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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE • BY NORM PEEBLES

APRIL MEETING - Flying in Europe is complicated and expensive. We learned that from our speaker Luca Bertagnolio during the April meeting. We had a fantastic time at the Gais’ hangar that included the best potluck dinner, decorations, and music we have had so far this year. The meeting was not only informative but the celebration for Luca and Anthinulas’ upcoming wedding was outstanding. A good time was had by all people attending. See more photos of the event on page 3.



MAY 2ND MEETING - Norm & Patty Peebles’ hangar at 6:00pm. The theme will be Cinco de Mayo and there will be Margaritas! The speaker will be Rico Sharqawi who is producing a film called “A Pilot’s Story.” The film’s purpose is to educate, motivate and inspire a new generation of pilots and future astronauts. The film will bridge the gap between pilots and the public to entice members of the public to take a role in general aviation. This documentary film will illustrate how and why pilots began their passion with flying or pursued careers in aviation.

Many interviews with pilots with various backgrounds will unearth the common threads between them and their love for aviation and what it means to them. Please come and enjoy this talk with us.

There will be a special setup and teardown time for this meeting. We will set up on Friday May 1st at 4:00 pm.

We will tear down on Sunday at noon and we will clean the tables and chairs between noon and 2:00 pm. Your help will be appreciated, thanks in advance.

JUNE 6TH MEETING. We have been invited out to Camp Tuolumne Trails to hold our meeting in their wonderful great hall. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The speaker will be Keith Thomassen, and his subject will GPS from aviation to personal locators.

Since this meeting date falls on a historical day, we want to recognize any of our current members who served our country during WW II. Please send any of the board members a note or e-mail prior to the June meeting with the member’s name.

- AUGUST 1ST - Ken Orloff will speak
- SEPTEMBER 5TH - Around the world in a Mooney
- OCTOBER 3RD - Aviation Day
- NOVEMBER 7TH - Open
- DECEMBER - No meeting

Hope everyone is having a great Spring, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings.

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WANTED HONORARY MAYOR CANDIDATES - It’s that time of the year again. The Yosemite Chamber of Commerce (Groveland) fund raising contest for honorary mayor is just around the corner. They have asked if PMLAA is sponsoring a candidate this year.

Does anyone want to volunteer to run this year? Red Rossio did it last year and raised money for our association. You might want to check with him if you have any questions. The event runs between June 1-September 17th and ties into the 49’er festival.

Please let me know by May 10th.

Come and enjoy the Mustangs. NO, not the flying kind. See page 4 for details

**FROM THE AIRPORTS DIRECTOR**  
**– by Jim Thomas**  
**HANGAR CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The developer who has been selected to construct a row of hangars at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport is making progress toward obtaining his building permits. There have been several hurdles that he has had to jump so far; the primary one was obtaining FAA and Caltrans letters of non-objection to the project. These agencies normally review projects within 30 days following submittal. In this case, the FAA took over 5 months to respond and when it did it had determined that the proposed hangar project would penetrate the Part 77 Imaginary Surfaces (the 7:1 slope). My calculations and those of Caltrans both indicated that the hangars would be approximately 10' below the 7:1 slope. After considerable research and conversations, we were able to determine that the FAA's database contained incorrect coordinates (latitude and longitude) for the Pine Mountain Lake runway which resulted in the FAA's erroneous determination.

Another issue the developer has been dealing with is the slope of the ramp at the project site. The new row of hangars will be constructed perpendicular to the hillside with the windsock and will be located over the existing row of tiedowns that is in the center of the ramp. Because this section of

ramp has a considerable slope the developer plans to step the building down which will reduce the height of the hangar door thresholds. As currently planned the project will contain 7 T-hangars and 2 executive box hangars.

The developer has been working with PG&E and GCSO to obtain electricity and water (for fire protection). Although the final determination has not been made, the developer may even bring sewer to the hangars. Anyone interested in renting one of these hangars can contact my office, and we will provide you with the contact information for the developer.

Although it is not known when construction will start, there is hope that it will begin late this summer. The developer plans to honor the hangar list that has been in place for some time.

When construction does start, pilots who rent tiedowns 33 through 45 will be relocated to other available tiedowns. The Airport office will let you know well in advance of when this will occur. Having new hangars constructed at the airport is long overdue and we look forward to everyone's cooperation in helping make this project successful.

**DUES AND THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

We will be printing the 2009 Roster at the end of April! If you have not paid your dues by then your name will not appear. We will not be mailing the roster this year. Please pickup your roster at the May, June or August Meetings. This is a cost cutting measure. For those of you who prefer receiving the newsletter via e-mail, we will send you the roster file this way.

**HELP NEEDED AT CAMP TUOLUMNE TRAILS**

**Saturday, May 2, from 8:00am to 1:00pm is Volunteer Day at Camp Tuolumne Trails. They have projects for all skill levels. Please call Virginia at 962-6336 to sign up and help get ready for summer campers. We're hoping for a great turnout of PMLAA members.**

APRIL EVENT PHOTOS



Anthinula Tori, Silvano Gai, Luca Bertagnolio and Toni Gai



Norm Peebles and Luca Bertagnolio



Anthinula Tori and Luca Bertagnolio

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### KIGER MUSTANGS COME TO GROVELAND

Saturday, May 2, 2009 --- 10:00 a.m. at Pine Mountain Lake Stables, Groveland  
Presentation of the Kiger Mustangs by Cheney's Classic Kigers, Clements, CA  
Sponsored by Country Mountain Riders



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*Our next meeting  
will take place on  
May 2, 2009 at  
Peebles' hangar.*