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*Saturday, August 4 – 5:00 pm
Barber's Hangar*

Hot August Nights!

Hello PMLAA friends,

Hot August Nights is Saturday August 4, 2018. The Party starts at 5:00 pm at Barber's hangar and will include surrounding hangars.

Marie Barber always makes it a super fun time for all! So head down to the back northwest taxiway - that's the back taxiway of runway 9. (map on last page of newsletter)

Cars and planes to be displayed will set up between 4:00 and 4:30 pm. If you want to show off your special toy, please bring it then.

A catered dinner will be served with a **\$5 per person contribution**. Dinner will include beef brisket, turkey, mac and cheese, potato casserole, and a veggie. **Members please bring salads, appetizers and desserts to share.**

There will be a poker run ♠♣♠♣♠♣♠ and several fabulous raffle items!!! After dinner there will be DJ music for dancing 🎵 🎶 🕺

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next PMLAA Hot August Nights Party!

Happy Landings,
Danielle
Wife, Mother, Cosmetologist, Pilot



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President's Message – by Joe Sobczak

Our June speaker, Scott "Intake" Kartvedt, swooped into E45 with the precision of the Blue Angels and The Patriots, his former and current aerial demonstration teams. Exactly 75 minutes after touching down at SFO, Intake and his entourage rolled into the Nash hangar in Wayne's "ramp limo" where he kept everyone glued to their seats with a great presentation on culture and teamwork framed by his experiences as an airshow pilot. Randy Howell, the Patriots founder, picked up Scott from his 7-hour late flight from D.C. and got him to the dance on time! Thank you, Randy! The Patriots Jet Team Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the youth of America with a love of aviation and aerospace. The Patriot's Foundation does great work and you can help. Attend their 2018 Gala this September 22nd -- meet the team, see the jets, and make a difference! For information go to pjtf.org. And come out to see Intake and his teammates fly the L-39 at the San Francisco Fleet Week Airshow in October.



Steve Nash and Jodi Blom provided a world class venue for our meeting, and our Volunteers put together yet another delightful evening for the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association members. Dinner was excellent thanks to our PMLAA chefs, with a special treat provided by Mike Gustafson and his Willy Wonka Margarita Factory, the perfect addition to a pleasant evening at the air patch. We honored Phil Hickerson as our Volunteer of the Month for his dedicated work all year long ensuring we have the finest audio/visual setup around. It was fitting that this month saw Phil exhibit courage under fire with our speaker's last-minute arrival, but under "combat conditions" Phil delivered as he always does.

Yet another shout-out to Chloe Fitzmyers for running a successful 50-50 raffle as well as for "volunteering" to help Scott with his presentation. Danielle, as always, had everything organized with great precision, and a good time was had by all!

Thank you volunteers and attendees at the Brent Burns Concert at the PMLA Stables. We raised \$500 for the PMLAA Scholarship program and had a great time doing it.



Thanks to Wayne for making the county aware of the overgrown vegetation creating a deer and fire hazard in the infield between the runway and taxiways. His efforts led to a county crew and Sheriff's work party clearing the area. Have any thoughts about the deer fence? Wayne is looking for consensus on having it removed or getting it working properly. Let us know your opinion on a subject very dear to all of us who fly at E45.

At our regular meeting on September 1st, we will again be at Tristan's hangar, this time to hear from our own Michael Luvara. Mike will entertain us with stories of his own aviation exploits "From R/C to Air Racing, 010101 at a Time." In lieu of an August membership meeting, Marie, Danielle, and the planning committee are putting together the social event of the year. See you all on the 4th at "Hot August Nights!"

Joe

Airport Day 2018 – by Rob Compton

We all made it through the 4th of July holiday and now it's time to begin preparing for our annual E45 Community Airport day.

This year we will be celebrating Airport Day on Saturday, September 29th. We will be hosting Young Eagles on the following Saturday, October 6th.

As in years past, we will have several committees led by dedicated volunteers. As always, we will be looking to our extended aviation community members to help support the event. This is a terrific opportunity to engage our neighbors, demonstrate how much fun we have, and foster interest in our great aviation community.

If you have a special talent or would just like to help wherever needed that would be great. Please reach out to me or any of our board members directly and we can coordinate as needed. (contact information on penultimate page of newsletter)

FOGL Thanks PMLAA – by Virginia Richmond

Friends of the Groveland Library thanks the generous members of PMLAA who purchased \$350 in raffle ticket sales at the April meeting. The project raised a total of \$3500 to buy new books for the Groveland Library.

Two of the seven prizes went to PMLAA members who bought their tickets that night! Congratulations to winners Marie Barber and Catherine Santa Maria and thanks to all.



Rental Car Available at PML Airport!

Reservations
Contact Air Galore
707-972-4498 → c3458j@gmail.com

The advertisement features a red sedan parked on a paved surface. Above the car is a black banner with yellow text and icons. On either side of the banner are yellow icons of a car with a key above it, set within a black square. The background shows some landscaping with rocks and plants.

Thanks for Helping at Father's Day Fly-In at Columbia



formation flying at Columbia

This year's Father's Day Fly-In was a lot of fun and a big success. There were record crowds on Saturday, June 16th and some great aerial demonstrations by the Red Star Pilots, Tiger Squadron, and American Aeronautical Foundation. Sunday started cold at 50° and ended up to be a beautiful day.

Thanks to our PMLAA volunteers who helped with Set up, Staffing, Ramp, Information Booth, Tear Down, and more: Rob Compton, Allen & Linda Craig, Ed & Janet Gregory, Mike Gustafson, Leon Liebster, Mike Lella, and Joe Riley, we hope we didn't miss anyone.

More than Horse Power – by Janet Gregory

Ken Talovich is well recognized at E45 in his beautiful Van's Aircraft RV-8 and flying amazing formation for PML Airport Appreciation Day. Ken recently acquired a 1985 Schempp-Hirth Discus Standard Class glider.

Ken has been around flying from a very early age. His first flight was in a Blanik L-13 glider at age 12, then shortly after in a Cessna-170. Both set the hook for his future flying obsession. All of his school notebooks were filled with airplane doodles. Once high school was behind him, Ken launched into hang gliding, building over 1000 hours catching thermals at Lake McClure.

The simplicity of hang gliding was appealing. Ken could roll his hang glider up into a 12" diameter tube, store it in the garage, and transport it easily on his truck. On a good day he'd experience a 15:1 glide ratio, but most days were around 12:1. His wife Tammy always went with him, watching him set up and launch. Then she would drive down the hill with her umbrella, lawn chair, and a book to meet him. In 1995 Ken participated in a US National Hang-Gliding Contest in Chelan, Washington. Tammy was proud of him finishing a respectable middle of the pack, then asked, "Have you ever thought of powered flight so I can go with you?"

Horse power was the answer and by the end of that year Ken was taking flying lessons. He started training at Modesto (MOD) and finished at Turlock Municipal Airport (O15). His instructor Otis Mercer was quite a character. Otis learned to fly the B-24 in the Army Air Force during WWII. He was crusty, funny, and a great pilot. At the end of the first lesson with Otis, Ken asked how he did. Otis answered, "Not very good." Ken said, "I'll be back tomorrow."

More than Horse Power continued

Ken's first airplane was a Van's Aircraft RV-6. He flew it over 700 hours and got hooked on formation flying. In 2008, Ken started building the RV-8 we see him in today. The build took 4.5 years. Ken continued flying with the West Coast Ravens earning his "wingman" card and "formation flight lead" card. He co-founded the NorCal Crosswinds formation team to fly airshows in waived airspace with trusted buddies.

Ken has aviation DNA. His dad was a career US Air Force pilot, flying B-52s and F-111s. Both of Ken's brothers are pilots, too.

Ken and Tammy bought their PML home in 2013, making it their full-time residence in 2015. Ken and Tammy have enjoyed 33 great years together. Ken's career is developing and building big wind turbine projects. This expertise has taken him all over the world from China to Europe to India and throughout North America. You can see an example of his handiwork at the Rio Vista wind turbine farm with over 750 turbines. Fly over, drive, or check it out on YouTube.

Through his buddies, Ken got introduced to soaring in October 2017, thinking it would add more dimension to his powered flying skills. Avenal (CA69) ended up on his schedule every two weeks for flight training, tows, thermals, and a glider rating.

The Discus glider was Ken's way of getting out of the "box-o-rocks" training gliders. His glider is a competition model with an amazing 43:1 glide ratio. Will Ken compete? "Maybe." For now, he is enjoying cruising at 75-80 kts, even getting to 100 kts between thermals, supine in the glider's lounge chair. Going back to his flying roots, only better with a 7-mile range per 1000' of altitude.



Ken & seller Matt with Discus



Ken & instructor Alex with box-o-rocks



Chloe assisting Scott at June meeting



Martha and George out to celebrate Independence Day!

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Information:** Only 5% of the world’s population have ever been on an airplane. The busiest commercial airport in the world in Hartsfield-Jackson Airport (ATL) in Atlanta, Georgia. ATL has held this ranking since 1998, with more than 970,000 airplane movements, passenger traffic (104 million passengers, about 285,000 daily), and number of landings and take-offs.
- **Aviation Acronym Decoder:** FLAPS = Mnemonic for required VFR night instruments. Fuses – Landing Lights – Anti-collision Lights – Position Lights – Source of Power.
- **Date Change Reminder:** E45 Community Airport Day and PMLAA Meeting will be Saturday, September 29th. Pine Mountain Lake Young Eagles Rally will be Saturday October 6th.
- The deadline for getting photos for the 2019 PMLAA Calendar is fast approaching. If you are interested in having your aircraft featured in the next calendar, please contact Susie Williams (swissmisssusie@gmail.com). We'll take care of photographing your plane unless you already have a high-resolution photo (at least 1MB JPG file). Air-to-air photos preferred, but we'll consider all types of photos.

Aviation Calendar

JULY	21 – Vicky Benzing @ Boundary Bay Airshow, Delta, BC, Canada 23-29 – Vicky Benzing @ EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI 24 – Amelia Earhart’s Birthday
AUGUST	4 – PMLAA Meeting – Back Taxiway Hot August Nights & BBQ 4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 18-19 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings over Camarillo Airshow 19 – National Aviation Day
SEPTEMBER	1 – PMLAA Meeting – 6:00 Potluck & Speaker 1-2 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 8-15 – Vicky Benzing & Patriots Jet Team @ Reno Air Races 16 – Patriots Jet Team @ GO PRO Grand Prix, Sonoma 22-23 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings over Wine Country Airshow, Santa Rosa 23 – Autumnal (Fall) Equinox 28-30 – Patriots Jet Team @ MCAS Miramar Airshow 29 – E45 Community Airport Day 29 - **PMLAA Meeting** – 6:00 Potluck (October Meeting) 29-30 – Vicky Benzing @ California International Airshow

2018 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
July	No meeting	
August 4	Hot August Nights!	5pm – Barber’s hangar
September 1	Michael Luvara	6pm – Tristan Duplan hangar
September 29 (replaces Oct mtg)	Airport Day	6pm – location to be announced

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The party for August will be at the back taxiway near the Barber's. Enter the taxiway from Woodside Way.

