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Clear Lake Aviation Gathering Highlights Aviation Career Opportunities and Seaplane Flying

This year's *Clear Lake Aviation Gathering* features seminars highlighting the bright opportunities for young people in aviation. The conference is hosted by the Clear Lake Flying Club which is launching its youth aviation program and supports seaplane operations at Clear Lake.

Dr. Stephen Bateman, the director of the AOPA's Flying Club's Initiative, opens the conference with presentations about the effectiveness of flying clubs for pilots to enrich their flying experiences, and an overview of the AOPA high school aviation initiative which provides high schools with a no cost, high quality, 4 year aviation curriculum.

Herb Lingl, Clear Lake Flying Club's education director, discusses the flying club's youth program, its aviation training scholarship, its program enabling young people to work on aircraft and obtain flying experience and the club's efforts to support adoption of the AOPA high school curriculum by Lake County high schools.

The conference includes extensive seaplane content including seminars on obtaining single and multi-engine seaplane ratings, seaplane specific emergency procedures, the history of seaplane operations on Clear Lake, details about a recent installation of Wipaire amphibious floats on a Super Cub, the flight plan for a trip from California to Alaska on straight floats and a presentation by Missy Lee, the owner of Alaska Floats and Skis in Talkeetna, Alaska about flying skis and floats in Alaska.

Instruction will be available during the conference in several seaplanes.

Three of the seminars qualify for FAA *Wings* credit. Paul Kosheka, the FAA Team Program manager for the Sacramento FSDO will be providing an overview of the Wings Pilot Proficiency Program. With participation in the seminars and enough seaplane training at the conference, pilots can avoid the need to obtain their next biannual flight review.

A raffle, silent auction and sale of aerial photography prints on display are helping raise funds for the Clear Lake Flying Club Youth Aviation Scholarship.

The first day of the conference finishes with a tasting of some of Lake County's finest wines, a catered hangar dinner and announcement of the winners of the raffle, silent auction and photo competition.

Sunday, April 23 features a seaplane fly out from Clear Lake to Lake Berryessa guided by Terry Hayes, a seaplane CFI with Foothill Aviation and a charter pilot with Backcountry Flying Experience.

The conference program is available at:

<https://www.clearlakeflyingclub.com/Clear-Lake-Aviation-Gathering-2023-Program.pdf>

Registration is at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/clear-lake-aviation-gathering-tickets-552500001377>

The invitation to submit photographs for inclusion in the curated photography exhibit which opens at the conference and is entitled *Aerial Visions of Seaplanes, From Seaplanes and Over Water* is at:

<https://airportmuse.com/Clear-Lake-Aviation-Gathering-Exhibition-Invitation.pdf>

The Clear Lake Flying Club was established in 2019 to provide aviation training to young people in Lake County and to support seaplane operations at Clear Lake. Additional information about the flying club is available at:

<https://www.clearlakeflyingclub.com/>

If you need **shortened URLs** for the conference program, registration and exhibition invitation those are:

Conference Program:

<http://bit.ly/3IH8HD5>

Registration:

bit.ly/3YTbpqy

Exhibit Invitation:

bit.ly/3FdzWMs