



## **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**The Southern Utah Aviation Association is a 501c3 (pending) non-profit organization with the mission of protecting Southern Utah Airports and the Rights of Airport Users with an emphasis on advocacy and information sharing.**

(this is an expanded Mission Statement based on comments received at the last meeting)

### **BOD Resignation**

Mike Brennan, due to his workload and other commitments, has resigned as President from the Board of Directors. Mike was instrumental early on with getting all the paperwork set up and filed with the State of Utah. We wish him the best and thank him for his service. As per the Bylaws, the position of President passes down to the Vice President, Shane Losee, who has requested that Jason Blake, Treasurer, step in and perform the Presidents duties until the next election.

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting for the Association will be held in April, the time and location to be determined. The new Board of Directors will be elected at that time. Approximately 2 weeks prior to, members in good standing will receive a biography on the officer candidates along with a ballot. You will also receive a Proxy in case you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting. It will be important to attend either in person or by Proxy as we will be installing the new officers, and will also be codifying (having an official vote on) the changes to the Bylaws that have previously been approved at the members meetings. This is necessary to fulfill the obligation set out in the Bylaws.

### **Membership Renewals**

The Board wishes to thank all the members who have paid their renewals for 2025. As of January 31st, the membership stands at 31. If you haven't yet paid, and wish to do so, we now can accept Venmo payments @SUAA-flyers as well as PayPal. See the attached Membership Form.

### **Committees**

The Board will be hosting a social and planning session for those members who have expressed interest in working on a Committee. If you expressed an interest on your Application, we'll be in touch shortly. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let one of your board members know or shoot the board an email at [SUAAlflyers@gmail.com](mailto:SUAAlflyers@gmail.com).

### **Non-Profit Status**

The Association has submitted the paperwork and application fee to the IRS to get our 501c3 tax exempt non-profit status.

## Upcoming Events

February 8th, EAA Chapter 936 Young Eagles meet. 11AM at Hurricane Airport. Ground volunteers are needed. Contact Pat or Jen Carroll for more information or to volunteer.

February 14-16, Kanab Balloons and Tunes Festival. Coral Cliffs Golf Course. Visit <https://visitsouthernutah.com/events/balloons-and-tunes-roundup> for information

February 19th, EAA Chapter 936 Monthly Breakfast. 9AM at Side Car Cafe at Desert Canyons (held every 3rd Wednesday of the month)

March 5-7, Utah Airport Operators Association Conference. SUAA has received an invitation to attend, and plans to have a presence.

March 8th, EAA Chapter 1707, Fly-in Breakfast & Keynote Speaker. 8AM-12PM. Perkins Field (U08) in Overton. They have requested you RSVP at [EAACHAPTER1707@gmail.com](mailto:EAACHAPTER1707@gmail.com)  
See the attached flyer

March 12th, SUAA Association bi-monthly meeting. 6 PM at Millionair, SGU (tentative)  
Details upcoming

April 2025, SUAA Annual Meeting, Time & Place TBD

If you know of other activities in the Southern Utah area, be sure to let us know so we can include them in the future. Remember-one of the objectives of SUAA is to be a "clearinghouse" for all things aviation in our area.

## SUAA VOLUNTEERS

### SUAA Board

President	Position Vacant	
Vice President	Shane Losee	435-705-9023
Treasurer (& acting President)	Jason Blake	435-901-1169
Secretary	Pat & Jen Carroll	435-229-5620

### SUAA Committees

Officer Nominating Committee	Dan Stewart
Public Outreach	OPEN
Governmental Affairs	In progress
SUAA Activities	OPEN
Newsletter Editor	OPEN (Jason Blake is filling in for now)
Webmaster	Shane Losee

**We wish you all the best for 2025 with Blue Skies and Fair Winds!**

# SOUTHERN UTAH AVIATION ASSOCIATION

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## 2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member ☐ Fill out form

Renewal ☐ No change in information ☐

Please complete and return via US mail,  
email to SUAAflyers@gmail.com or  
hand deliver at the next meeting

### Required fields

Last Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Airport: \_\_\_\_\_ Hanger Owner? \_\_\_\_\_ Hanger Renter? \_\_\_\_\_ Hanger # \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot \_\_\_\_\_ Public interested in aviation \_\_\_\_\_ Business Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Govt \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Govt Agency name \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Select Membership Type

**Full Voting** (Aviation related) \$50.00/year ☐ (may be prorated by quarter)

**Corporate** (Includes unlimited company attendees, but only 1 vote) \$250/year\*\*\* ☐

**Non-Voting** (non-aviation related/general public) \$10/year\*\*\* ☐ \*\*\*COMING SOON!

I am interested in serving as an officer of the Association ☐

I am interested in serving on a committee ☐ Committee preference \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: SUAA or pay via PayPal**

**Dues amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Add Donation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donations gratefully accepted**

**Total paid:** \_\_\_\_\_ Paid by Check ☐ Paid via PayPal ☐ Paid Cash ☐

### Optional (but helpful) fields

#### If Pilot—Your Ratings: Check any that apply

☐ ATP ☐ Commercial ☐ Instrument ☐ Private ☐ Student

#### Aircraft Information

Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliated Aviation Associations (circle all that apply) AOPA EAA UBCP RAF other \_\_\_\_\_



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#### For Official Use

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☐ I prefer to not have my contact  
information shared in the  
members directory

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# EAA CHAPTER 1707 PERKINS FIELD (U08) FLY-IN PACAKE BREAKFAST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**MARCH 8, 2025**  
**8:00AM-12:00PM**  
**PERKINS FIELD (U08)**

(Weather Permitting)

**1110 Airport Rd.**  
**Overton, NV 89040**

**1**

**FLY-IN BREAKFAST**

**2**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**3**

**FREE!**  
(DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED)

**PLEASE RSVP AT:**  
**EAACHAPTER1707@GMAIL.COM**

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## COLONEL (RET.) DEREK "WOODY" OAKS

### Extensive Military and Aviation Career:

Colonel (retired) Derek Oaks has over 30 years of experience as a pilot, leader, and commander, with 5,200 flight hours in 30 aircraft types, including nearly 800 hours of combat time.

Leadership roles and achievements include:

- Commanded multiple units, including a fighter squadron and fighter group, and participated in several combat and contingency operations such as ENDURING FREEDOM and SOUTHERN WATCH.
- Post-Military Contributions: Currently a leadership consultant, flight instructor, and author, co-authoring Rising Above and working on a new book, The Confident Leader—Building a Culture of Confident Decision-making.
- Decorated Veteran: Recipient of numerous military decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters.

**For more information go to: <https://chapters.eaa.org/eaal707>**  
or contact EAA Chapter 1707 President Greg Witter at:  
**eaachapter1707@gmail.com**