Colorado Pilots Association account

Centennial Airport Community Noise Roundtable

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 1830 to 2030

7565 South Peoria, Englewood, CO 80112 or GoToWebinar

Webinar Registration [here](#).

CPA Member Activity– Denver ARTCC Tour

Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 1300 to 1700

Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center, 2211 17th Ave, Longmont, CO

Registration required. Event is at capacity. Register for the July 30 ARTCC Tour [here](#).

Greeley-Weld County Fly-In @ Greeley (KGXY)

Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 0700 to 1400

Fly into Greeley (KGXY) for a fly-in hosted by Summit Flight Training & BAS Part Sales

Pancake Breakfast and Activities for Kids. Warbirds on Display.

Registration is not required. Information [here](#).

Boulder Airport Day (KBDU)

Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 0800 to 1500

Fly or Drive into Boulder (KBDU) for a Pancake Breakfast and Burger Lunch

Hosted by EAA Chapter 1627 and VAA Chapter 42

Registration is not required. Information [here](#).

Jefferson County Airport Advisory Board ([link to Agenda and Minutes](#))

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 1700 to 1800

RMMA Terminal, Second Floor, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO 80021

Registration not required. Virtual Meeting link [here](#).

Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority ([link to Agenda and Minutes](#))

Thursday, June 12, 2025, from 1500 to 1700

7565 South Peoria, Englewood, CO 80112

Registration not required. Virtual Meeting link [here](#)

Jeffco Aviation Association Fly-In (KBJC)

Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 0700 to 1200

Fly or Drive into Rocky Mountain Metro (KBJC) for a Pancake Breakfast.

Hosted by JeffCo Aviation Association. Aircraft Judging and Trophies

Registration is not required. Information [here](#).

San Luis Valley Pilots Association Fly-In (KRCV)

Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 0700 to 1700

Fly into Del Norte (KCRV) for breakfast and discounted fuel.

Registration is not required. Information [here](#).



CPA Presents: STEMFlights, by Brigadier General Dave Brubaker (ret.)

Monday, June 16, 2025, from 1830 to 2000

Webinar Information [here](#). Registration not required.

CPA Member Activity – Boulder NOAA Tour

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 0930 to 1130

NOAA Facility, 325 Broadway Blvd. Boulder, CO 80305

Registration required. Register [here](#).

CPA Member Activity – Aircraft Maintenance 101

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 1730 to 1900

Mountain Air Aviation, 11750 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO 80021

Registration required. Register [here](#).

KBJC Runway Safety Action Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 0900 to 1100

Registration not required. Information and Microsoft Teams meeting link [here](#).

Murrow Field Fly-In, New Mexico

Friday, June 20 to 22, 2025

Additional information in this issue of Flight Lines on page 20

Registration and Fly-In Briefing Required

Longmont Fly-In @ Vance Brand Airport (KLMO)

Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 0800 to 1200

Fly or drive into Vance Brand Airport (KLMO) for a Pancake Breakfast, Swap Meet, Aircraft Displays, Vendor Booths, Door Prizes, and more

Hosted by EAA Chapter 648. Proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 648 Youth Education

Registration is not required. Information [here](#).

CPA Sponsored Mountain Flying Ground School

Saturday, June 21, 2025, from 0830 to 1700

7565 South Peoria, Englewood, CO 80112

Mountain flying experts instruct on flying safely in the Rocky Mountains and other mountainous regions

Registration required. Register [here](#).

Centennial Pilot-Controller Safety and Noise Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 1400 to 1600

7565 South Peoria, Englewood, CO 80112

Registration not required.

Aviation and Space Mini-Convention for Women

Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 0900 to 1200

Colorado National Guard Headquarters, 6848 S Revere Parkway, Centennial, CO 80112

Sponsored in part by the Colorado Ninety-Nines

Registration not required. Information [here](#).



CPA Announces 2025 Scholarship Winners

by Mike Mayfield, Education Committee Chair

Get ready to celebrate the future of aviation! The CPA Education Committee is thrilled to announce the exceptional winners of our 2025 Scholarships. This year's applicant pool was incredibly impressive, with a record-breaking 40 talented individuals vying for these prestigious awards: the **Walt and Terry Barbo PPL Scholarships**, supporting initial pilot training, and the esteemed **Emily Howell Warner Scholarships**, encouraging the advancement of aspiring women aviators.

Leading the way as our first Walt and Terry Barbo PPL scholarship recipient is the remarkable Adisen Hunt. At just 17 years old, Adisen is a high-achieving senior engaged in a challenging dual enrollment program with her high school and Aims Community College. Her dedication to aviation is already evident in her stellar first-year performance, where she earned straight A's in demanding courses such as Aviation Meteorology, UAS Ground School, Introduction to Air Traffic Control, and Private Pilot Ground School. Further showcasing her exceptional aptitude, Adisen was one of only five students selected from a competitive pool of 60 dual enrollment participants to advance to the prestigious Aims Aviation Program for her second year. Adding to her impressive list of accomplishments, she graduated as Valedictorian of her class at Roosevelt High School. Adisen's journey is just taking flight; she plans to continue her education at Aims to earn her associate's degree before setting her sights on a bachelor's degree at MSU Denver.



Our second Walt and Terry Barbo PPL scholarship is awarded to the impressive August Tregenza. A dynamic 16-year-old junior at Regis Jesuit High School, August balances his passion for aviation with a vibrant school life. He's not only a dedicated member of the varsity basketball team but also an active DECA officer, demonstrating his commitment to both athletics and leadership. August's dedication extends to the Civil Air Patrol, where he has rapidly advanced to the rank of Flight Commander for A Flight within just 18 months. His commitment to his aviation studies is further underscored by his successful completion of the PPL written exam.

August embodies the well-rounded spirit and drive that the Walt and Terry Barbo scholarship celebrates.



For our 1st Emily Howell Warner scholarship, we selected Kelly Kang.

The CPA Education Committee is delighted to award the first Emily Howell Warner scholarship to Kelly Kang. An impressive 23-year-old and active member of the CPA Education Committee, as well as the incoming Director/Social Media Chair for the Colorado chapter of the 99s, Kelly brings a unique blend of passion and dedication to aviation. While her mother envisioned a career in medicine, Kelly's path took an inspiring turn after earning a degree in Economics from the University of Chicago. Following a few years as a financial analyst, a discovery flight in September 2023 ignited her true calling, launching her into an accelerated aviation journey. In just a short time, Kelly has achieved remarkable milestones, earning her Private Pilot License in June 2024 and quickly adding Instrument and Commercial ratings, along with a multi-engine add-on. She's currently on track for her CFI check ride in May. Looking ahead, Kelly's aviation goals for the next 3-5 years are centered on advancing her certifications, gaining valuable experience, and pursuing her dream of becoming a professional airline pilot. Kelly's story is a testament to the power of following one's passion, and we're excited to support her continued ascent in the aviation world.



For our 2nd Emily Howell Warner scholarship, we selected Ashley Morgan. A dedicated 23-year-old pilot, Ashley is pursuing her Bachelor of Science Degree at MSU Denver with plans to graduate in 2025. Her passion for aviation is evident in her achievements: she has earned her Private Pilot License and Instrument Rating and is now diligently working towards her Commercial Pilot's License. Ashley is also expanding her knowledge base by pursuing her Advanced Ground Instructor rating, having already passed the Instrument Ground written exam. Balancing her studies with a demanding schedule, she works full-time as a dispatcher at

McAir Aviation. Her commitment to the aviation community shines through her past service as Treasurer for Women in Aviation (WIA) and her participation in ROTC during her freshman year of college. As the oldest of seven siblings, Ashley has demonstrated remarkable resilience and leadership, achieving several "firsts" in her family, including being the first to graduate high school, obtain her PPL, and soon, graduate college. Emily Howell Warner's legacy as the first female captain of a scheduled U.S. airline deeply resonates with Ashley, serving as a powerful reminder that passion and persistence can break down barriers.

The Colorado Pilots Association is deeply committed to fostering the growth of our pilot community.

The vitality of aviation hinges on attracting bright, diverse, and driven individuals into our ranks, and this year's scholarship winners exemplify the very best of Colorado's aspiring aviators. We trust you'll join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to Adisen, August, Kelly and Ashley! Their achievements inspire us all and reinforce our belief in the bright future of aviation.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars! **The 2026 scholarship season will take flight in January.** Keep an eye out for details on the application process and consider supporting the CPA's efforts to empower the next generation of pilots.



CPA ACTIVITIES

Join us at CPA sponsored events

by Chris Kilker, Activities Chair

Register online at CPA's Calendar

Denver ARTCC Tour

June 5, 2025, from 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Have you ever thought who's watching us when we're up there flying enjoying the day when we're outside the terminal area, who's providing that flight following? It's the Air Route Traffic Control Center, ARTCC! ARTCC is a facility that provides air traffic control service to aircraft operating on instrument rules and VFR flight planning within controlled airspace, primarily during the enroute phase of flights. The centers are also responsible for issuing IFR clearances and monitoring IFR flights nationwide.

Due to space constraints this event is limited to six sign-ups. If you missed this one, keep an eye out for the next one on July 30. **Register [here](#) for July 30!**

ARTCC handle safety, and efficient moving of aircraft between airports.

Boulder NOAA Tour

June 17, 2025, from 10:00AM to 11:30AM

Tour NOAA June 17th, from 10AM to 11:30AM, check-in at 9:30AM, 325 Broadway Blvd, Boulder.

25 slots available, this is on a first come sign up basis. **Register [here](#) by June 11.**

Join us for an exclusive tour of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Boulder, where science and aviation intersect.

NOAA's Boulder campus is a hub for cutting-edge research, data collection, and operational forecasting that supports not only public safety and environmental stewardship but also aviation operations. Their work plays a key role in monitoring the Earth's atmosphere and space environment, advancing our understanding of air quality, weather patterns, and climate variability.

During the tour, you'll gain insight into:

- How NOAA scientists' study atmospheric and space-related processes.
- The tools and models used to produce accurate and timely aviation weather forecasts.
- How real-time environmental data is collected, analyzed, and shared to support decision-making across multiple sectors—including aviation.

This behind-the-scenes visit will showcase how NOAA integrates science into actionable information, supporting the National Weather Service and aviation communities with the forecasts that help keep pilots informed and skies safe.



Aircraft Maintenance 101

June 17, 2025, from 5:30PM to 7:00PM

You ever wonder what's all involved and what the details are on an annual inspection on the aircraft? Come join us for a session at Mountain Aviation one of the best A&P and IA facilities in Colorado, we will be hosted by Greg Boom, owner, and one of the top A&P/AI technicians in the business today.

We will also get some advice from Greg on what kind of additional inspections we can be doing on the aircraft above and beyond our pre-flighting. This event is limited to 12 slots!

Register [here](#) by June 15.

Denver TRACON Tour

July 17, 2025, from 8:30AM to 11:00AM

Tour TRACON Denver arrival and departure July 17th, from 9AM to 11AM, check-in at 8:30AM , 26805 E. 68th Ave, Denver.

24 slots available, this is on a first come sign up basis. **Register [here](#) by July 13.**

Join us for a members-only behind-the-scenes tour of the TRACON facility that manages the busy and complex airspace surrounding our region's airports.

The Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility is responsible for the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within approximately a 30- to 50-mile radius of major airports and up to 10,000 feet in altitude. TRACON controllers guide aircraft during critical phases of flight—approach, departure, and transitions between airport towers and enroute centers—ensuring safe separation, sequencing for landings and takeoffs, and smooth handoffs.

This is a unique opportunity to see how air traffic is managed in real time, speak with controllers, and gain insights into how TRACON fits into the broader national airspace system.

Denver ARTCC Tour

July 30, 2025, from 1:00PM to 5:00PM

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Due to space constraints this event is limited to six sign-ups. If you missed the June event, here's your second chance. **Register [here](#) by July 28, 2025.**

ARTCC handle safety, and efficient moving of aircraft between airports.

September 27, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CPA Hanger Potluck Luncheon, Sheltair at RMMA Saturday. September 27th, from 11AM to 2PM, more info to come.



FROM THE LINE



CPA MEMBER ARTICLES

What's It Doing Now?, by *Bill Marvel*



Colorado Group Plans 'Five-Day Wonder' Build Project. The Aero Cygnet Association, a youth aviation education organization based in Fort Collins, Colorado, will lead students through the build of a Zenith 750 Cruzer during the Larimer County Fair in Loveland, Colorado, August 1-5. The students will be guided by volunteer adult mentors, led by Wayne Dehn, EAA 1636293, and the project is expected to require 200-plus man hours to complete. [Learn more ›](#)



What's It Doing Now?

by Bill Marvel, the RV-14A guy

Some of you reading this may already be laughing at the title, which is frequently asked by dismayed pilots while using the latest automated equipment. Full mastery of these boxes is the desired outcome but like figuring out all the features of an iPhone, almost impossible. There are so many nooks and crannies of capability and different ways to do things that only some rise to the top of the “I can do this one” list but others rarely show themselves.

For avionics in certified aircraft and especially those in high level simulator training for airline and military pilots, this is somewhat less of a problem because the different components are designed to work with each other and for the most part, procedures are well documented. But “well” does not mean fully as situations invariably arise where some sequence of button pushes takes place and leaves the pilot in a quandary he’s never seen before and the airplane taking on a life of its own. Hence the question, “what’s it doing now”?

For the homebuilt, experimental aircraft crowd I’ve been in for 23 years, this is more common because boxes from Company A are frequently combined with boxes from Company B since the builder often seeks the best prices. Or, he may just have a liking for a certain brand of avionics for one feature but a different brand for another. In many cases, this leads to the discovery that these different boxes are compatible for some jobs and not for others. In that case much is left undefined and up to the user to figure out. How? Trial and error... It’s in the latter category where the “what’s it doing now” question occasionally pops up. And the odds of this happening are much higher when you have a Company A autopilot, a Company B navigator and maybe a Company C flight display and moving map. Yep, you saved a lot of money and got the wiring interfaces correct but are now tasked with playing with the new boxes to see how they work together and what they can and cannot do in concert with each other because they were not designed by the same entity. And there’s no POH to help you. It is what it is, and you must find out yourself because all too frequently, no one else knows!

Here's an example. My RV-14A has a navigator from one company and a combined flight display and autopilot from another. Most features transfer back and forth nicely but some do not. For instance, if I set up a descent to meet a crossing altitude restriction on the navigator, it displays this on the flight display and on the navigator display, but the autopilot will not fly it. The airplane sails happily past the top of descent point, clearly shown on two displays, but changes not one foot in altitude. The autopilot from the company that makes the navigator will fly it just fine, but the interface is proprietary and hence unavailable to other autopilot vendors. That’s merely an inconvenience when you are aware of it but might be a problem if you were unaware and only in flight found out what you were trying to do won’t work.

Another problem involves an autopilot flown missed approach. Some autopilots/flight displays/navigators will automatically fly the published missed approach procedure when the pilot calls for it. But others will only maintain runway heading and climb straight ahead initially until the pilot changes the autopilot mode to tell it to follow the full procedure. That’s another



item that is just an inconvenience if known but potentially hazardous when encountered by surprise. There are others but those two come readily to mind.

Is there a solution to these unknown variables? Well, sort of, but it's still trial and error. Aside from the usual procedure of practicing approaches where you merely do the same thing over and over without much changing on the panel, try a technique I use that makes life aloft much more challenging. Go with a safety pilot equipped with a plan that you don't know. Have the safety pilot give you one challenge after another that you would rarely encounter in real life but that will have you using all sorts of button pushes and changes that are atypical. This alone will identify peculiarities in the operation of your system that may be unknown to you. Of course, it is best done in more remote areas where you have greater freedom to maneuver. And as I've mentioned in an earlier article, night flying opens the door to this type of thing much wider as there's less traffic and it is easier to see. You'll have the sky to yourself.

What kinds of evil things should the safety pilot try? It's really anything goes. How about leaving a hold for a minute on the next leg and then be told to go back and hold again at the same fix. How about changing the holding direction? Execute an early missed approach just inside the final approach fix and get vectors to a different approach to a different runway. In the middle of an approach be told the runway is closed temporarily for debris removal and go back to the initial approach fix and try it again. Then on the way to that IAF change to another one instead. There's no limit to the options as each one requires you to maintain control of the aircraft and handle some typically unrealistic challenges that will reveal some things you thought the system could do but maybe can't. And be sure to exert your PIC authority. "Hey center, this is too much too fast. I need a 60 second delay vector to sort it out. What heading do you want me to fly?" You're the boss – act like it! And be sure the safety pilot writes down any problem areas discovered so you can research them later, either with manufacturers or with some additional in-flight trial and error.

What I've learned most from doing this isn't just what works and what doesn't although that was the starting goal and certainly a benefit. But more important is that automation is great but when used for exercises like I mentioned, you will sometimes find it creates more problems than solutions. And when it does, there's nothing more beneficial than shutting the automation off and hand flying until you have things sorted out. When a flight director is commanding an autopilot turn one way and you know you need to go in another, there's no question confusion results. You know what's going on in your brain but not what's going on in the automation's brain because you might have inadvertently asked it to do something different from what you intended. Or it might not be able to do what you asked because of some incompatibility with another device unknown to you. The lesson? Don't be afraid to shut it all down and go back to flying the airplane manually like you always have. You can reset the autopilot later!



ON THE HORIZON



CPA FLY-IN LISTINGS

Full Details & Register Now:

Sheridan, Wyoming – August 22-24, 2025

Sneak Peek Reminders:

Alamogordo, New Mexico – September 12-14, 2025

Nucla, Colorado – September 26-28, 2025

Registration Forms in this issue:

Sheridan, page 29



Fly-in: Sheridan, Wyoming

August 22-24

Event hosts: Bob & Shawn Kinney

East side of the Bighorn Mountains
KSHR: 300 n.m. from the Denver area

Friday

Arrive: 11:00 a.m.
FBO: Bighorn Airways
No fees
\$.50 fuel discount on Saturday & Sunday
Very nice facility

Following lunch at the Ice Haus Eatery we'll visit Kendrick Park, one of the many city parks that Sheridan is noted for; grab some ice cream at the renowned Ice Cream Stand, and then do the free tour at the Trail End State Historic Site which is an almost 14,000 sq. ft., 1913 vintage mansion you must see to believe.



Check-in at the downtown Best Western hotel is next on the docket. Can you believe it? We secured a \$109 per night room rate during the on-season when the rates exceed \$200 a night. You can't pass that up. Call for reservations at 307-674-7421 and request a CPA room. There's a 24-hour cancellation on the rooms at the Best Western. Make your reservation by July 15.

Hotel check-in will be followed by a short walk to do a self-tour of historic downtown Sheridan on your own; visit the Mint Bar; or just kick back for a quick afternoon refresher nap in your room before enjoying happy hour with snacks followed by dinner on your own.



Saturday

Hope you get a good night's sleep as Saturday is crammed full of delight! We'll do a guided tour of the very unique 1892 ranch house that's next door to the Brinton Museum. **Note:** This site was owned by Forrest Mars of M&M candy & Mars Bars fame, who you'll want to learn about during your visit. Following our ranch house tour, we'll have lunch at Bighorn Pizza in Bighorn, WY.



We'll next head to the **free** Brinton Museum to visit one of the most significant Western and Indian Art collections in the Rocky Mountain West featuring Remington, Russell, and Audubon, among others. It boasts the largest Hans Kleiber collection in the world.

What visit to Sheridan would be complete without a visit to the Eaton's Dude Ranch? Located in Wolf, Wyoming only 30 mins west of Sheridan, this beautiful ranch will host our group for a BBQ in the wide-open spaces in the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains. What a finale for a great weekend in beautiful Wyoming. Do not miss this "feed"!

Sunday

Departure following breakfast. Enjoy your scenic flight home.

Registration deadline is July 15. Sign up early. Registration is limited. The cost per person is \$100 for transportation and the Eaton Ranch BBQ.

Questions? Contact Bob & Shawn Kinney at 303-887-3328 or twinlake1@aol.com



Don't Forget! – The Alamogordo, New Mexico Fly-in is on the Horizon

September 12-14, 2025

Hosted by Bill Gust

We'll be visiting White Sands Missile Range and White Sands National Park, touring the local McGinn's Pistachio Land and seeing the world's largest pistachio. Plus, we'll be visiting the New Mexico Museum of Space History.



On **Friday** you'll land at the **Alamogordo Municipal Airport (KALM)** and parking at Exile Aviation. We'll have a quick lunch at a local restaurant followed by a visit to the White Sands Missile Range Museum and possibly the Toy Train Depot. Our rooms will be at the Holiday Inn Express, which includes breakfast. And, of course, that night you can expect the highly acclaimed CPA Happy hour(!) at the hotel -- BYOB and snacks. Dinner is on your own as there are numerous restaurants nearby.



Saturday morning we'll be heading to **White Sands National Park**, where we'll tour the visitors center and drive or hike the white sands. You can even slide down the dunes using plastic discs just like you can in snow!

Saturday afternoon we'll be having lunch followed by a visit to **McGinn's Pistachio Land**. There we'll see the world's largest pistachio and tour the interesting and informative farm. Later we'll head for the **New Mexico Museum of Space History** and if time allows, the **Tularosa Basin Museum**. We'll plan on a group dinner that night.

Then on **Sunday** morning after breakfast we'll head back to the airport for the flight home. All attendees will be receiving a detailed schedule prior to the trip.



Some White Sands National Park Facts

- The first people came to the White Sands over 10,000 years ago.
- Hearth Mounds represent the most amazing evidence of human occupation at White Sands.
- A beautiful Spanish maiden is reported to haunt the dunes at White Sands.
- The park was part of the “San Elizario Salt War”.
- The history of White Sands National Park is closely tied to the history of the American frontier.
- White Sands has the largest gypsum dune field in the world.
- Many species make their home at the park.
- The sand remains cool despite the hot weather.

Full trip details and the registration form will appear in next month's Flight Lines. Contact host Bill Gust at 719-482-6810 or garbona@msn.com with questions.



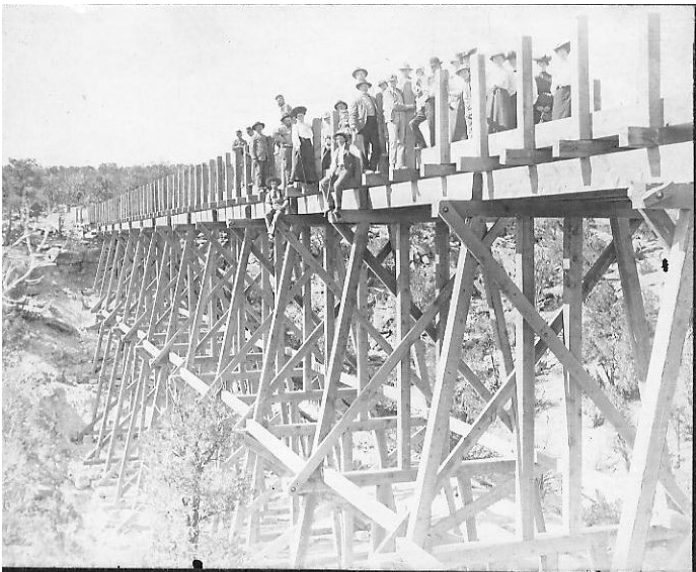
Mark your calendar--Another Event is Coming! Fly-In to Nucla, Colorado - The Colony at Piñon September 26-28, 2025

Hosted by Aimee Tooker



Fly into Hopkin's Field Airport Friday morning (KAIB). On arrival, a light lunch at the airport lounge will welcome you to Nucla (formerly known as Tabeguache Park) before we start the weekend's events. All transportation for the duration of your stay will be provided by local citizens. Friday night we'll visit the museum of the Rimrocker Historical Society and learn about the history of the Colorado Cooperative Company. Drift back in time with us into the challenges of life in this wild area in the late 1800s and early 1900s.





Saturday, among other attractions we'll see the Cottonwood Syphon that was once the largest trestle in the United States. As we follow the river in the canyon below it, you will learn about the hardships of the colony and the natural disasters that continually threatened its operation. But don't despair because later we'll catch up with modern life with a catered outdoor lunch at the Ledges Day Use area along the San Miguel River.



The hardscrabble town of Piñon was once the second largest in Montrose County. It sat alongside the San Miguel River, some 17 miles east of present day Nucla, and at its zenith, the town grew to some 50 buildings. On our trip you will see and feel the daunting task of manually constructing an irrigation canal connecting the two locations across and through mountainous terrain, all while maintaining the required gradient to allow water to flow.



After a long day of seeing and learning about the difficult history of this area, we'll zoom ahead to present day. That evening we'll enjoy a group dinner on the patio at Amy's Place at the Vestal House and it will feature local ingredients and fresh apple juice. And by fresh, we mean squeezed by a manually powered press right in front of you! Yes, you may squeeze some yourself if you're up to it.

www.vestalhousenucla.com

Host Aimee Tooker, Vestal House at Tabeguache Park 970-428-2326

Additional details and registration will appear in the July Flight Lines issue. Watch for it!



From our friends in New Mexico

Murrow Field on the Divide NM99 Fly-in Information

Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 20 - 22, 2025
Rain dates the following weekend.

Once again folks from many areas will gather in the mountains of Northern New Mexico to picnic, camp, hike, share tall tales, and weather permitting, enjoy an evening campfire!

We hope you will be able to join us for this wonderful adventure with friends and family. Whether you can attend just for the Saturday burrito breakfast or arrive and hike, bike, picnic, or camp over for that and at the other times, we know you will enjoy flying or driving into this beautiful mountain environment and visit with so many old and new friends. If you enjoy nature photography you will find plenty of scenery and creatures to fill your camera, too!



Family, friends, airplanes, and camping - who could want more!



The ranch is right on the Continental Divide at 7,500 feet above sea level and features a central meadow bracketed to the North and South by Ponderosa, Pinion, and Juniper forests and rimrock cliffs. There are a number of ancient sites from the time of the Gallina people. The ranch adjoins the Santa Fe National Forest to the East, where one can enjoy extended bike and hiking opportunities. The Nogales Cliff House is in the Forest 10 miles down Forest Road 313, followed by a nice hike up a canyon wall to the site.

Feel free to view a nice video of a prior fly-in at:

<https://vimeo.com/130270972>

Fly-In dates are Friday 10 AM June 20 through Monday Morning June 23. Rain dates will be the following weekend, Friday through Sunday. People are welcome to drive in, too, and camp in tents and RV's.

Folks who have studied and agreed with the information in our Briefing and completed the full Registration procedure are welcome to attend at any time from Friday 10 AM through Monday morning, and may camp by their planes and in the grass and trees adjacent to the airstrip. We will probably ask Friday morning attendees to help with the setup (your option). Some helpers might be able to come on Thursday too.

The main event is the free New Mexico Burrito Breakfast on Saturday morning, with coffee, rolls, cereal, etc. at 8 am, and burritos, etc. by 9 am. Other meals are on your own via picnics or camping, including potlucks by arrangements with others.

The Briefing provides essential airstrip and procedures information plus a lot more information about the event itself. The airstrip is somewhat rough grass and dirt, 4,000 feet long but quite narrow, with berms along the edges, so aircraft should be appropriate for backcountry type conditions, and pilots should be experienced and proficient and always be able to keep their planes on the center of the strip during landing, taxi, and takeoff. Details are in the Briefing.

Note: The Briefing and Registration are required. No one has Permission to land or operate on the airfield and/or attend any events on the ranch unless they have read the Briefing and agree with all its conditions and requirements, and in the case of fly-ins has completed the Registration process. For individual visits on other dates make your arrangements by email.

Please download, review, and accept the Murrow Field Fly-in Briefing pdf document above. Then you can **use the Registration Link above** to access and complete the Registration Form. You can amend your registration form anytime later.

Questions? Comments? Send then to rol@murrow.info

I very much look forward to seeing you and many other friends at the Murrow Field on the Divide Fly-in!

Rol Murrow



Colorado Aeronautical Board Approves \$4.5 Million in State Airport Funding for Federal Match Grants

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The Cortez Municipal Airport (CEZ) received a \$689,262 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant to match \$7,192,000 in federal funds for the rehabilitation of runway 3/21 and the expansion of the airport's aircraft parking apron. Photo by Shahn G. Sederberg - CDOT Aeronautics

WATKINS, CO – The Colorado Aeronautical Board (CAB) has approved \$4.5 million in federal match and overmatch grant funding for airport infrastructure projects across the state as part of its 2025 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant (CDAG) Program. The federal matching grants, which leverage both Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding, will support critical infrastructure improvements at 29 public-use airports statewide.

These awards are in addition to \$13.8 million in state and local discretionary grants previously approved by the CAB in January, bringing the total 2025 CDAG Program funding to \$18.3 million, leveraging nearly \$90 million in federal funding. All together this year, the CAB approved a total of 57 discretionary aviation grants supporting 47 public-use airports across Colorado.

A detailed breakdown of each federal match grant award is available [here](#).



2025 Federal Match and Overmatch Summary				
	State Funding	Local Funding	Federal Funding	Total Funding
Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	\$1,356,287	\$2,331,326	\$52,132,158	\$55,819,771
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	\$1,327,884	\$5,120,522	\$37,076,647	\$43,525,053
Federal Overmatch	\$1,789,760	\$198,864	--	\$1,988,624
Federal Match & Overmatch Totals	\$4,473,931	\$7,650,712	\$89,208,805	\$101,333,448

2025 Colorado Discretionary Aviation Grant Program Summary				
	State Funding	Local Funding	Federal Funding	Total Funding
State & Local (Approved by CAB on Jan 28, 2025)	\$13,821,016	\$4,273,323	\$0	\$18,094,339
Federal Match & Overmatch	\$4,473,931	\$7,650,712	\$89,208,805	\$101,333,448
2025 CDAG Total	\$18,294,947	\$11,924,035	\$89,208,805	\$119,427,787

Key Federal Projects Include:

- **Runway and taxiway rehabilitations** at Colorado Springs (COS), Cortez (CEZ), Grand Junction (GJT), Montrose (MTJ), and Telluride (TEX).
- **Terminal improvements** at Grand Junction (GJT) and Durango (DRO).
- **Automated Weather Observing Systems** at rural airports such as Cañon City (1V6), Nucla (AIB), Holyoke (HEQ).
- **Major pavement expansions and reconstructions** at Eagle County, Buena Vista, and Colorado Air and Space Port.
- **Pavement maintenance** at Limon and Trinidad.

“This year’s investment reflects a continued commitment to enhancing aviation safety, efficiency, and capacity across Colorado’s diverse air transportation system,” said David Ulane, Director of the Colorado Division of Aeronautics. “By leveraging state and local funding with federal programs, we can ensure Colorado airports remain vital economic engines for their communities.”

The CAB’s support of the CDAG Program ensures that airports serving urban, mountain, and rural communities can modernize infrastructure, enhance aviation safety, and improve access to Colorado’s Aviation System.

Colorado legislation was created in 1991 to develop and maintain the Colorado Aviation System through taxes collected on aviation fuel sold within the state. There are no general funds used to meet the needs within the Colorado Aviation System. The Colorado Aviation System is funded solely through the taxes collected by those actually using the aviation system.

The Colorado Airport System consists of 76 public-use airports that support over 348,466 jobs, provide \$23.5 billion in annual payroll, \$40.3 billion in value-added, and \$68.9 billion in total annual business revenue for the State of Colorado. More information about the 2025 Colorado Aviation Economic Impact Study can be found at coloradoaviationsystem.com/2025-ceis.





Colorado Pilots Association Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025 @ 6:30 PM MDT
Sheltair Aviation (KBJC) and via Zoom

Attendees:

Officers Present:

President - Adrian Nye
Vice-President - Brian Brieske

Treasurer - Cindy Jewell
Recorder - Patrick Brennan

Chairpersons Present:

Airspace - David Ladd
Airport Reps - James Zucker
Backcountry - Keith Serkes
Community Relations - Colin Dielmann
Education - Michael Mayfield
Flight Safety - Mike Koscielniak

Legislature - Gary Tobey
Member At-Large - Bob Kinney
Membership Services - Gabbie Bogolin
Newsletter - Andy Holmes
Activities - Chris Kilker
Website - Brian Garrett

Liaisons Present:

Angel Flight West - Bob Kinney
CABA - Chris Swathwood
CAHS - Brian Richardson
CAP - Martin Kelly

CO Div. Aeronautics - David Ulane
Wings Museum - K. Shaddox
99s - Sue Osborne

Others: Jer Eberhard, Justin Redig, Ryan Ferguson

Call to order: Adrian Nye at 6:31 PM

Approval of previous minutes: from October 2024

Gary Kelly moved to approve the minutes as filed, Cindy Jewell seconded
Adopted as filed

Published to the CPA website: CPA Members Tools/Documents/Meeting Minutes/2025

Old Business:

- a. None

New Business:

- a. CPA Swag Purchase
 - a. Primarily for the KAPA 5K run, but will have a surplus to use throughout the year
 - b. Got bids locally in Littleton, and a vendor in Washington that we've worked with previously. The local vendor had the lower bid, at \$1,701.
 - i. Adrian Nye Moved to order 1,000 stickers and 100 lanyards. Cindy Jewell seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Re-order CPA Brochures
 - a. We need to update the brochures with current membership rates.
 - b. We should also include



- i. Adrian Nye moves to allocate \$500 for printing costs. Bob Kinney seconded.
 - ii. We should also include our new QR codes
- c. Possible "Notable Colorado Aviators" Series (Fred Martin et al)
 - a. Fred is scheduled for the July 21st "CPA Presents", as of today.
 - b. We're also looking into inviting Fred as the guest speaker at our annual meeting.
- d. Longmont Vector ADS-B Automated Landing Fees
 - a. The local anti-airport group is lobbying Longmont City Council to partner with Vector, a third-party billing service that uses public ADS-B data in combination with their own, locally-installed hardware to bill landing fees to aircraft owners.
 - b. We need to organize a showing in opposition - we will create an action alert to notify the pilot community and create a sense of urgency.
 - c. AOPA is also fighting this on a national level.
 - d. Watch for more information

Officer Reports:**President - Adrian Nye**

- No report

Vice-President - Brian Brieske

- No report

Treasurer - Cindy Jewell

- **Report for April 2025**

<u>Our income this month was:</u>	\$	3,699
Membership Dues:	\$	2,470
Interest:	\$	139
Mountain Flying:	\$	1090
Fly-in Events:	\$	0
Meetings:	\$	0
Scholarship Fund Donations:	\$	0

<u>Our expenses this month were:</u>	\$	874
Membership Services:	\$	200
Membership Stripe Fees:	\$	56
Mountain Flying:	\$	0
Fly-in Expenses:	\$	0
Go Fund Me:	\$	0
Website Charges:	\$	340
Office Supplies:	\$	193
Postage:	\$	85
Bank Charge:	\$	0

<u>We had a net income for April 2025:</u>	\$	2,825
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<u>In our bank accounts we have:</u>	\$	70,191
Minimum checking:	\$	6,230
Checking:	\$	36,260
Savings:	\$	27,728
Scholarship CD:	\$	0



Patrick Brennan moved to accept the financial report.
Financials were accepted

Recorder - Patrick Brennan

- *No report*

Committee Reports:

Airspace - David Ladd

- We have one spot for the Coeur d'Alene fly-in at the end of the month.

Airport Reps - James Zucker

- Working with the local CO airports to better include them in our representation and get their local feedback

Backcountry - Keith Serkes

- Utah backcountry pilots organized a couple fly-ins; working on more to come

Community Relations - Colin Dielmann

- Aviation press day - still reaching out to speakers for the event. We will probably need to table this event until we can solidify a line-up.

Education - Michael Mayfield

- Completed two student outreach events last month
- Scholarship updates - 40 applications were received by the deadline
 - 4 winners have been selected as of yesterday, more details will follow soon

Flight Safety - Mike Koscielniak

- Good turnout at our last CPA Presents
- CPA Presents: Monday May 19th - density altitude program
Monday June 16th - STEM Flights
July 21st - Colorado Heroes
- Noise Roundtable (no news is good news)
- Pilot-Controller safety meeting - July 25th
- Will be at the KAPA 5K run

Legislature - Gary Tobey

- All quiet on the legislative front

Member At-Large - Bob Kinney

- Holiday dinner will once again be at the Bison Grill in Commerce City

Membership Services - James Zucker, for Gabbie Bogolin

- 738 active members, 13 new, 1 new student, 1 airport, 32 renewals, 1 cancellation

Newsletter - Andy Holmes

- Excited to work on "new member involvement" - trying to create opportunities for new members, especially new student members, to get involved and meet other local pilots.

Activities - Chris Kilker

- KAPA tower tour was cancelled due to construction.
- NOAA tour June 17th
- TRACON tour July 17th
- Potluck at Sheltair KBJC is still in planning - more in early July. Looking for volunteers to help plan this event.
- Looking at organizing a quarterly "student pilot social" to better include our new members

Website - Brian Garrett

- We have a small update to the Foreflight CO Practice Area overlays

The following liaisons provided reports:

Angel Flight West - Bob Kinney



- *No report*

CABA - Chris Swathwood

- Golf Tournament June 5 at The Ridge Castle Pines

CAHS - Keith Shaddox, for Brian Richardson

- Annual banquet will be in October or November this year.
- Looking for nominations for the CO Hall of Fame.

CAP - Martin Kelly

- Just finished up a big training weekend at KFLY.
- Michael Lane was just awarded the highest-level cadet award, one of only 26 recipients in the past 40 years.

CO Div. Aeronautics - David Ulane

- Approved second round of grants for 2025, now totalling just under \$19 million with 57 grants across 47 airports. More information is available on the Division of Aeronautics website
- New Foreflight feature - direct access to the FAA weathercams! (Airport Info tab)

99s - Sue Osborne

- Have been cross-promoting CPA events
- KCFO fly-in breakfast May 31st

Other Information:

Meeting adjourned: Adrian Nye at 8:00 PM MDT

Next Board Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2025 @ 6:30 PM MDT

Wright Brothers Room, The Hangar Admin Bldg (KAPA) *and via Zoom*

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Brennan
Recorder



CLASSIFIEDS

OSHKOSH 2025: Looking for pilot and plane round trip for AirVenture 2025. I am a very experienced pilot, CFI, A&P, with over 20 recent trips to AirVenture. Flexible dates and prefer camping. Contact Rob Duncan, 970-250-9009.

RV-6A For Sale:

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Fly-in Registration Form

WANT TO GO BUT NEED A RIDE?

Complete only this blue section and email this form to the Fly-in host below

Name: _____ Area code () _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ # Seats: _____

**PILOTS FLYING OR DRIVING TO THIS EVENT,
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION**

Which event are you registering for?		Sheridan, August 22-24	
First Name		Last Name	
Are you a CPA Member?		Yes	No
Address:			
Cell Phone:			
Email:			
Emergency Contact name and phone of someone not traveling with you:			
Aircraft type:		N number:	
Do you have a seat to share in your plane?		Yes – How many?	No
Do you have any guests joining you?		Yes	No
If so, how many?	Their first and last names:		
Cost per person: \$ ____ 100 ____ times total in party ____ = \$			
Is this your first CPA Fly-in?		Yes	No

Please send a check for the above amount, **made out to the Colorado Pilots Association**, to the Fly-in host:

Bob Kinney (303) 887-3328 twinlake1@aol.com
8401 I76 Service Road
Henderson, CO 80640-7801





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