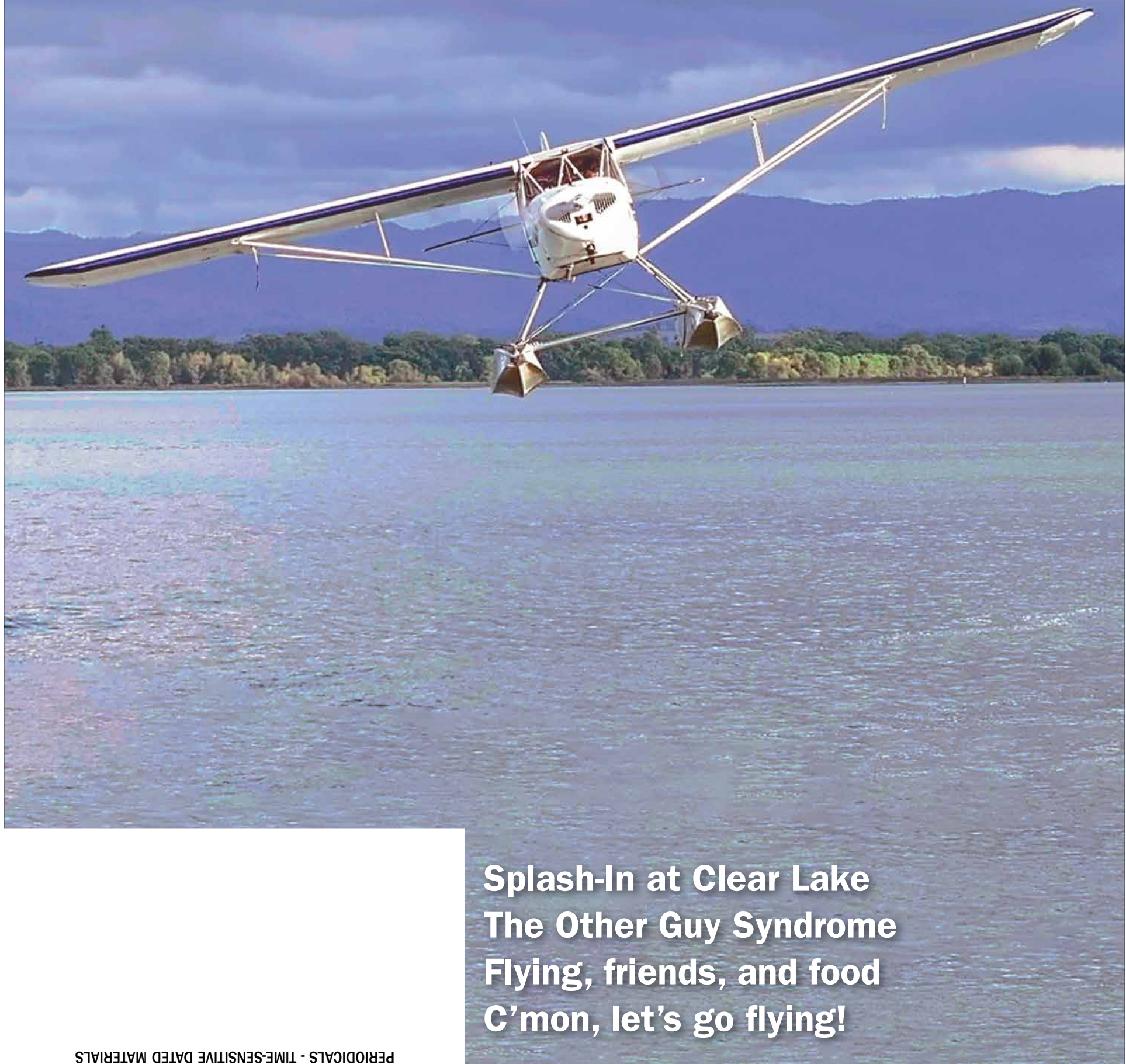


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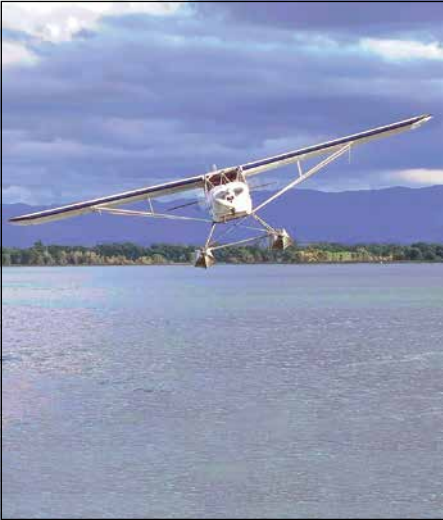


A Stinson Voyager 150 was one of many aircraft photographed during a day at Livermore Municipal Airport (KLVK) in California. (Photo by Hayman Tam)

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Herb Lingl pilots his 1946 Taylorcraft BC-12D on Edo 1320 floats during the 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In. Lingl's forthcoming book "The Horizon's Calls: A Journey Across America By Seaplane" chronicles his journey from Rising Sun, Indiana, to Clear Lake, California, navigating America exclusively via waterways in his vintage straight-float seaplane (HorizonsCalls.com). (Cover Photo by Dave Noland/HD Video Creations)







# Splash-In at Clear Lake

**T**he 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In featured an impressive gathering of unique aircraft, industry experts, and enthusiastic participants. Billed as the “The West Coast’s Premier Seaplane Gathering,” the Splash-In was held April 25-27, 2025, at Skylark Shores Resort in Lakeport, California.

Among the Splash-In’s highlights were two vintage amphibious aircraft from Arizona: Tod Dickey’s Grumman Widgeon and Mike Pullman’s 1947 Republic RC-3 Seabee.

Both pilots not only traveled across state lines to participate, but also delivered presentations about their historic aircraft during the educational seminars held at the Lakeport Yacht Club, according to Splash-In organizers.

The Splash-In provided valuable experiences for young aviation enthusiasts. Jacob Thomsen Jr., an 11-year-old participant in the Clear Lake Flying Club’s Introduction to Aviation program, volunteered on the seaplane ramp and was rewarded with flights in Gibson Howell’s Lake

A Lake Buccaneer makes a low pass during the Splash-In.  
(Photo by Herb Lingl)



Buccaneer and Dickey’s Widgeon.

Steve McCaughey, executive director of the Seaplane Pilots Association (SPA), moderated a panel discussion on “The Future of the Clear Lake Splash-In,” which explored options for expanding the seaplane infrastructure in the region.

Brian Hylland, product development manager of Bellingham Marine, presented proposals for a dedicated seaplane dock in Lakeport.

Local government officials, including Lakeport Mayor Kim Costa and other city officials, attended the presentation, demonstrating strong community interest in developing seaplane tourism infrastructure, organizers noted.

The event culminated with an Italian-themed awards dinner and movie screening that celebrated Italy’s seaplane heritage. Attendees viewed a special video created by Aero Club Como, the world’s oldest seaplane club, specifically for the 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In.

Video footage of the event, including drone coverage created by David Noland of HD Video Creations, is available on YouTube.

Additional photographs of the event are available at [AerialArchives.PhotoShelter.com](https://AerialArchives.PhotoShelter.com).

[ClearLakeSplashIn.com](https://ClearLakeSplashIn.com)



Securing a Cessna 195 on straight floats at the Skylark Shores Resort dock during the Splash-In, with Mount Konocti in the background.



One of the dogs contracted by Lake County for aquatic invasive species inspections inspects a Grumman Widgeon G-44 during the Splash-In.



Jacob Thomsen with a Cessna 185 on floats docked at the Skylark Shores Resort during the 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In.



Seaplane pilot Larry Perkins discusses seaplane flying with Jacob Thomsen while Mike Pullman shows visitors the interior of his Republic RC-3 Seabee, N6518K, parked on the Skylark Shores Resort grounds during the 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In.



The ramp crew for the first day of the 2025 Clear Lake Splash-In included, from left to right, Bruce Bolla, Mike Pullman, John Ebert, and Russ Willsher. (Photos by Herb Lingl)





A Cessna 185 on amphibian floats lands on Clear Lake during the Splash-In.



Tod Dickey's Grumman G44 Widgeon (N3TD) refueling at Lampson Field (102).



Gibson Howell taxis his Lake LA-4-200, N2611P, up the Clear Lake ramp with his mother Jane Dugan at the Splash-In. A Taylorcraft BC-12D on floats is in the background.



A Taylorcraft BC-12D on Edo 1320 floats docked at the Skylark Shores Resort during a passing shower. (Photos by Herb Ling!)