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The Best Fighter Plane of WWII or How to Start an Argument

Presented by

Guy Watson

About our Speaker for Saturday, August 3, 2002

Guy Watson was born in Los Angeles, California in 1923, but he spent most of his early life in San Francisco. His only aviation related activity in the early years was carving propellers out of Popsicle sticks and building model aircraft. Guy is now the leader of a small band of propeller makers at the Wings of History Air Museum. He has been designing and building custom wooden propellers since 1973, first with renowned Ole Fahlin and then under his own brand after Ole died in 1991.

When WWII began, Guy was in college and signed up with the USAF in 1942. In 1943, he left the University of California for basic training in Lincoln, Nebraska, then to a college training detachment in Montana and classification at Santa Ana. He originally wanted to be a navigator, but was classified pilot . . . an action for which he is eternally grateful. From there he began his flying career with primary training in Ryan PT-22's, basic in Consolidated BT-13's and advanced in North American AT-6's.

Guy had his operational training in Bell P-39's and P-63's. Then Lockheed P-38's replaced the P-63's and operational training began all over again.

In 1945, Guy left for the South Pacific where he joined the 49th Fighter Group. He flew 30 combat missions in New Guinea, the Philippines, Okinawa and finally Japan. He returned to the United States in 1946 and was discharged in 1966 with the rank of Captain.

Guy reentered the University of California in 1947 and married Margie Anne Ruffin in 1948. He has one daughter Kimberly Anne. Margie passed away in



November 2000. Guy continued flying North American P-51's with the National Guard and graduated from the University of California in 1950 with a BS in Engineering.

Guy's industrial experience includes 6 years as a Design and Research Engineer for the Coleman Company in Wichita, 3 years as President and General Manager of Midwest Plastics Corp and 25 years with the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company where he retired in 1988 as Technical Consultant.

While at Lockheed, Guy participated in the Honors Co-op Program earning a Master of Science degree at Stanford University.

After retiring in 1988, Guy began designing and making propellers under his own label at the "Flying Lady" in Morgan Hill, California. He has built propellers for clients in England, Canada, Japan, and throughout the United States. The national Air and Space Museum has one of Guy's propellers on display with the Sopwith Snipe in the WWI exhibit. Guy is currently designing and building propellers with Dave Masters and Herb Robbins at the Wings of History Air Museum in San Martin, California. The shop is an FAA approved repair station for wood propellers.

Guy is a senior member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a registered engineer in California.

Guy will include a video presentation on flying the P-38. The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association is excited to welcome Mr. Guy Watson as our August 3rd guest speaker.

Thank you **Dwaine and Renee Carver** for providing your hangar for our August 3rd meeting with guest speaker **Guy Watson**. The Carver hangar is located mid-field on the south taxiway, west of the tie-down area as shown on the right. It's a short walk from the Corsair Café and airport parking lot.



Robinson Helicopter's Quality Assurance Engineer **Mike Clancy** will address the PMLAA on Saturday, September 7th at Jan and Roger Sloan's Pine Mountain Lake Airport hangar. **Thank you Jan and Roger.**



By the time this edition of the PMLAA News arrives in your mailbox, many of us will be in Oshkosh celebrating EAA's 50th AirVenture. See these magnificent images and more at www.EAA.org.



Our annual Independence Day boat parade, under the direction of founders Dotty Davis and Lois Rosenbaum, was too much fun and the fireworks display was fantastic.



Please fly safely. ✈️ Keith Zenobia

NEW, NOT SO FUN, WAYS TO LOSE YOUR LICENSE

By Mike Gustafson

Normally I would write about some aspect of better, safer flying but a new way to lose your license came to my attention, and it is so arcane that I want to get the word out. Can't exactly worry about stabilized landings, if you lose your license for 90 days, can you?

The new rule is 61.15, subpart e. By now we are all aware that we must report any drug, alcohol, or other limiting medical issues on our medical application. But the latest FAA trick is: if you fail to report any motor vehicle "action" within 60 days of the event you can *automatically lose your license* even if the "action" itself would not have resulted in a loss of license, had you reported it in time!

A DMV action, as defined by the FAA, means losing your driver's license for a drug or alcohol related conviction as well as a technical cancellation or suspension until the trial. If you take an over-the-counter drug that results in you being found impaired while driving a vehicle, you must report the "action." The report must be made to the FAA Security Division in Oklahoma. Reporting an "action" on your medical application, which is also required, does NOT clear the need to send a notification to the Security Division. As you might guess, different FAA divisions do not talk to each other!



The interesting part is that no "official" security form is required. You must send them a letter stating all the normal I.D. stuff and include the type and date of conviction or suspension and the state where it happened. Remember the 60-day timer, if you have your license pulled because of a traffic stop but the trial is 90 days away, you must report the initial action, and then follow up with the results of the trial. This is still only one event but both events need to be reported.

Generally, it takes two or more "actions" within a three-year period to lose your flying license for the reported action. But if you forget to send in the notification within the allotted time, even on the first offense, your license is automatically pulled. More people are losing their flying license for failure to report than for two or more offenses. Before computers, your odds were good that a driving conviction would be lost in the bureaucracy of each state government. They have tied the databases together so it is just a matter of time before a search brings up your name.

Motor vehicle actions don't include tickets for things like running a stop light or speeding. And you don't have to report a loss of your drivers' license to the FAA if it is not related to drugs or alcohol. The FAA's use of the term drugs is not just for the illegal type but also covers over-the-counter and prescription. The rule also includes any conviction for the carriage of illegal drugs even if you did not know they were in your plane or car and were in the possession of someone else!

You have worked too long and hard to get your flying license; don't lose it for failing to comply with such a simple-minded rule. I advise everyone to read 61.15 and get familiar with it.

Clear skies to you all.

(with credit to J. S. Yodice, AOPA)

EDITORIAL

It is a proud thing to be able to say that we "police our airport" — we endorse safety procedures, take care of property that borders taxiways, and generally look out for each other. There are a few specifics I would like to address.

First, that noxious weed, the star thistle. It is the most



insidious of pests, almost impossible to get rid of. It seems to be impervious to spraying, mowing simply spreads it, and if you don't get the root when you pull it up it comes right back. Perhaps if everyone who has the star thistle on his or her property will go after it as soon as it

appears, and if the county will send out crews to pull what shows up on the median strips, we can control the problem. By the way, one little leaf can beget a new plant, and putting it in the compost bin encourages it tremendously. The only answer, it seems, is to burn it.

Next, rocks on the taxiways. Rocks and turning propellers are not compatible! Those who drive their vehicles on the taxiways need to control their speed and avoid drifting off into the gravel so as not to scatter stones where an airplane will go. Pedestrians on the taxiways can help by kicking away any stones they see (we have called it "the airport shuffle").



Finally, dripping oil and fuel is destructive to taxiways and to ramps. Most pilots know what to do about that!

✈ Mary E. Kelly



Don't forget your weight and balance calculations

**PMLAA Joins in the Fun at the
Columbia Airport Father's Day Fly-in and Air Show**

PMLAA members with Bud Field's DC-3



PMLAA Gang with the Thoben's Waco & the Blankenburg's Lockheed Electra





Meet our NEW PMLAA Members

-- Virginia Richmond, profile editor

Rae Ann and Michael Bozzo

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Rae Ann and Michael were recently introduced to the Aviation Association by the Hunters. They moved here two years ago from San Jose where Mike worked for AT&T and Lucent for over 38 years and Rae was a credit manager for National Semiconductor. Mike's epiphany came one night driving home from a job, when he "just didn't want to do this anymore." So, they retired, moved to PML and have become very happy and active members of the community.

Rae is vice president of the Ladies Club and a member of the ROOFBBs. Mike is a Guardian, and they belong to the Residents Club. Rae is also a part-time fashion coordinator and sells the "Weekender" line of ladies clothes.



During his Navy years, Mike was an aviation electrician working on radios, radar systems, and generators at the Missile Test Center in Point Mugu, CA. He still loves airplanes and Rae Ann points out that all their vacations seem to include stops at airports and air museums to look at planes.

Mike and Rae Ann have five children and eight grandchildren. Rae Ann and your profile editor may be long-lost cousins; her maiden name was Richmond and she's originally from Massachusetts.

Jane and Paul Sperry

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Jane and Paul drove to PML from Castro Valley to visit her cousin, Dave Armstrong, last June. By November, they had retired, bought a house on Pleasant View, and moved in! They love their new home, the beauty of the area, the change of seasons, and all the activities and friendly people.

Until retirement, Paul drove big rigs in the western US and was an auto mechanic. Earlier, in the Air Force, he was stationed at Travis where he rebuilt and tested jet engines for planes

such as the B52-G, KC135, and F102.

Jane's father was a major in

Making Yesterday Old-Fashioned



WWII and following the war he worked with a company that made wooden helicopter rotors, up to 20 ft. long.

She has just had knee replacement surgery and is diligently doing her exercises to regain full mobility.

The Sperrys have jumped right into many of the activities in the community. Jane is a docent at the museum and a Friend of the Library. She's also a member of the Garden Club. Paul is active in the historical society, the computer club, the Sierra Club hiking group, and helps set up for PMLAA meetings. Paul was also a volunteer painter for the 99s runway project last month. The Sperrys are members of the Residents Club and like to join the Monday evening picnics at the Marina.

Between them, Jane and Paul have five children and eight grandchildren scattered from San Diego to Washington DC. They are preparing for lots of visits this summer and looking forward to introducing all the family to their new lives at PML.

Caron and Rick Whitacre

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Caron and Rick bought their vacation house on the lake last fall and are really enjoying their first PML summer.

Their two teenage daughters are having fun with their first summer of water-skiing behind their boat "Summers Off."

Rick has tried the PML golf course and Caron is still working up the courage to tackle it!



The Whitacres live in Saratoga. Rick works as vice president of operations at Azanda Networks in Sunnyvale.

Rick is currently taking flying lessons in Palo Alto, and they all look forward to leaving the car behind and taking the short flight to PML instead!

Paul and Mallory Richey

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Paul and Mallory live down the hill in Chinese Camp, but often visit in PML. Tom Tingley introduced them to the Aviation group, and is threatening to teach them golf.

Paul flies out of Columbia; he has over 5000 hours and prefers high performance single engine aircraft. He recently sold his Bonanza and lately has been flying a friend's Centurion.

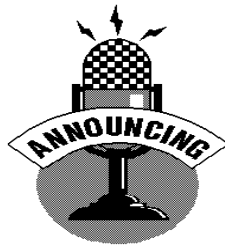


Paul is regional sales manager for Emerson Process Management covering the California and Nevada territory, where his clients are petrochemical and utility plants.

Mallory is the owner of The Emporium Antiques in Jamestown. The building dates from 1897 and the business has been in her family for over 65 years. Stop by for a visit.

Paul and Mallory have four children: two college students and two recent grads.





the

West Coast Ryan Airplane Club

Pine Mountain Lake Airport

Fly-in / Potluck

Friday, September 20, 2002

at

Conni and Alan Buchner's Hangar

(Corner of Hemlock and Woodside)

(Northwest of approach end of runway 9)

Car parking available on lower level of Keith Zenobia's & Sylvia Nestor's airport lot at the corner of Woodside Way and the back taxiway (Unit 12 / Lot 6)

Please plan your potluck dishes as follows:

Last names starting with A-F: dessert, Last names starting with G-L: main dish

Last names starting with M-S: salad, Last names starting with T-Z: appetizer

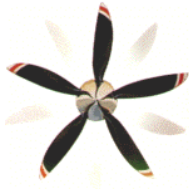
The fun starts at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.



If you have a spare bedroom or cottage and would like to share it with a visiting Ryan pilot for a night or two please call Conni Buchner as soon as possible at 209-962-5750.
Thank you.

PROP WASH

We just had some chit-chat with **Anne Sullivan**. Boy! Does she have a lot going on. . . . all positively wonderful! First, Anne has sold her runway home and hangar and she's headed north to meet her son in Spokane. They will travel east together through the wilds of Canada and visit Revelstoke Park. Next stop: Beltsville, Maryland to leave her puppy dogs with her son. Then she's off to catch the Windjammer and sail amongst the Leeward islands for two weeks. Anne plans to return so we won't be losing one of our charter members.



Jeff and Vicky Benzing are busy moving their goodies into that magnificent new hangar and 5,000 square foot getaway house, lovingly referred to by neighbors as the Ahwahnee West.



The Corsair is growing. They have added a new room and a cute little nook. It can now seat fifty. They've installed a fountain and the atmosphere is cool and comfortable.



The food is delicious and all homemade including the soups, sauces, gravies and salads. The hamburger meat is ground fresh and Shirley makes and bakes all the delectable pies, cakes, cobblers and cookies.

The Corsair's new hours are Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesdays) 8 to 3 p.m. (0800 to 1500 for you military types). They serve dinner every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Climb on board for their famous homemade turkey dinner. And there is a special breakfast and lunch offering every day as well as one on Friday evenings.



Carolyn is no longer with the restaurant as she is pursuing a teaching career.

Michelle and Shirley are running the show but Dad stops by occasionally to put in his two-cents-worth. Actually he puts in a great deal more than two cents since he's the "angel" backing the business.

✈ Betty Correa

TIFFIN



The timid titmouse tips his tufted head
And toe-hops toward the bounty I have spread.
Wavering, he winks a wary eye.
Wingtips flutter. Will he stay or fly?
Decision made, he dances to the seeds,
Darts a dauntless, daring glance, and feeds.

Mary E. Kelly

Aviation Theme Tablecloths

available from

Catherine Murphy

Call 209-962-5833





Vicky Benzing plays at Pine Mountain Lake



Michael Thoben loves his Waco

THANK YOU ALL

What a wonderful community we live in: paradise at its best and PERFECT for our family and friends. We enjoyed a celebration of LIFE for our wonderful Joe – sending him off into the wild blue yonder with Dick Collier flying my son Jim in Roger Sloan’s Warrior up to float Joe’s ashes on a breeze that absolutely thrilled us all. Mike Gustafson flew his Cherokee 180 and Judy Collier flew Paul Purifoy’s Warrior in the missing man formation with Dick – a last salute to Joe. Our family will always cherish this perfect final flight for our dear Joe. Thank you all.

✈ **Alma Frawley**

EDITORIAL



The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting at the Tenaya school gym on **Tuesday, August 13th from 6 to 8 p.m.** The topic: Deciding the future of Old Priest Grade. I urge all PMLAA members to attend this very important meeting and help save this valuable community asset.

🚗 **Keith Zenobia**



Dwaine Carver trades in his J-3 Cub for a twin

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CLASSIFIEDS

This is a free service of the PMLAA News. Members are invited to submit ads for aviation-related items and services they wish to buy or sell.

WANTED

✈ Parts for experimental airplane with 12 volt electrical system which are new or in very good condition. No junk please. Parts needed include a heated pitot tube, wingtip strobes, gascolator suitable for 300hp engine, duplex fuel selector valve, flush mount wing fuel tank filler cap, battery contactor, position lights, eyeball vents, low clearance comm antenna (bent style), marker beacon antenna, transponder antenna, ignition/mag switch, other miscellaneous airplane parts which you think might be useful. Please contact Jim Thomas at 209-962-0910.

✈ Seeking to rent or buy a hangar at Pine Mountain Lake Airport for my Cessna 182. Please contact Tom Tingley at 209-962-0499.

✈ Looking for an external antenna model # 18344 for a Trimble FlightMate Pro GPS. Please call Jim Skala at 209-962-5885

✈ Need hangar space at Pine Mountain Lake Airport to build my Glasair. Sean Brady at 209-962-0422.

FOR SALE

✈ Three VIP aviator tours to China. Visit the Stilwell Museum in Chongqing (Flying Tigers collection) & the China National Aviation Museum in Beijing. Trip includes visits to the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Great Wall plus a 5-day Yangtze River cruise. Departures from SFO and LAX in Sept & Nov. Call Rob Reinhardt at 209-852-9884 after 6 pm or leave a message. Email at cabroker@excite.com

✈ Beautiful 1984 Socata Trinidad TB20. This plane looks and flies like new! Immaculate condition inside and out. Full leather interior - highly polished exterior. No dings or dents anywhere! \$145,000. Michael Thoben 818-879-1719, Cell: 805-279-7900. Visit www.thoben.net for more photos and details.



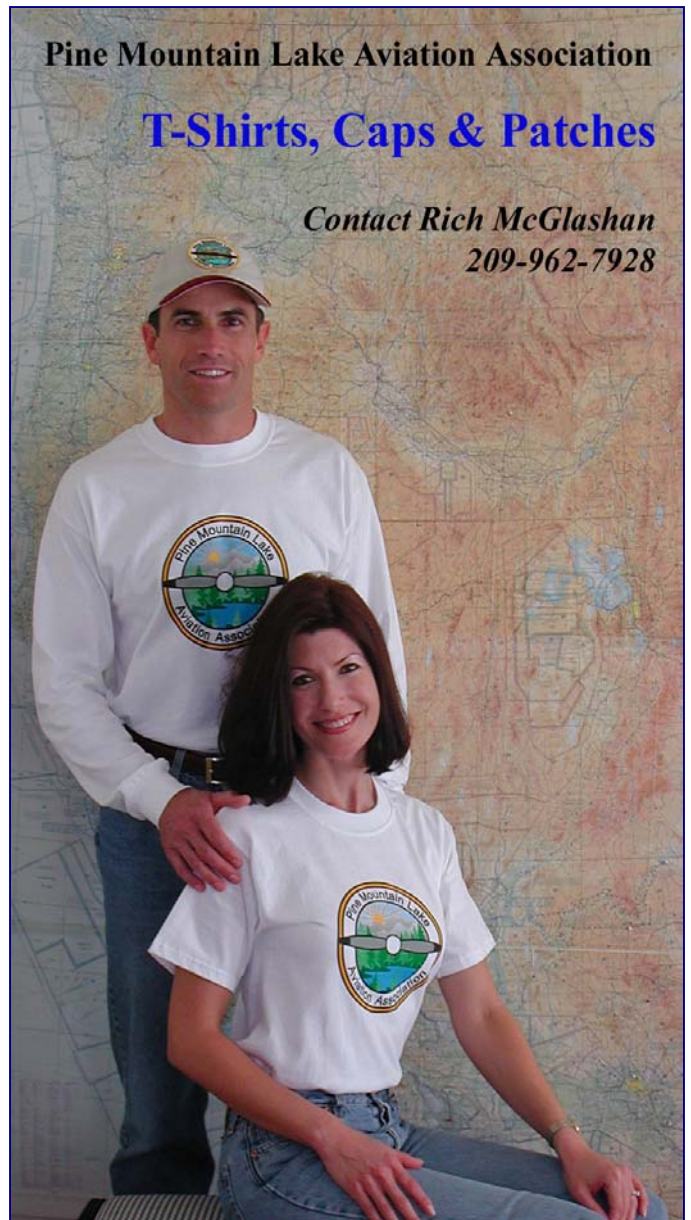
NOT FOR SALE



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

T-Shirts, Caps & Patches

Contact Rich McGlashan
209-962-7928



Pine Mountain Lake ~ Concours d'Elegance

Saturday, August 31, 2002, 10 :00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

at

Pine Mountain Lake Airport



Join us for a day of fabulous vehicles, wonderful food and much fun!

Enjoy a great BBQ dinner / dance

at the

Pine Mountain Lake Stables

For more information or to request an **entry brochure** phone:

209-962-1001

Proceeds from the Pine Mountain Lake Concours d'Elegance
will benefit **Kittytails**, a feral kitten rescue society, **209-962-1060**



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General Meetings

First Saturday of the month at The Pine Mountain Lake Lodge unless otherwise noted

Event Date	Speaker	Topic
January 5, 2002	Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins	<i>"Spy Ops", Flying the U-2</i>
February 2	Dr. Carlene Mendieta	<i>Amelia Earhart's "Flight Across America" Reenactment</i>
March 2	CDF Battalion Chief Dan Ward	<i>Aerial Fire Fighting</i>
April 6	Author, Bruce Bailey, Lt Col USAF (Ret)	<i>Cold War Spy Flights – The Inside Story</i>
May 4	Medi-Flight's Frank Erdman with helicopter & crew <u>at the Sloan's hangar</u>	<i>Air Ambulance Operations</i>
June 1	The Pilot's Pilot, Clay Lacy <u>Catered dinner at Blankenburg's east hangar</u>	<i>For the Fun of it</i>
July (No Meeting)		
August 3	Guy Watson of Watson Propeller <u>at the Carver's hangar</u>	<i>The Best Fighter Plane of WWII or How To Start an Argument</i>
September 7	Mike Clancy <u>at the Sloan's hangar</u>	<i>The Wonderful World of Helicopters</i>
October 5	Author, Kenneth T. Brown	<i>B-26 Marauder Man</i>
November 2	Ken Orloff	<i>Aircraft Accident Investigation – to be announced</i>
December 7	Thanksmas Party	<i>Too Much Fun</i>
January 4, 2003	Captain Al Haynes <u>Catered dinner at Blankenburg's east hangar</u>	<i>The Story of United Flight 232</i>

Upcoming PMLAA Board Meetings:

7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following each General Meeting unless otherwise noted
Wednesday, August 7, 2002 at Dick and Judy Collier's home
Thursday, September 12, 2002 at Jane Hansen's home

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association General Meeting

Saturday, August 3, 2002

Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. – Speaker at 8:00 p.m.

Please bring your own beverages and enough food to accommodate you, your guests and a few more. Coffee, paper plates & plastic utensils will be available but feel free to bring your own service.

Location: Dwaine and Renee Carver's Hangar

20920 Elderberry, Unit 11, Lot 14

Please see the airport photo on page 2 of this newsletter

Since there are no kitchen facilities at the hangar, please plan your potluck dishes accordingly.

Guest Speaker: Guy Watson

The Best Fighter Plane of WWII or How to Start an Argument



Lockheed P-38L
USAF Museum Photo Archives

