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5:30 PM

HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

Hello PMLAA friends and a Happy Thanksgiving to all. I hope everyone enjoyed our November meeting. A special thanks to Yuni and Alan Gaudenti for hosting us in their beautiful hangar.

Next month is our annual Holiday Party. Let's put on our favorite party attire and dancing shoes. It will be on **Saturday December 7th** (Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day) **at 5:30 pm** at the Johansson hangar which is located on the south side of runway 09.



Invitations were sent out via US Mail so watch for it in your mailbox. Also included in this mailing will be your renewal application for 2020.

If you did not receive an invitation, please call me to join in the fun time. Seating is limited so don't delay. The dinner will be a catered meal consisting of a *delicious* Rosemary Chicken, Tri Tip, buttered carrots, small red potatoes, salad, bread and butter. Members are welcome to bring appetizers and desserts. We will be dancing to the fun music of Leilani and the Distractions.

Photo Booth will be set up for photo memories to be made! This is going to be a *spectacular* event! Remember - seating is limited so don't wait!!!

We will also be collecting **unwrapped** gifts for local children between the of ages 0 -17. If you need some help with gift suggestions here are a few : puzzles, Legos, sporting items, toy trucks, toy cars, Star Wars, Disney, Star Trek, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, games. There is a more complete list on page 7 of the newsletter. Please help us make a child's holiday merry! Please REMOVE PRICE TAGS.

Important:

No gift certificates or gift cards. No books. No clothing. If your gift requires batteries please provide them.
Thanks so much in advance for your generosity!

January 2020 there will be no meeting so we will kick off the new year in February 2020.

The Prez Sez....

Joe Sobczak, President, PMLAA

The SayWeather Pro automated Unicom advisory system for E45 (www.sayweather.com) is up and running. Three clicks of the mike on 122.9 for winds, four for weather, and five for runway lights. As of this writing, the lights are still controlled by the legacy county equipment, but will soon be part of the SayWeather system. You should not notice any difference in runway light operation, but we expect it to be more reliable and are set for future expansion. Check out the video at (https://youtu.be/2OH_uotGdmI).



Our determined crew, including Larry Roessler, Rob Compton, Mike Gustafson, Luis Corominas, Gabe Coelho and Ed Gregory recently installed our blue retroreflective taxiway markers along the South parallel. Check them out on your next night sortie! The lava dome put up a good fight, but our determined crew prevailed. We are considering installing white reflectors along the runway as a backup to the runway lights as well. Your contributions largely paid for these airport improvements which will be a great benefit to everyone flying into Pine Mountain Lake.

Keep in mind we have two portable defibrillators on the field, located at Benzing's and Kay's.

If you want to become an expert with them, you can check out the User Manual at <https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/A1Kvv-Pz7jS.pdf>.



For a quick demo and familiarization, there is an informative 4-1/2 minute video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JbQ7kmvX38>. Thanks again to Steve and Jody Nash for fronting the money and spearheading the project, and to all of you generous donors who also helped to pay for them.



Thanks to my long-time friend and aviation hero Tom Morgenfeld for traveling all the way from Camarillo and entertaining us with his adventures as a test pilot at the Lockheed Skunk Works at our November membership meeting. Great to see Tom and Norma, and what a fantastic presentation. Please don't be strangers at E45. Thanks to members Bill and Pat Thomas for arranging Tom's visit and hosting the Morgenfelds during their time at PML.



Tom Morgenfeld



It's an election year! OK, every year is an election year at PMLAA. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the PMLAA Board of Directors in 2020, please contact a current board member before the December meeting where we will vote on the nominees. Currently, our nominees include Danielle Coelho (president), Kathy McConnell (VP Social), and Bonnie, Rob, and Janet in their current positions.

BEST of PMLAA (Buy-Exchange-Sell-Trade)

- **Looking for hangar *rafter* space.** Airport resident looking to rent hangar rafter space to store a rowing shell. It's a beautiful wood rowing shell, 57' long and 2' wide (weight ~300 lbs). Need the space beginning in March or April of 2020 for 12-18 months. Grant will install pulleys with hangar owner approval. Contact Grant Krueger at (760)920-7657 or tinnemaha@hotmail.com.
- **PMLAA Stocking Stuffers for Sale**
 - **2020 Calendars.** Twelve marvelous months of aviation. \$15 each or buy 4 (\$60) and get one free. It's a new year! Get yours while the supply lasts.
 - **PML Airport Mugs.** Start your day with an E45 coffee/tea cup. \$10 each or buy 5 (\$50) and get one free. Time to update that mismatched set in the cupboard.
 - Contact Janet Gregory treasurer@pmlaa.org to reserve yours. Profits go to the PMLAA Scholarship fund.
- **FREE BOOKS:** Aviation books up for Adoption. Contact Janet Gregory treasurer@pmlaa.org. Unclaimed books by 12/31/19 will be donated to a local flying club.



TITLE	AUTHOR	NOTES
Artful Flying	Michael Maya Charles	Signed by the author
As The Pro Flies - <i>Improve basic skills and master more advanced techniques</i>	John R. Hoyt	
The Axioms of Flight - <i>Rules of thumb for pilots</i>	James Embree	
Flying on The Gages - <i>A book about instrument flying</i>	Brian M. Jacobson	
The Igor I. Sikorsky Aircraft Legacy	Joseph Keogan	Signed by Sergei Sikorsky, Igor's son
IFR - <i>A Structured Approach</i>	John C. Eckalbar	
Instrument Flying - <i>A practical, readable, what-it's-like approach to flying IFR</i>	Richard L. Taylor	
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Instrument Pilot's Library - <i>7 book series: Talking, weather, charts, approach, accidents, training, decisions</i>	By "IFR" Journal Editors	
The Proficient Pilot	Barry Schiff	
Speaking of Flying - <i>Personal tales of heroism, humor, talent and terror from 44 unique aviators</i>	Diane Titterington (producer)	Signed by Al Haynes (story #16)
Systems Control - <i>The serious pilot's guide to aircraft components and their operation</i>	Dan Manningham	
Weather Flying - <i>A practical book on flying in all kinds of weather</i>	Robert N. Buck	

Allen Craig, Master Pilot by Janet Gregory



Allen Craig with Young Eagles 2016

Allen Craig has received the Wright Brothers *Master Pilot Award* for his fifty or more years of civil and military flying experience. The award is based on pilot professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise.

Allen received his pilot's license in 1969 at the Orange County Airport. While attending Arizona State University (ASU) his draft number was called and Allen joined the Navy. He trained at Pensacola, FL and received his wings at Corpus Christi, TX.

After two Vietnam tours and seven years in the Navy flying the Lockheed P-3 Orion for anti-submarine and maritime surveillance, Allen returned to civilian life as a stockbroker. He missed flying and used the GI Bill for continuing education to get his Falcon rating, which led to a corporate flying job with Kaiser Air in Oakland. Allen parlayed that to Air Cal, a fast-growing intrastate regional airline. Air Cal merged with American Airlines in 1987 and Allen became an American Airlines pilot.

The Wright Brothers *Master Pilot Award* is the most prestigious award the FAA issues. It is awarded to pilots with at least 50 years of safe, accident free flying. Not many automobile drivers can claim the same! Eligibility requirements include being a U.S. citizen and possessing an FAA-issued pilot certificate. In addition to having flown 50 or more years, Allen's application was accompanied by letters of recommendation from at least three of his peers. His name is proudly posted on the FAA's Roll of Honor at FAASafety.gov.

Fifty great years of flying, military, corporate, and commercial airlines. Allen retired from American Airlines and from the US Navy, having continued to serve for 20 years in the Reserves.

Today Allen regularly flies out of Pine Mountain Lake Airport E45 in a Beech Bonanza or a Citabria. He has been married to his lovely wife, Linda, for 51 years. He has two children and five grands. Allen is so humble he declined to be interviewed for this article, "don't make a big deal of this". But, his friends and family are so proud of Allen, we wrote this article! We are very pleased that Allen has received this honor and is a distinguished member of our PMLAA community.

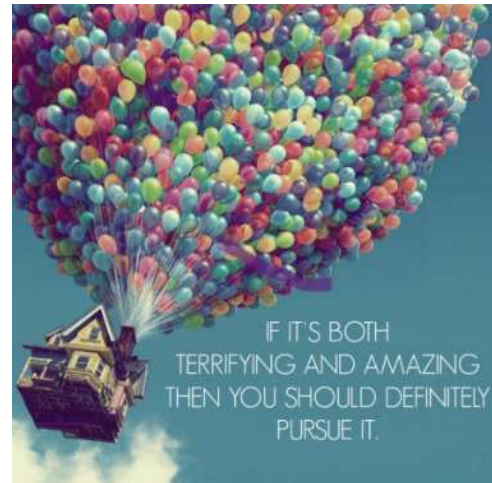
A Girl Can Change Her Mind - Beth E. Stanton

"I always know I'm on the right track when I'm equal parts terrified and exhilarated and asking myself, 'What the hell am I DOING?'" –Beth E. Stanton

I sent the following note to select friends and colleagues earlier this week, and now it is time to come the rest of the way out of the closet...

My first instrument flight lesson was scheduled on October 17 and my instructor requested that I look at instrument approach plates beforehand.

The day prior, I finally opened up ForeFlight for a look and was bewildered by the gibberish. Googling "how to read an instrument approach plate," I found a video with Martha King on YouTube.



7 horrified minutes later, I came to a stunning revelation: I DO NOT WANT TO DO THIS! I do not want to work on my instrument rating, I do not want to work on my commercial rating, I do not want to be a flight instructor or a professional pilot (which is what I was considering as long as I was getting all these ratings, and there is a pilot shortage after all.)

Recalling the amount of time, energy and money it took to earn my private pilot certificate, I shuddered at the space that would be taken up in my life pursuing these endeavors. Now, if I had the burning passion and desire, it would be full steam ahead! But a "meh" attitude ain't gonna cut it for that amount of effort.

Such blessed relief! So guess what I AM going to do with this newly opened up space:

WRITE THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVEL. (I don't actually know what this means, but it sounds dramatic.)

This is no-effing-around time! I'm signed up for a "how to write a book proposal" course. I re-connected with local writer friends. I turn my head and no matter the place - yoga class or aero club... I am running into people who are writers who share advice and point me to resources.

Synchronicity? Kismet? Goosebumps have never led me astray.

The next question always is, "So what is the book about?" My cagey response at the moment is: story tales of love, lust, friendship, death, betrayal and adventure.

It is on like Donkey Kong!

I guess a new bio for my magazine articles is in order:

Beth E. Stanton majored in English because it involved the least amount of math. She finds it hilarious that now she is a pilot and writes stories about airplanes and technical stuff.

Taxiway Reflectors at E45 by Rob Compton

Thanks to PMLAA, EAA, and airport community donations PML Airport now has reflectors on the south taxiway for safe aircraft movement at night. As you know, we have pilot controlled electric runway lights but once off the runway, there is not lighting. These blue taxiway reflectors do not require electric power and can be seen with very little light. They have been tested and certified to meet FAA L-853 standard, and installation was approved by Tuolumne County Airports Manager, Benny Stuth.

Reflector installation was a PML airport community project, not utilizing any county financial support or manpower. Installation was completed in one (long tiring) day by a small army of volunteers: Gabe Coelho, Luis Corominis, Ed Gregory, Mike Gustafson, Leon Liebster, Rich McLashen, and me. Jason Johanson loaned us the generator and jack hammer. Joe Sobczak took photos of the work party and loaned a needed sledge hammer. Bob Mackey made the in-ground supports.

In addition to the aviation benefits, the reflectors contribute to safe automobile, golf cart, and bicycle movement along the taxiway at night.

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

Do YOU Know 3 Interesting (and Useless) Facts about General Aviation:

1. What is the longest continually produced general aviation aircraft?
2. What was the first mass-produced general aviation aircraft?
3. What is the highest altitude landing achieved by a fixed-wing aircraft?
4. What is the highest altitude reached by a piston-engine propeller aircraft?

(Answers below)

Aviation Acronym Decoder Ring: Memory aid for passenger briefings – SAFETY. Pilots often skip the passenger briefing when flying with other pilots but it is equally important ... as a reminder, as a safety check, and because other pilots are more talkative than first time fliers!

Seat belts

Air vents

Exits

Traffic / Talking

Your questions

Check your general aviation (G.A.) Knowledge – answers to questions above.

1. The Beechcraft Bonanza is the longest continually produced G.A. aircraft. The first Bonanza was delivered in 1947; it has been in continual production for 72 years.
2. The first two mass-produced general aviation aircraft are: The Wright Model B, and the Bleriot XI. The Wright Brother built an estimated 100 Wright Model B aircraft from 1910 – 1914, producing four a month at the height of production. [Louis Bleriot was](#) the first person to successfully fly across the English Channel July 25th, 1909, by September 1909 he had 103 orders, beginning production in 1910.
3. The highest altitude airport is [Daocheng Yading Airport](#) in China, at 14,472 feet. However, the highest landing by a fixed-wing aircraft is thousands of feet above this, at 18,865 feet. Accomplished in April 1960, by a prototype of the [Pilatus PC-6 Porter](#), on the Dhaulagiri Glacier in Nepal.
4. The highest altitude obtained by a piston-engine propeller-driven airplane is 60,866 feet. This was achieved in 1995 by a [Grob Strato 2C](#), a twin-engine experimental aircraft specially designed for high altitude flight.

Holiday Gift Ideas for Children in our Community:

Age Suggestions (New items only, please.)

- 0-4** puzzles, play tea sets/food, Elmo, Duplos, learning toys/books, princess items, Little Pet Shop toys, Bob The Builder, Thomas the Train, trains, cars (Matchbox or Hot Wheels, etc.) Disney Frozen, PlaySkool items, Paw Patrol, baby dolls, play house stuff (fake food, cleaning things, etc), Disney, dress-up items, blocks
- 5 -7** art supplies, craft kits, horse items, puzzles, board games, Dora The Explorer, princess/Disney Princess items/Frozen, current movie merchandise, action figures (Superman, Spiderman, etc.), Star Wars, Tonka, dinosaurs, trains, cars, battery-operated/remote control vehicles, anything 'Transformers', 'Little Pet Shop toys, Monster High, Doc McStuffins, Ever After High, dress up, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle stuff, Despicable Me stuff, Star Trek, Legos
- 8-11** Legos, art supplies/crafts, puzzles, board games, action figures, battery-operated/remote control vehicles, Star Wars, building sets, anything 'Transformers'; Robot themed items, jewelry, 'Twilight' merchandising items, Despicable Me stuff, super heros, Star trek
- 12-15** jewelry (pierced earrings), bath sets, grooming supplies, purses, 'Twilight'/'Hunger Games' series merchandising items, Legos, sports items/equipment, art supplies/craft kits, wallets, building sets
- 16-17** make-up, jewelry (pierced earrings), bath sets, art supplies/craft sets, cologne, wallet, sports items, Hooded Sweatshirts, Mag lights/flashlights, binoculars, anything "outdoors" such as fishing, tools photo album, purses, scrap-booking; Hunger Games items (TEEN appropriate please), nail polish

All ages socks, hats/scarves/gloves, age-appropriate movies on DVD

Important:

Please -No gift certificates or gift cards, no watches-kids use their phones, no books—donated by Friends of Groveland Library and no clothing—too hard to match sizes. Please do not wrap the gifts. If you purchase an item requiring batteries, please provide the appropriate number of batteries of the correct size. **Thanks so much!!**

Found at the October PMLAA dinner, brown vest and white sweater (see photo). Both appear to be women's sizes. If they belong to you or someone you know please contact treasurer@pmlaa.org.



Keep Saying Yes – Beth E. Stanton

The very first aerospace innovation column I wrote for EAA Sport Aviation magazine featured Erik Lindbergh and the electric aircraft he was working on partnered with Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Erik is the grandson of renowned aviator Charles Lindbergh, the first person to fly across the Atlantic from New York and Paris in 1927.

I vividly recall sitting at the counter in the kitchen with laptop, recorder and phone spread out in front of me, his phone number punched in ready to dial. Butterflies fluttered and my heart pounded. This was the first “famous” person I ever interviewed and I couldn’t believe I was about to do this.

Erik is warm and funny and personable and we had a great conversation. I was reminded that we all put our pants on one leg at time, no matter our backgrounds.

Fast forward five years later. In September, Erik and his wife Lyn interviewed me for their new weekly podcast, The Lindberghs. The focus of the conversations are “second chances,” sharing stories of the struggles and triumphs of people as they work to overcome challenges.

They named the segment Keep Saying Yes. “In this episode we meet Beth Stanton, an aviator who broke through her own limits went out and did something she wanted to do even though she didn't fit the typical stereotype. You can still say yes to what brings you alive.”

Check out the podcast here: <https://www.thelindberghs.com/post/episode28-1>



Beth Stanton giving presentation

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
December 7	Holiday Party	5:30pm – Johanson’s hangar
January 2020	NO MEETING	
February 1, 2020	TBD	TBD

Aviation Calendar

NOVEMBER	16-17 Vicky Benzing @ Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV 28 - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
DECEMBER	7 – PMLAA Holiday Party (pre-paid reservations required) 7-8 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 22 – <i>Beginning of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights</i> 25 – <i>Christmas Day</i> 31 – <i>New Years Eve!</i>
JANUARY	1 – HAPPY New Year 2020! 4 – *NO* PMLAA Meeting 4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 17 – <i>National Ditch the New Year’s Resolution Day</i> 20 – <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 25 – <i>Chinese New Year</i>

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Johanson Hangar