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## *Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting*

*Saturday, May 5, 2019*

*6:00 PM*

*Duplan Hangar*

*speaker:*

*Greg Read*  
*Race.Aero LLC*

Greg Read is the US distributor for the Latvian-designed "Tarragon" airplane, which was featured in the March issue of EAA's Sport Aviation magazine and the April issue of Kitplanes. His company, Race.Aero LLC is the U.S. distributor/representative of the 51% kit under the name Tarragon USA.

Greg was born into an aviation family and he has a proclivity to build things. He has assisted many builders on many different aircraft during his career. He is very comfortable with all building materials but especially composites. Come and hear what he has to offer with this amazing new kit.



*Tarragon*

## Social Article – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends,

Our May meeting will be at Tristan Dunplan’s hangar with The Kentucky Derby theme on Saturday May 4 at 6 pm.

Some Derby foods include Kentucky Hot Brown Turkey sliders, Chicken sliders, cheese grits, mint julip cake, pecan dishes, tea type sandwiches, ham angel biscuits, bourbon meat balls, and devil eggs just to name a few. Just google Kentucky Derby recipes and lots of ideas come up. Recipes can also be found at [Countryliving.com](http://Countryliving.com).



If your last name starts with:

A-L please bring appetizer or dessert

M-Z please bring main course, side dish or salad

Remember we serve quite a crowd so do make your dishes plentiful and don’t forget to wear a Kentucky Derby Hat!

Have a great month. I look forward to seeing everyone and the fun hats! Directions to the Duplan hangar are on the last page of this newsletter.



## SAVE THE DATES:

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| October 5, 2019  | E45 Community Airport Day |
| October 12, 2019 | EAA Young Eagles @ E45    |

## Rental Car at E45

The E45 rental car is back again for the 2019 season. It’s a good-looking used Hyundai Sonata 4-door automatic. Rental rate is \$70 a day, out-the-door, no hidden fees! To make rental car reservations call Air Galore at 707-972-4498 or email at [c3458j@gmail.com](mailto:c3458j@gmail.com).

Some car renter perks... If a renter joins the Air Galore Club they receive \$20 daily discount on car rental. If the renter also books a room at Rush Creek they will get \$50 off the nightly room rental rate. Combine the two and it’s like a free rental car!



Big thanks go to PMLAA members Mary Fairbanks and Mike Wich for bringing this rental car to E45. We had about 20 rentals in 2018, our first year. There is only one rental car, so get your reservations in early! This car rental information is also available on Air Nav and Foreflight.

## Final Flight: Ken Helling

Ken Helling, or Kenny as most of us called him, made his final flight in May 2019. Kenny and his wife Pat have been active members of the PML community and airport life for 20 years.



*missing man formation for Ken Helling*

Kenny loved anything that moved, from driving ambulances and tow-trucks in the Army Medical Corps to a 38-year career as a heavy-duty truck operator. His passion was motorcycles and airplanes. Kenny's dedication to the airport was recognized with the annual PMLAA Prop Award in 2017. At the end of the year he passed the torch back to PMLAA for the Historical Airplane Display Day that he started and ran every month for 13-years.

At the PMLAA Meeting, Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, his friends and neighbors paid tribute to Kenny with an honor flight (Jeff Benzing lead, Larry Rossler, Randy Barber, and Steve Nash in formation) as well as a missing man formation (Wayne Handley lead, Vicky Benzing, Armin Abusaidi, and Ken Talovich in formation). He will be missed by all of PML, the Boys Club, and most of all his wife of 35+ years, Pat. Photos taken by Dick & Dotty Davis.

You can read more about Kenny in this January 2016 article. [http://pmlaa.org/static/Ken\\_Helling.pdf](http://pmlaa.org/static/Ken_Helling.pdf)



### Young Eagles Rally at Columbia (O22) April 27<sup>th</sup> – by Ed Gregory

Please join us on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for a Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport (O22).

Bring your kids or grandkids. Or volunteer some time to introduce aviation to kids age 8 to

17. We create a great flying experience for 40-50 kids every year. We'd love to have you join us from 9:00 to noon. For more information, contact Ed or Janet Gregory 962-5061.

- Young Eagles: bring children age 8 to 17
- Ground crew volunteers needed for aircraft assignment, ramp safety & registration
- Pilots & aircraft wanted – Pilots with EAA National member, valid airman certificate & EAA Youth Protection along with their aircraft (in current annual & insured)

## The Prez Sez...

By Joe Sobczak, President PMLAA April, 2019



On behalf of all of the members of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association, I want to add my condolences to the friends and family of PMLAA member Ken Helling, who flew West on 24 March. A resident here for 20 years, Ken was one of the first PMLAA members I met... he was running the Historical Aircraft Display program (which he founded) at E45. Ken was a great friend and neighbor and we will miss him very much.

For our April program, J.R. Williams, an expert on World War I aviation, delighted a big crowd in the Nash hangar with some incredible insights into the Lafayette Escadrille, the fighter squadron staffed by Americans in France in WWI. The next morning, we had a great time as I took JR up in the T-34 for some sightseeing. As if



reliving a WWI aerial engagement, during our flight a German fighter showed up on our wing and we fought to the death (OK, it was really Wayne in an Extra, and we all made it back OK). A special thanks to JR for a great program.



Thanks also to Steve Nash and Jodi Blom for hosting us in their hangar for the April meeting. Steve proposed that PMLAA procure and install defibrillators at the airport, and offered to spearhead the project. His suggestion was met with strong support. The following morning, the Board



passed a resolution to do just that and will fund the project by raising money at the May meeting. You won't want to miss this one... Kentucky Derby is the theme, and we will be conducting a Derby-style horse race with real wagering, with proceeds benefiting the defibrillator project. And if the excitement is too much to handle, well, a defibrillator will be standing by!



In May, we are back in Tristan's hangar, where we will celebrate the Kentucky Derby. Our featured speaker, Greg Read, builds airplanes for the Reno Air Races and markets the Tarragon high performance amateur built aircraft in North America. <http://www.tarragonaircraft.com/en/overview/> Greg will be telling us about the Tarragon and a new engine he is looking at as an alternative to its current Rotax powerplant. You will also have an opportunity to meet Greg's wife, Chiwami Read, a CFI, airline pilot, and Reno race pilot.



## The Prez Sez... (continued)



At the April meeting, we also heard from our first 2019 scholarship recipient, Sean Sunday, who thanked us for the scholarship and told us a little about his plans in aviation. Sean is shown here with his grandfather, Ed Sunday, Sean's mentor and inspiration for what looks to be a very bright future in aviation.

To help fund scholarships like these, PMLAA will again sponsor a concert at the PML Equestrian Center featuring award-winning Trop-Rock artist, songwriter, and humorist Brent Burns from Gulf Shores Alabama. The event will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the PML stables. Keep an eye on your email and the PMLAA website for details. Brent will start his show a little later this year so you can still get to the concert if you are on the wine cruise. Last year, Brent garnered great reviews and a fantastic time was had by all, but there were two complaints: 1) "I didn't get the word!" and 2) "You are out of Margaritas?!?!?" So pass this along to all your friends and, I guarantee, we'll have plenty of Margs for everyone! Proceeds go to the PMLAA Scholarship Foundation. Also, we can use a few volunteers to help take tickets. Let me know if you would like to help.



Fly Safe!

**Joe**

## Wings & Wheels – June 15 & 16

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Father's Day Fly-In at Columbia Airport has been expanded to Wings & Wheels. On Saturday and Sunday, June 15-16<sup>th</sup>, expect to see exciting airshow performers, beautiful old war birds, 250+ show cars, and 100+ motorcycles on display.

Gates open at 8:00 for the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, with showtime from 10:00 to 4:00. Camping and RV Parking available with advance reservation. Special Saturday night fun with dinner and dancing under the stars to the sounds of The Burn Permit Band, playing classic rock and blues. Registration and event information at [www.vietnamveterans391.org](http://www.vietnamveterans391.org) or call Patrick 743-5304. Proceeds support local Veterans, community outreach, and scholarships.

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## Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **There’s a new BOSS on the hill:** Rumor has is that there is a new Boss at Pine Mountain Lake! A new Air Boss to be specific. Bonnie Ritchey will be Air Boss for the 2019 Airport Appreciation Day at E45 on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>! Come out for a great day at our Airport.
- **Wayne Breaks the 8 Decade Barrier:** Happy Birthday, Wayne Handley! Two-time hall of famer ... National Aerobatic Hall of Fame and Agricultural Aviation Hall of Fame. Two-time Guinness World Record Holder for inverted flat spins, the second time he broke his own record!
- **Looking for a used 1-cylinder, 4-cycle motor:** Steve Martin is instructing at the Bob Hoover Academy in Salinas. He is looking for a donation of a used 1-cylinder motor for training how engines work. If you have one to donate, please contact Steve: [zilop@aol.com](mailto:zilop@aol.com)
- **Look who was at E45:** Anthony Oshinuga and his beautiful Pitts S1S! Anthony is a rising star on the airshow circuit and the first African-American pilot to compete and podium finish at the Reno National Championship Air Races. Rumor has it that Anthony was working with Coach Handley. Google “Oshinuga” for more info and the article featured in AOPA *Flight Training* magazine in October 2018.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Facts:** With the 737-Max grounded and in the news ... here are some things you might not know about the Boeing 737 family. The first flight of a 737 was in 1967, more than 2-years before the first moon landing. The 737 is the best-selling airliner in history, with over 10,500 built. On average, a 737 takes-off or lands somewhere on the Earth every 5 seconds.
- **Aviation Decoder Ring:** Night VFR: FLAPS or APES

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## 2019 Meeting Calendar

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Time &amp; Location</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| May 4       | Greg Read      | 6pm – Duplan hangar        |
| June 1      | Bob Turney     | TBD                        |
| June        | No meeting     | No meeting                 |

## Aviation Calendar

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|--------------|--|
| <b>APRIL</b> | <p>20 – <i>Passover</i><br/>                 21- <i>Easter Sunday</i><br/> <b>27 – Young Eagles @ Columbia Airport (O22)</b><br/>                 27 – Fly-In and Open House @ Calaveras Airport (CPU)</p>   |
| <b>MAY</b>   | <p>3-5 – Quiet Birdmen Fly-In @ Columbia Airport (O22)<br/> <b>4 - PMLAA Meeting</b><br/> <b>4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b><br/>                 12 – <i>Mother’s Day</i><br/>                 14 – <i>National Dance Like a Chicken Day</i><br/>                 17-19 – Continental Luscombes Fly-in @ Columbia Airport (O22)<br/> <b>18 – Brent Burns Concert @ PML Stables</b><br/>                 18 – <i>Armed Forces Day</i><br/>                 18-19 – Vicky Benzing @ Hangar 24 Craft Brew Airfest, Redlands<br/>                 18 – Aviation Day @ San Martin Airport (E16)<br/>                 27 – <i>Memorial Day</i></p>  |
| <b>JUNE</b>  | <p><b>1 - PMLAA Meeting</b><br/>                 1 – Vicky Benzing @ Biggest Little Airshow at San Carlos Airport (SQL)<br/> <b>1-2 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b><br/>                 7-9 – Bellanca Fly-In @ Columbia Airport (O22)<br/>                 14-15 Vicky Benzing @ Moses Lake Airshow, WA (W20)<br/> <b>15-16 – Father’s Day Fly-In and Auto Show @ Columbia Airport (O22)</b><br/>                 16 – <i>Father’s Day</i><br/>                 21 – <i>First Day of Summer</i><br/>                 21-23 – International Stinson Club Fly-In @ Columbia Airport (O22)<br/>                 23 – Patriots Jet Team @ NASCAR Sonoma Raceway, CA<br/>                 29 – Vicky Benzing @ Bremerton Bridge Blast, WA</p> |

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April meeting is at the Duplan hangar. The hangar is on the north taxiway near runway 9.



*map to Duplan hangar*



*Duplan property*