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The purpose of the Colorado Agricultural Aviation Association is to serve its membership in legislative concerns, education of pertinent issues, and to promote technical programs to enhance the betterment of Agricultural Aviation and it related activities.

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### **A Message from Our President**

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I first and foremost want to thank all of you for your contributions to the CoAAA this past year. Because of generous donations from the special assessment and the success of the convention in November, the association is in the best financial situation it has been in the past couple of years! I have heard some very positive feedback about the convention, and we plan to conduct the 2022 convention in the same fashion. We are also on track to continue monitoring the ever-changing environment of the Colorado legislature and will stay committed to being the voice of our great industry.

Please accept my sincere thank you for helping pull the CoAAA out of the mire. I encourage everyone to be as involved with association as they can. Direct any recommendations to myself, Jessica, or any of the other board members. It is of utmost importance that your opinions are voiced for the CoAAA to be a viable organization for many years to come. Thank you again and here's to a safe and prosperous 2022 spray season!

Neil Wicke  
CoAAA President

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### **Save the Dates**

**Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-in**  
**September 26, 2022**

**Southeast Colorado Regional Airport**

**2022 CoAAA Convention and Trade Show**  
**November 16-17, 2021**

**Island Grove Event Center Conference Rooms**

501 North 14th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

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SB22-131 was introduced as a measure to remove the pesticide pre-emption policy in Colorado. The goal of the measure was to allow cities, counties, and other governing entities to be able to write and enforce individual pesticide policies. CoAAA joined forces with the Coloradoans for Responsible Pesticide Application (CRPA) to oppose this terrible measure. With agricultural producers and pesticide applicators showing a united front in the CRPA coalition we were able to successfully oppose SB22-131.

The measure may have died in the 2022 legislative session, but we are anticipating seeing similar legislation attempted in the 2023 session or during the sunset of the Colorado Pesticide Applicator Act. Rest assured the CoAAA will remain vigilant and oppose any negative legislation presented in the future.



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## Membership Matters

Membership renewal for 2022 is now open. Your membership dollars allow the CoAAA to support our members and protect aerial application in many ways.

### The CoAAA Serves Membership By:

- Monitoring legislative activity and taking appropriate action to protect membership interests
- Providing PAASS program and critical continuing education on an annual basis
- Providing Operation S.A.F.E. for spray pattern analysis
- Providing First Responder Safe Response manual and training to increase safety for members
- Educating the General Public on the benefits of aerial application through speaking engagements, press releases, and multiple channels of social media
- Liaison with regulatory agencies such as the FAA, EPA, CDA, etc which included assisting and monitoring the Drift Cases that went to trial in 2019. Our members along with attorney John Wright and the CoAAA successfully won those three cases against the Colorado Department of Agriculture.
- Attending to any critical safety, regulatory, or business issues that arise through the year
- Helping with any individual questions or situations throughout the year

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Please contact Jessica Freeman at [Jessica@coagav.org](mailto:Jessica@coagav.org) or 970-217-5293 with any questions.

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## 2021 Calendar of Events

**2022 Operation S.A.F.E. Fly-in**  
**September 26, 2022 Southeast Colorado Regional Airport** 3670 County Road Gg. 2, Lamar, CO 81052. Pattern testing will be conducted by Agri-Spray Consulting.

**2022 CoAAA Convention & Trade Show**  
**November 15-16, 2022 Island Grove Event Center** Conference Rooms- 501 N 14th Ave Greeley, CO 80631.

**NAAA Ag Aviation Expo**  
**December 5-8, 2022 Knoxville, TN**  
[National Agricultural Aviation Association \(agaviation.org\)](http://agaviation.org)

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## Need an Aviation or Drift Attorney?

Recently the CoAAA renewed a relationship with aviation attorney John L. Wright. Mr. Wright provides free one hour consultations to determine if your specific situation warrants the use of an attorney. He is also well educated on the needs of the aerial application industry.

Please feel free to contact Mr. John Wright at 303-747-4000 or [jwright@flyinglegal.com](mailto:jwright@flyinglegal.com).

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