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## *Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Next Meeting /Pot Luck Dinner*

*Saturday May 6, 2023*

*Speaker: Barbara Schultz*

*Time: 6:00 pm*

*Place: Jeff & Vicky Benzing Hangar  
Located on the Northeast Taxiway*

### **Presidents Message**

**By Mike Gustafson**

Welcome to Spring, maybe! With any luck we will be done with all the rain, snow, ice and zombies. My trip to Spring Training in March resulted in the coldest visit to the Grand Canyon state in years. I only was able to wear shorts on 2 days out of 30, bummer.

By all accounts our April association meeting was a real barn-burner with over 100 guests in attendance for Ken Orloff's most excellent presentation. As you know, Ken is one of our own and is probably the most sought after aviation accident investigator in the country. Even the FAA hires him and that says it all. Thank you Ken! I also want to thank Rob Compton for doing an excellent job running things while I was flitting around Arizona.

Our new Relief Airport Manager, Andrew (Drew) Njirich and family were in attendance and met many of our members. I spoke to him a few days later; he was very impressed with the size of our organization and that so many folks introduced themselves and welcomed him to the job. I think we all made a good first impression with him. It also turns out that Benny Stuth has resigned and the County is looking for a full time replacement. Based on my short time with Drew, I hope he gets the job.

The much awaited County-funded Airport Economic Impact study has begun and the final report is due towards the end of the year. The first signs of that activity arrived in the form of an airport tenant impact survey. If you received one, please be sure to fill it out and return it to Kimberly Horn. We need to show the economic importance on E45.

The local EAA Chapter 1337 is holding a Young Eagles rally on April 22 at Columbia Airport. As usual we are looking for airplanes/pilots to fly kids and ground handlers. If you can help out please contact Armin Abusaidi.

It is that time of year where your aviation association looks into awarding scholarships to a few community young folks to help with their college expenses. We typically hope that these young folks are going into aviation or STEM programs. Your Board of Directors will be formalizing the application process over the next few weeks, so if you know of any deserving candidates, please let me know their contact info.

Our guest speaker for our May meeting is aviation historian Barbara Schultz, who comes to us through Dianne Cole, thank you Dianne. Her topic will be: Visionary Leader: Cliff Henderson.

"Cliff Henderson's contribution to aviation will stand as one of the most significant in aviation history. From 1928 to 1939, he brought the world together by turning the National Air Races into the event of the year. Spectators came from around the world to watch race planes speed around pylons and be entertained by the dare-devil aerobatics. Cliff's further involvement in aviation included WWI, WWII, and so much more

Barbara Schultz believes it is important to document the stories of pioneering aviators who contributed to the advancement of aviation. She has done this through authoring books and articles as well as contributing to documentaries. A popular speaker, she travels across the country to share her knowledge through narrated images. A pilot and member of the Ninety-Nines and several other aviation associations, she lives with her husband on their own airport near Lancaster.

Please join us for this fascinating presentation from a true aviation historian at 6:00pm on May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Benzing hangar.

Sadly, I have to report the passing of a good friend and pilot, Jim Goodrich. Jim was instrumental in starting the PML Aero Club and was a PMLAA member and airport supporter for many years. I will miss him greatly.

The weather is looking good so get out there and fly something.



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## Our Guest Speaker

### Barbara H. Schultz



<b>Born</b>	in Santa Fe, New Mexico, The United States August 07
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://littlebuttesbooks.com/">https://littlebuttesbooks.com/</a>
<b>Genre</b>	Nonfiction, History, Biography
<b>Member Since</b>	July 2014
<b>URL</b>	<a href="https://www.goodreads.com/aviationhistorian">https://www.goodreads.com/aviationhistorian</a>

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I have become a well-respected researcher in the field of aviation. My passion for research and continual search for the smallest of details to enhance my histories is evident in the finished products. I have traveled throughout the United States and Mexico to interview essential individuals to the projects. These interviews are the best part of my research. I have the opportunity to make new friends for which there is a reciprocation. Many of the 'old-timers' enjoy reliving their past with someone who has a sincere interest in hearing their stories. It's a "win-win" for both!

Not only have I completed research for books, but I have contributed articles to the American Aviation Historical Society journal as well. Some factual narrations do not warrant an entire book but their story must still be told. My journal articles include Elvy Kalep, Estonian's first aviatrix; Elizabeth Ulysses Grant McQueen, founder of the Women's International Aviation Association; James Granger, founder of the Pacific School of Aviation at Clover Field, Santa Monica, and just recently, High Flying Fashion! The Evolution of Flight Apparel for Pioneering Women Pilots.

Documentarians have requested my participation in their projects. This is truly an honor. Sharing what I know is what's important. Aviation documentaries I have been part of are Breaking Through the Clouds about the women's first National Air Race in 1929; The Happy Bottom Riding Club featuring the life of Pancho Barnes; and The Katherine Cheung Story. I am available for presentations on my books or articles. There is also the opportunity to ask for a custom presentation. Two that I have done are Aviatrixes in Los Angeles and the History of Women Aviators in Louisiana. Anyone interested may contact me through my email [panchobook@msn.com](mailto:panchobook@msn.com)

Graduate of USC; retired from Los Angeles Court School as an Administrator and Brandman University as an adjunct instructor in the Special Education Department.

I am a pilot and live with my husband on our airport - Little Buttes Antique Airpark near Lancaster, CA. Our house is part of our hanger which houses our Beech 18, Bonanza, Cessnas, and several projects.

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**Barbara H. Schultz**

## Message From Vice President-Social

By Gabe Coelho

Hello PMLAA members

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather lately, it's a welcome change from the past several months of cold, snow and rain.

I would like to thank Tristan for the use of his hangar for the April meeting and thanks to Ken for his interesting presentation.

The May 6th PMLAA meeting will be held at Jeff and Vicky Benzing's hangar located on the N/E taxiway, 27 end of runway. This is a potluck dinner, Social Hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. We have an Aviation Historian speaking to us about the dynamic Cliff Henderson and his profound influence on aviation.

It should be interesting.





## **And another Pot Luck Dinner PMLAA Meeting Reminder**

**Saturday May 6, 2023**

**6 pm Social Hour**

**7 pm Pot Luck Dinner**

**Speaker: Barbara H. Schultz**

**"Visionary Leader Cliff Henderson"**

**Location: Jeff & Vicky Benzing Hangar**

**Northeast Taxiway**

## E45 Rental Car Returns

The rental car is back at PML Airport for the 2021 season. It's a good-looking Hyundai Sonata 4-door **automatic**. **Rental is a reasonable daily rate with no hidden fees.** **To make rental car reservations call Air Galore at 707-972-4498 or email [c3458j@gmail.com](mailto:c3458j@gmail.com).** There is only one rental car, so get your reservation in early! Car renter perks... If a renter joins the Air Galore Club, they receive a daily discount on car rental.

Big thanks go to PMLAA members Mary and Mike Wich for bringing the rental car to E45. This car rental information is also available on Air Nav and Foreflight.



Not part of the rental fleet

## Safety Corner

**SAFETY  
IS NO  
Accident**

### Check It

With any system you use, and prior to every flight, you should perform the “PRICE” check to inspect oxygen equipment.

#### PRICE CHECK PLEASE!

**P**RESSURE: Ensure that there is enough oxygen pressure and quantity to complete the flight.

**R**EGULATOR: Inspect the oxygen regulator for proper function. If you are using a continuous-flow system, ensure that the outlet assembly and plug-in coupling are compatible.

**I**NDICATOR: Don the mask and check the flow indicator to ensure a steady flow of oxygen.

**C**ONNECTIONS: Ensure that all connections are secured. This includes oxygen lines, plug-in coupling, and the mask.

**E**MERGENCY: Keep oxygen equipment in your aircraft ready to use for emergencies that require oxygen (e.g., hypoxia, smoke and fumes, rapid decompressions/decompression sickness). Also, brief passengers on the location of oxygen and how to use it.

Know the equipment you have on board, know when to use it, and most importantly, know its limitations. You can learn more about the O<sub>2</sub> equipment you need for a safe and enjoyable flight by [downloading FAA's brochure \(PDF\)](#).

**The regular Safety Column will return next month (Ed.)**



# Reno Air Races Have Strong Ties to the Past



**Barbara Schultz**

Aviation Historian/Author/Speaker;...

Published May 24, 2018

Thanksgiving Day 1920, America's first national aviation meet took place at Long Island's Mitchell Field. Thirty-six racers sped over a triangular, 116-mile course competing for the coveted Pulitzer Trophy. The Aero Club of America sponsored the competition; the sons of newspaper mogul Joseph Pulitzer provided the stately trophy. The intent of their generous donation was to increase the company's newspaper sales and stimulate interest in aviation, long suffering from a post-war decline.

Although no speed records were set, the 1920 contest not only inspired aircraft designers and builders to begin planning for next year's race, but set a precedent for aviation competitions for the several decades. The Pulitzers withdrew their backing in 1925, the result of decreasing newspaper sales and the dangerously high landing speeds of aircraft. As a result, the 1926 competition, and those that followed, became officially known as the National Air Races (NAR). These spectacular events, now sponsored by the National Aeronautic Association (NAA), thrilled the public and attendance increased from 25,000 in 1920 to 150,000 in 1927 at Felts Field in Spokane, Washington. This was the first year that the National Air Races covered their expenses. Lindbergh's 1927 Atlantic flight certainly contributed to the surge in attendance and profits, but the newly-introduced transcontinental and sectional derby races attracted thousands to watch the oil-spattered and exhausted pilots speed toward the finish line.

It would take the entrepreneurial skills and passion of one man to capitalize on the momentum achieved in 1927 and create financially successful National Air Races. That man was Clifford William Henderson. He would manage the National Air Races from 1928 to 1939, advancing aviation and entertaining more people than the Kentucky Derby or Army/Navy game.



## EAA Flight Deck

**By Armin Abusaidi**

Greetings from the EAA Chapter 1337,

We are on schedule for the Young Eagles rally at Columbia, for April 22nd. We have many kids already signed up and the number is growing every day! If you are interested to participate as a ground crew or pilot flying the kids, please let us know.

The KOLB Firestar project, led by Phil Boortz, is getting ever closer to start. We are planning on starting with the fabric covering. This will be a very interesting build and we will document and share the progress. Again, if you are interested in participation at any level, let us know.

Next chapter meeting is scheduled for May 6th, 4:00PM at the Gregory Hangar. You're welcome to attend If interested in joining or getting more information about our chapter or KOLB project.





## Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

### Membership Application, Renewal and Update



(  ) New Member Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (  ) Renewal – no changes  
 (  ) Renewal – with changes

	Order Badge	Publish on <u>Member List</u>
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Name 2: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$10 ea. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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**PMLAA Mission:** To promote aviation interests and ensure the welfare and safety of its members, Pine Mountain Lake Airport, and the general community, through aviation-oriented recreational and educational activities.

**Monthly Meetings:** Held the first Saturday of each month (no meeting in January or July), usually at 6:00, check the PMLAA Newsletter or website [www.pmlaa.org](http://www.pmlaa.org) for details.

- Annual membership dues are \$25.00 per household.
- Please make check payable to: **PMLAA**.
- Bring to monthly meeting or remit to: **PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321**
- Membership includes:
  - Monthly electronic newsletter.
  - Access to member directory (available *only* to members).
  - Special pricing for PMLAA events.

Annual dues \$25.00 per year	\$ _____
Badges @ \$10.00 each	\$ _____
Donation (\$25-\$100 suggested)	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL enclosed	\$ _____

## 2023 Meeting Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Time &amp; Location</i>
May 6, 2023	Barbara Schultz- Cliff Henderson aviation visionary responsible for Reno Air Races	6 pm Benzing Hangar
June 3, 2023	David Ellison, Producer Top Gun Maverick	6 pm Barber Hangar
July 2023	No Meeting this month-Oshkosh	No Meeting
August 5, 2023	Hot August Nights – Catered Dinner	6 pm Joe Sobczak Hangar
Sept 2, 2023	Leo Mora - Why Planes Crash	6 pm Johanson Hangar
October 7, 2023	Airport Day – Catered Dinner	6 pm Meermans Hangar
November 4, 2023	Joe Sobczak – Test Pilot	6 pm Johanson Hangar
December 2, 2023	Christmas Party – Catered Dinner	6 pm Camp Tuolumne Trails



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## 2023 Aviation Calendar

<b>April</b>	<b>1 – PMLAA Meeting</b> <b>1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b> 1 – Vicky Benzing @ Laughlin/Bullhead City Airshow, AZ 9 – <i>Easter Sunday</i> 15-29 – Lyrid Meteor Shower (peak 4/22) <b>22 – Young Eagles Rally @ Columbia Airport</b> 22 – <i>Earth Day</i> 22-23 – Vicky Benzing and Patriot’s Jet Team @ March AFB, Riverside
<b>May</b>	4 – <i>Star Wars Day – “May the fourth be with you”</i> 5 – <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> 5-6 – Eta Aquarid Meteors <b>6 – PMLAA Meeting</b> <b>6-7 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b> 14 – <i>Mother’s Day</i> 29 – <i>Memorial Day</i>
<b>June</b>	<b>3 – PMLAA Meeting</b> <b>3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b> 11 – Patriot’s Jet Team @ NASCAR, Sonoma 17 – Vicky Benzing @ Hiller Museum Biggest Little Airshow, San Carlos 18 – <i>Father’s Day</i> 21 – <i>Summer Solstice 07:57 – First Day of Summer</i> 24 – Vicky Benzing @ Truckee Tahoe Airshow, Truckee

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