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Photo Tour of Buchner Aviation Museum

President's Letter – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA members and friends,

As you know we are still very limited on what we can do during COVID-19. To date our meetings are canceled so we decided to do a virtual photo tour of the Buchner Aviation Museum.

I would like to extend a thank you to Conni and Alan Buchner for sharing all of their treasures with us. I hope you enjoy viewing the Planes, Cars, Bicycles, and Motorcycles ranging from 1923 to 1970.

I do look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can safely gather together for meetings.

Wishing Everyone Safe
Healthy Days & Happy Landings,
Danielle Coelho
PMLAA President



PMLAA Supports Local Students – by Virginia Gustafson

Many thanks to the generous PML pilots who donated checks and school supplies for our local elementary students in the "Stuff the Bus" project. Contributions are especially important this year as students need supplies at home as well as in school.

In addition to the many who stopped by to donate at the Pilots' Lounge, we know others mailed checks. PMLAA also made a generous financial contribution.

If you missed the date, you can still make a donation or mail a check to Tenaya Parents Club, Tenaya Elementary School, 19177 Highway 120, Groveland, 95321.

Special thanks to Mike Gustafson and Audrey Prouse for handling the collections and delivery to the school. Here are some photos of our generous donors.



Doug White



Ed Gregory



Jeremy Zawodny



Kathy McConnell



Audrey Prouse & Kay Meermans



Audrey Prouse & Paul Purifoy



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Wayne Handley & Audrey Prouse

Wings and Things by Janet Gregory

Longing for a glimpse of cool airplanes, cars, and other fun moving things? Missing Hot August Nights? Yes, we are too. Here's your chance to satisfy those wings and things cravings. The highlight of this month's PMLAA Newsletter is a **virtual** Hot August Nights. A big thank you to Alan and Conni Buchner for opening their museum to us and providing a personal tour.



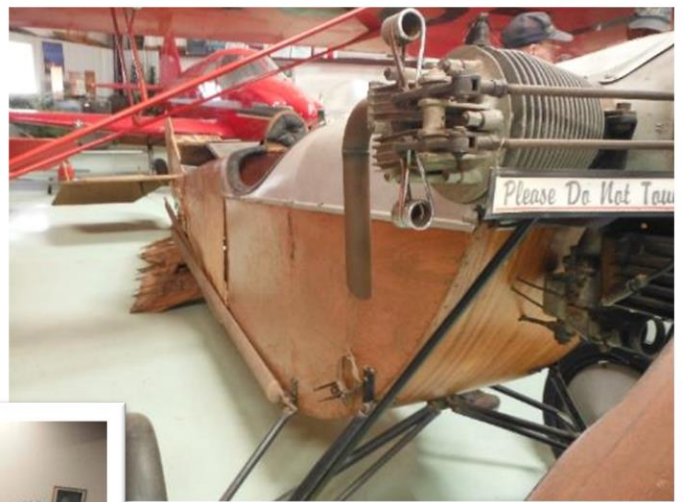
⇐ 1946 Culver-V

All wood airplane designed by Al Mooney (yes, that Mooney!). Only 300 were built, and just 5 remain. It will do 130 MPH on 80 HP!



1923 Sellmer D-1 ⇨

One-of-a-kind homebuilt, the only one ever built. Swing-wing design to tow home and store in your garage. 1918 Lawrence Engine. The oldest airplane on display.



⇨ Ryan PT-22

Alan has restored and flown two of these in airshows all over California for 17 years (1975 to 1992)





Cushman Scooters

Cushman manufactured scooters from 1903 – 1965

The 1948 one (center in blue) was fitted with a side car to deliver groceries in San Francisco



Meticulously restored automobiles

- 1949 Chrysler Windsor
- 1959 Morris Minor "Woody" Traveler
- 1959 British Motors MGA Coupe
- 1960 MGB GT



Bicycles ♦ Bamboo Bombers ♦ BSA Motorcycles

Something for everyone!



↩ 1936 Rearwin Sportster

5-cylinder radial engine. Winner of multiple awards at Watsonville, Porterville and Merced Airshows.

First airplane Alan ever owned. Bought it beat up and restored it in 1957, second restoration in 1970. He is restoring another Sportster in the shop and might let you have a peek.



Star of the Show

★★ 1932 Waco QDC ★★

EAA Grand Champion

Get the whole story from Alan, including a surprising secret he learned during the 25-year restoration.

The Buchner Museum is listed on page 39 of the "Aircraft Museums and Collections of the World - Volume 5: USA Western States", published by Bob Ogden. At the time of publication, the collection was located at Fresno Chandler Airport (FCH), and includes details of 13 aircraft.

You haven't seen it all. You have to stop by the **Buchner PML Aviation Museum**.

- 1949 Yak-18 – All original, including all the Chinese markings
- 1936 Porterfield – His father owned these and Alan has restored two

There's more to see and more stories to hear. Call ahead to make arrangements **(559) 341-2926**.

- 🚗 1963 Chrysler New Yorker
- 🚗 1956 Dodge V8 Pickup Truck
- 🚗 1950 Doodlebug

Visitors, cameras, questions, and conversation are welcome.

- ✓ Toys and trophies
- ✓ Collectible airplanes, cars, and Coca Cola memorabilia
- ✓ Round engine, flat engines, propellers, and more
- ✓ Even a ball gun turret off a TBM Avenger, that served in battle and as a dog house!



If you have enjoyed this brief *virtual* Hot August Night, go and see it for yourself.

Every airplane, car, bicycle, motorized vehicle, and toy have history and a story. Alan and Conni Buchner welcome visitors. Plan to spend at least one-hour taking it all in; there are 8 airplanes, lots of vehicles (15+), and a vast collection of toys and memorabilia.

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Rental Car Returns to E45

Yes, it's true, the rental car is returning to PML Airport this month. The car is a 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 them at c3458j@gmail.com.

Big thanks to PMLAA members Mary Fairbanks and Mike Wich for bringing this rental car to E45. They love making interesting places accessible for pilots. They run an FBO on the north coast of Mendocino at Little River Airport (LLR) and offer rental cars at several other small (and interesting) airports as well.

Radio Rumors "Say Again"

- **WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) – The Forgotten Airforce**
 - Transported every type of military aircraft from factories to airbases.
 - Towed targets for live anti-aircraft gun practice. YIKES!
 - Test-piloted newly repaired and experimental aircraft.
 - Trained male pilots.
 - Served at more than 120 bases around the country.
 - Logged more than 60 million miles of operational flights.
 - Delivered 12,650 military aircraft (more than half of all combat aircraft built in the US during World War II)
 - <https://waspmuseum.org>
- **Interesting (and even useful) information about Knots (/not/)**
 - Knot is a unit of speed equal to one nautical mile per hour. A knot is approximately 1.15078 mph (1.852 km/h)
 - The knot is used in meteorology, maritime navigation, and air navigation.
 - The term 'knot' is from the 17th century, when sailors measured the speed of their ship using a device called a "common log." It was a coil of rope with uniformly spaced **knots**, attached to a piece of wood shaped like a slice of pie.
- **A poem – with apologies to Dr. Suess**

Bopped in the nose!
We want more airshows?
We want planes and flying things.
But hear only quiet and see no wings.

Covid topped all the charts.
Broke all of our hearts.
W.H.O. let their smarts get too smart.

We're proud aviators, after all.
We can make the right call.
Eyes to the sky.
Masks at six-feet - do or die.
We can make it succeed.
Yes we can. Indeed.

2020 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
August	Buchner Museum	Call ahead and tour at your convenience
September 5	No meeting	
October 3	Dinner ??	Stay tuned ... Coronavirus sets the schedule
November 7	TBD	

Aviation Calendar – Check out the possibilities for October! 😊

AUGUST	19 – National Aviation Day (Orville Wright’s Birthday)
SEPTEMBER	<p>5 – PMLAA Meeting – cancelled</p> <p>5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p> <p>7 – Labor Day</p> <p>12-21 – National Championship Air Races, Reno – cancelled</p> <p>19 – Talk like a Pirate Day</p> <p>26-27 – Vicky Benzing @ MCAS Miramar Airshow – cancelled</p>
OCTOBER	<p>3 – PML Airport Appreciation Day?? – cancelled</p> <p>3 – PMLAA Meeting?? – watch newsletter for updates</p> <p>3-4 – California Capital Airshow, Sacramento ... still on the calendar! 😊</p> <p>3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p> <p>3-4 – Vicky Benzing @ Point Mugu Airshow ... still on the calendar! 😊</p> <p>10 – Young Eagles Rally at PML Airport?? – watch newsletter for updates</p> <p>10-11 – Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week ... still on the calendar! 😊</p> <p>10-11 – Vicky Benzing @ Edwards AFB Aerospace Valley Airshow – cancelled</p> <p>17-18 – Vicky Benzing @ Central Coast Airfest, Santa Maria - cancelled</p> <p>31 – Halloween 🎃</p>

**** E45 Airport Display Day:** Until the Shelter-in-Place order is lifted, display your aircraft on your own ramp. The “powers that be” will go around the airport and take note. Once the SIP is lifted, the individual airplane owner’s paperwork will be done.

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