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SPY OPS - FLYING THE U-2

Presented by

Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins

About our Guest Speaker for January 5, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins attended Mississippi State University on a full AFROTC scholarship. He obtained his private pilot's license through the ROTC sponsored flight program and graduated in 1973 with a BS in Aerospace Engineering. He later earned a double Masters degree in Business Administration and Management.

He completed pilot training at Moody AFB, GA and was assigned to Little Rock AFB, AR flying the C-130 Hercules. After three years of tactical airlift worldwide and too much time away from home, he retired from C-130s as one of the youngest C-130 aircraft commanders ever and accepted an assignment back to his hometown of Columbus, MS flying T-38s for Air Training Command as an instructor pilot.

In addition to having a great time flying a supersonic sport plane, he was the Chief of T-38 Academic Training there, graduating over 1000 student pilots. Three years later, on a by-name request, he moved on to a T-38 flying staff tour at Air Training Command headquarters, Randolph AFB, TX, where he taught pilots to be instructors and literally wrote the book on Applied Aerodynamics for undergraduate pilot training. He also engineered ATC's transition to computer-assisted instruction and helped lay the groundwork for ATC's next generation trainer. In 1984, then Major Perkins volunteered and was selected for the U-2/TR-1 program. He "pipelined" direct from Beale AFB, CA to RAF Alconbury, UK and spent several years fighting crosswinds, low ceilings and bad visibility, working his way up to flight commander



and check pilot, and enjoying Europe. His next assignment was to the underground of Strategic Air Command in Omaha, NE, where ("as one of three guys out of 5000 who could spell U-2") he ran U-2/TR-1 operations worldwide from the Strategic Reconnaissance Center. From Chief of U-2 Special Operations he moved to NASA Ames Research Center where he's presently the Chief Air Force Liaison to NASA on the west coast.

Due to retire from the Air Force next year, Col Perkins has already set up his next life. He and his partner started a full service FBO and flight school at Livermore Airport, Livermore, CA: Attitude Aviation. "Attitude Aviation is mainly for fun flying," he notes. "We teach everything from private pilot through CFI, but we specialize in aerobatics, emergency maneuver training and tailwheel transitions. Our fleet is unique. We have everything from a pristine 1941 Piper Cub to an Extra 200. We have two Pitts Specials,

Citabrias, aerobatic Grobs, you name it. And, yes, we do have Cessnas. We have our own maintenance facility and over 43,000 square feet of hangar space. It's a fun place."

Col Perkins has also launched an airshow career with our own Ted Carr, who owns the L-39 jet known on the airshow circuit as the Firecat. Col Perkins flew several shows last season, including the largest show in Canada, and is setting up the show schedule for 2002. Ted and Col Perkins offer jet transition and LOA training in the Firecat as well.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Somebody pinch me! Until my wife, Sylvia, and I discovered PML last year, I was glued to my desk twelve hours a day. Now I have to remember to call the office. It's PML fever and there's no vaccine. And I've got the most severe case – the PMLAA strain. Yes, I've changed from a desk potato to a bird in paradise. And what is the cause of my condition? It is you, a most caring, supportive flock of PMLAA members. You share two remarkable attributes with geese. First: as each bird flaps its wings, it creates lift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent more flying range than if each bird flew alone. PMLAA members share a common direction and sense of community. You get where you are going quicker and easier because you travel on the mutual thrust of one another. Second: when a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or dies. Then they launch out to join another formation or to catch up with the flock. PMLAA members have demonstrated this same compassion, rallying to support friends in need, time and time again.



Many thanks to our outgoing board: President Mick Hopson, VP of Social Affairs Harriett Wallace, Secretary Marcia Sydenstricker and Treasurer Phyllis White who have all done a terrific job for us. Thanks also to last year's VP of Airport Affairs Nance Deardorff who will stay on as Roster Chair, Jane Hansen for continuing as Membership Chair and Property Managers Sean Brady, Malcolm Milliron and Buck Buchanan who will also stay on. Our new VP of Airport Affairs is Dick Collier. VP of Social Affairs is Pat Price. Barbara Coldren has assumed the duties of Secretary and Tom Tingley is our new Treasurer. Betty Correa has come on board as our Social Editor. Look for her monthly column *Prop Wash*. Read all about your new team in this issue thanks to our Profile Editor Virginia Richmond. Virginia will be interviewing new members throughout the year. She and her husband Mike (Gustafson) are weekend residents who live and work in Silicon Valley during the week. Virginia is a marketing exec with Adobe and Mike manages a wireless engineering group at Schlumberger. Lake residents know them as the owners of *Pilot's Lounge*, the homemade patio boat plying the waters every weekend. Mike has been flying for thirty years, is rated on most anything with wings and pilots both his aerobatic Starduster and the workhorse Cherokee. Mike is also a CFII and is available at PML for IFR training and BFRs.

Neither Tom Carman nor Wayne Irwin will continue writing their safety columns this year. We thank them for their most informative contributions in the past. CFIs are invited to contribute safety articles. In the meantime, try our Safety Quiz on the following page.

Thanks to John Romano for his very effective job as Program Chairman in 2001. I will assume this responsibility (with help from my friends). Excellent speakers are scheduled starting with U-2 pilot, Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins on Jan 5. On Feb 2, the Blankenburgs will share their hangar for our Valentine's Day meeting (catered by Francee Dodd's *All Occasion Catering*). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Carlene Mendieta who will describe her recent "Amelia Earhart's Flight Across America" reenactment in a 1927 Avro Avian airplane. CDF aerial firefighter and Battalion Chief, Dan Ward will speak on March 2 (Thanks John Romano for the referral). Aviation survival training expert and pilot Ted Carr will educate us on April 6. Medi-Flight's Frank Erdman will bring his helicopter and crew from Modesto to PML on May 4 for our inspection followed by an audio-visual presentation (location to be announced). Legendary Clay Lacy returns on June 1 with another riveting presentation at his hangar. I'll report on our speaker programs for the second half of 2002 in a future edition of the PMLAA News.

We are all indebted to our Editor-in-Chief, Mary Kelly, for her diligence in editing our newsletter, her inspirational poetry and her monthly articles in the Herald and the PML News on our behalf. Thank you so much, Mary.

Very special thanks go to Kent and Sandy Blankenburg for hosting yet another superb "It's a Wrap" Christmas party and toy drive benefiting our community's underprivileged children.



Past President Rich McGlashan continues to oversee our PMLAA merchandise department (which he founded) now consisting of T-shirts, badges and caps sporting our glorious PMLAA logo. Thank you, Rich.

Thank you Kirk Wallace for providing photos of our runway environment updated each fifteen minutes via his webcam, as well as an electronic version of our Newsletter and many more interesting facts and photographs about Q68. This is all available on www.wallacecompany.com. Our newsletter is also available on www.zenobia.com/PMLAANews.



Please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of our board members via e-mail, snail-mail or phone with your comments, suggestions, questions and requests. Our contact information is located on the last inside page of this newsletter.

Happy Holidays. Fly safely.

► Keith Zenobia

COLD-WEATHER FLYING QUIZ

1. The electrolyte in a discharged battery will freeze at _____ temperature than with a fully charged battery.

- a. warmer
- b. colder
- c. the same

2. Lycoming and Continental recommend preheating prior to engine start when the outside temperature is below _____ F and _____ F, respectively.

- a. 5 degrees and 10 degrees
- b. 10 degrees and 20 degrees
- c. 20 degrees and 30 degrees
- d. 30 degrees and 40 degrees

3. Cylinder head temperatures during a climb on a cold day will:

- a. generally be cooler than on a hot day
- b. may be hotter if winterization baffles installed for cold weather operation restrict cooling air flow, especially if there's an extreme temperature inversion.
- c. always be the same if the same climb speed is used.
- d. Either a or b can occur

4. While flying under IFR in controlled airspace, you encounter an area of severe icing conditions. You should:

- a. engage the autopilot to prevent over-controlling
- b. disengage the autopilot and hand-fly the aircraft.
- c. advise ATC and promptly exit the conditions using control inputs as smooth and as small as possible.
- d. both a and c.

5. Which of the following typically signal the potential for or possibility of in-flight structural icing?

- a. temperature below freezing combined with visible moisture.
- b. decreasing airspeed at constant power and altitude.
- c. both a and b.
- d. neither a nor b.

6. In stratiform clouds, you can likely alleviate icing by changing to an altitude with an above-freezing temperature, or to one colder than:

- a. degrees C.
- b. minus 5 degrees C.
- c. minus 10 degrees C.
- d. minus 20 degrees C.

7. In which type of clouds are you most likely to find that the icing layer is thickest vertically?

- a. cumulus
- b. stratus
- c. cirrus

8. In which type of clouds are you most likely to find that icing occurs over a large area horizontally?

- a. cumulus
- b. stratus
- c. cirrus

9. If you experience headache, drowsiness, or dizziness in flight, what should you suspect? What should you do?

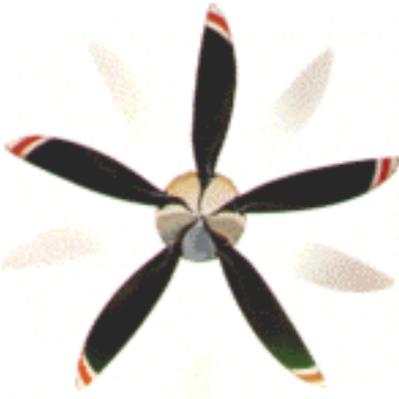
- a. Hypothermia. Increase cabin heat.
- b. Low blood sugar. Eat a piece of fruit or hard candy.
- c. Carbon monoxide poisoning. Shut off the cabin heater and open all air vents. Use 100% oxygen, if available. Land as soon as possible.

10. If you make a forced landing in the winter, what is the most important item in your survival kit?

- a. matches, or other reliable fire-starting equipment.
- b. water.
- c. food.
- d. handheld transceiver
- e. cellular telephone.



Answers: 1-a. 2-c. 3-d. 4-e. 5-c. 6-c. 7-a. 8-b. 9-c. 10-a



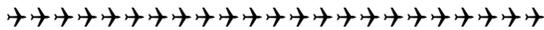
PROP WASH

Heard a bit of commotion at the "Corsair" recently, and someone yelling, "CLEAR!" It was Heidi and Marv, "FIRING UP" and preparing to take off from our favorite hangout. Of course, they first obtained a proper clearance for

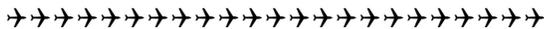
departure from "Class R (Restaurant) Airspace."

We will miss their jovial hospitality, especially on Turkey Day. Speaking of which, we have been assured that never ever was raccoon a substitute! (Editor's note: "Didn't taste bad!")

We'll take this opportunity to welcome the new owners, the charming and hospitable Merenos: Shirley, Carolyn Michelle and R.C. They have done a fine job of renovating the Corsair with fresh paint and plaster and are eagerly awaiting our patronage. Their menu is gradually expanding as well. Hours of operation are Thursday through Monday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. plus Friday 5 to 8 pm.



Have you heard that Larry and Nina Jobe sold their Cessna? Hope the new owner is someone who will treat it with much affection, curry and bathe it and keep it's tummy full of airplane nourishment so it can spend many happy hours aloft!



Sitting here in the "PROP WASH HANGAR," the Unicom has just come to life with news that a new "Homebuilt" is going to be completed and make its appearance at PML in the near future.

During the planning phase, placement of the Pitot tube was considered to be of prime importance. Much thought, as well as a great deal of input from the FAA, gave birth to a location that was satisfactory to all concerned. As a precaution, a very potent Pitot de-icing system was included.

We are all thrilled and excited about the coming event, which has been under construction for the past five months and is due to exit it's hangar on or about April 15, 2002.

Our best wishes to the happy owners.

✈ Betty Correa



THE SEASONS

During the hard cold of winter
With its flurries of snow,
Its chilling hail and sleet
And wailing winds
That whip oaks and pines
Sending leaves, branches, needles flying,
During winter
I dream of spring's soft warmth,
Of whispering winds
And slow rains falling
In a transparent curtain,
And I look ahead reluctantly
To summer's heavy heat,
Its clear, white, cloudless skies
And the unrelenting sun
That sears new green grasses,
Dries spring's fragile ponds.
When, at last, the earth in its orbit
Brings autumn's crisp coolness,
The rustle of changing leaves,
The rising of an orange moon,
The settling-in of the seasons,
I welcome the silent, cold comforting
Promise of winter.

✈ Mary E. Kelly

FREEBIES:

There comes a time when new must replace old, and where our PMLAA tables are concerned, that time has come! At their meeting December 6 your Board agreed to purchase, at a cost of about \$1,150, twenty new tables, and to renovate the trailer, which has developed some rough edges. The new polyethylene tables are sturdier yet lighter than the ones we currently own and will last much longer.



Anyone wishing to adopt one of the old tables (one per family) should get in touch with VP Dick Collier. Call him at 209-962-6852. Any tables that go a-begging will be offered to other organizations.

✈ Mary E. Kelly



Meet your PMLAA Board!

and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Keith Zenobia, President

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Keith and his wife, Sylvia Nestor, have a classic PML story – came to visit on Saturday, bought a house on Sunday! In the past year, they have rearranged their lives to become full-time residents and have become active members of the PML community.

Keith learned to fly ten years ago. He has a Bonanza F33 and, thanks to new PML friends, he's learned to change his oil and replace tires!

Keith runs his LA-based business, the Zenobia Agency, from PML. Zenobia represents production professionals (including wardrobe, prop and food stylists, hairdressers, make-up artists, location scouts, art directors and production coordinators) for TV commercials, print ads, music videos and film. Sylvia recently retired from her profession as a film music supervisor.

Keith's latest venture is "Wings, Wheels and Watercraft" which will represent unusual planes, cars, motorcycles and boats for use in TV commercials, films, ads, and music videos. Already signed on are the Blankenburg and Lacy fleets, Kris Cox's T-34, Dick Collier's Bonneville racer, Jobe's 1911 Hudson, Larry Struck's Indian Motorcycles, Dwaine Carver's Piper Cub, Mel Harte's Chris-Craft boat and Ted Carr's Russian L39 aerobatic jet.

The Zenobias' latest project is a new lot on Woodside Way where they will build a hangar for all the toys like the Amphicar and Russian motorcycle with side-car!

Dick Collier, Vice President, Airport Affairs

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Dick is a charter member of PMLAA, and has previously served as an officer, including two terms as president.

Dick discovered PML in 1979 while living in Morgan Hill and built a house on Pleasant View. For several years he made a daily air commute to the Bay Area. He sold that house in 1986 and moved back to the Bay Area. By 1991, he and Judy were back at PML and building their current hangar home.

Dick and Judy met while volunteering with Flying Doctors in Mexico; Dick was a pilot and Judy was a nurse -- how romantic!

Dick's engineering career started with 8 years in the Navy's Polaris Submarine program. Many of us remember his fascinating presentation to PMLAA a few years ago. After leaving the Navy, Dick moved to Lockheed's Missiles and Space Division where he continued R&D work on guidance systems. He later worked on large defense projects at Lockheed, Lear Siegler, etc.

Dick also flew as a corporate pilot for U-Haul and for Simpson construction in Phoenix, AZ.



In 1986, Dick started his own business, Collier Aviation and Services, primarily as a machine shop making aircraft parts. Dick's oldest daughter works with him and lives in Big Oak Flat. His other daughter lives in Sutter Creek. Together Dick and Judy have 11 grandchildren.

Dick started his flying career very early and soloed at age 12. In 1969 he bought his first plane, a Stinson. Today he still has the Stinson, a Cherokee 6, and Judy's Cessna 150, which she uses to commute to Tuolumne General, where she is a nursing supervisor and manages the primary care clinic.

Dick also serves the aviation community as chairman of the Tuolumne County Airport Land Use Commission, and as a partner in Final Flight, which provides aerial scattering of remains.

Pat Price, VP – Social Affairs

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Pat and Paul Price are originally from southern California and spent 30 years in Danville. They bought a PML lot in 1976, and later purchased one of the early lake houses. They sold the lake lot and moved to Washington DC for a few years. In 1991 they built a beautiful home on their airport lot. By 1995 they had retired and become full-time PML residents.

Paul's career was spent in nuclear engineering at Lawrence Livermore Labs. Pat was a realtor in Danville and raised their three children. These days her kids and grandson are the perfect distance away "close enough to visit, too far to babysit!"

Pat occupies the right seat of the Prices' Navion RangeMaster and has ten hours solo time. They have flown across country many times and make semi-annual trips to Baja as well.

Pat says she found the transition to PML easy because of the special warmth and friendliness of the aviation crowd. Pat is perpetuating that feeling by serving as social chair this year.

In addition to PMLAA, Pat plays golf, belongs to the Ladies Club and paints.



Tom Tingley, Treasurer

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Tom's twin passions are golf and flying, so it's easy to see why he's happy at PML. He bought his house on the golf course in 1989 and after 12 years of vacations, last year Tom, his golf clubs, and his Cessna 182 all moved to PML full-time.

Tom grew up on Long Island, and fell in love with airplanes as a child. He got his license while still in college. Two years ago he earned his IFR rating, which has certainly come in handy lately.

Over the past 20 years, Tom built his business in Orange County; Systems Engineering Company installs and maintains air pollution control systems at industrial plants throughout the Western states. Now, Tom uses his 182 to fly to job sites and to check in with friends in Orange County – while still leaving plenty of time for golf at PML. He's a member of the PML Men's Golf Club and plays several times a week.

As incoming treasurer, Tom will manage club funds and also hopes to engage the county in a productive discussion on increasing the number of hangars at the airport.

Barbara Coldren, Secretary

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Barbara and Chuck moved to PML in 1985 and were charter members of PMLAA. They learned about PML from Hugh and Kay Smith in the Golden Gate Navionaires and retired here because of the airport and the aviation connections.

Chuck flew their beloved Navion for 28 years, including cross-country trips to NY and Pennsylvania. Barbara really appreciated the freedom and flexibility of their own plane.

Before retirement, Barbara was an auditor for Great Western Bank and traveled to branches throughout the Bay Area from home base in Fremont.

In addition to helping PMLAA as secretary this year, Barbara also belongs to the Ladies Club, Garden Club and Residents Club, because, she's "just not ready to sit in a rocking chair!"

Jane Hansen, Membership

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Jane is serving her third year as membership chair. She's responsible for our badges and getting completed application forms. She also served previously as club secretary.

Jane and her late husband moved to PML in 1993 for the clean air and the aviation interests. Before settling in PML they looked at retirement options in Arizona, Washington, Idaho and Nevada and decided the answer was close to home! They flew many different types of planes throughout the years and enjoyed being part of an aviation-oriented community.

Before retirement Jane managed a doctors' office in Stockton. Jane is also one of our local master artists. She does abstract watercolors and weaves fabric for clothes, on commission and for her own pleasure.

In addition to PMLAA, Jane is an active member of the Ladies Club where she handles meeting and party decorations, the Soroptimist service organization, and the 9ers Golf Club.

Mary Kelly, Newsletter Editor-in-chief

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Mary and her late husband, Mark were introduced to PML by the Orloffs in 1978. Ken worked with Mark at NASA-Ames and was their ground-school instructor. When Mark and Mary retired in 1981, they left San Jose to become full-time PML residents. They knew retirement would include their much-modified Cessna 172 and built a hangar home on Elderberry.

Mary had a career as an elementary school teacher in the Bay Area, and Mark ran the giant wind tunnels at NASA's Ames Laboratory for large-scale aerodynamic research.

Mark and Mary loved to fly all over the west, mostly to visit friends and family in Oregon, Utah and LA.

The Kellys were among the founding members of PMLAA; Mary typed our first by-laws, and she has served as newsletter editor for nearly ten years. Mark also managed the gas co-op, Mother Lode Aviation, at the airport for many years.

Today Mary's three children and five grandchildren are located in Porterville, Berkeley and Salt Lake. Like Mom, her two daughters are both teachers. Son John supervises computer links for U.C. Berkeley's extension program.

Mary's interest and commitment to education extends to the Groveland area where she has just completed over ten years on the Big Oak Flat – Groveland Unified District school board.

She's also very active in the Pine Cone Performers, singing with Pine Cone Singers and writing and directing the Pine Cone Players.

Betty Correa, Social Editor

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Betty and Don discovered PML during a camping trip to Columbia and purchased a lot during that first trip! In 1988 they retired and moved from LA to their house on Big Creek.

Betty is a retired schoolteacher. She majored in art in college and taught 6th and 7th grades. She brought social studies alive by incorporating art and culture and making history tangible and relevant to students. She still volunteers with the art programs at Tenaya.

Betty and Don are both pilots. Don entertained and informed us with a terrific presentation in 1999 on his days as a P38 pilot in WWII.

The Correas' first airplane was a Swift bought when they were newly married; they traded up to a Bonanza when the kids came. Betty also flew in a 99s Air Race called "Palms to Pines," from southern California to Oregon. They really miss flying since selling the Bonanza a few years ago.

Today their daughters live in Tahoe and Pismo Beach, and they have two grandchildren.

Betty and Don joined PMLAA in the early days, meeting in the Jobs' hangar. Betty is also active in the Ladies Club and the Garden Club. She's looking forward to clueing everyone in on the interesting and fun activities of members, on and off the airport. She invites us all to be "field reporters" and contact her with member news.

Buck Buchanan, Property Manager
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Buck still carries a little hometown Texas with him, although he lived in southern California for 30 years and moved to PML in 1992. They have a hangar home on the NW corner of the runway.

Buck and Joreen met at Northrop Electronics where he was a technical illustrator and she was an executive secretary. They flew around the state in a Woody Pusher for their honeymoon, so Jo certainly knew what she was in for! The Buchanans have 3 children and 5 grandkids.

A longtime member of EAA, Buck's passion is building airplanes. He has a Dragon Fly that has been "almost finished" for several years. He also helped build a KR1, a Joe-Dell D11 and a Woody Pusher and test flew 7 home-builts for friends. In addition to various home-builts, the Buchanans had a Cessna 150 for 15 years until trading it for a Mooney four years ago.

Buck first learned to fly at age 17 and has commercial and IFR licenses. He flew a KR2 to Oshkosh and describes that as the ultimate flying adventure.

Malcolm Milliron, Property Manager
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Malcolm and Wendy (Greer) moved to PML two years ago from San Jose. Wendy has retired from placement counseling at San Jose State and Malcolm continues to run his paralegal business, specializing in creating living trusts, from PML.

They had a vacation home in Mammoth, but got tired of the long drive and decided to stop halfway!

Malcolm has his private pilot license and was active in the Orange County Flyers (flying club) for many years.

In addition to handling meeting logistics for PMLAA, Malcolm is an active community volunteer, taking care of the Jail downtown, helping with community decorations and indulging his passion for sailing as "Commodore" of the Windjammer Sailing Club on Pine Mountain Lake.

Sean Brady, Property Manager
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Sean grew up traveling to PML with his parents for weekends and summers. He moved here about two years ago to help his mom and to design and build her new home on Sean Patrick Lane.

A Berkeley and Oxford-trained architect, Sean is also engaged in several other building or remodeling projects in the area.

Sean's parents were PMLAA members and he got his interest in flying from his dad. Today he's a student pilot and is interested in building a kit plane someday, possibly a Lance-air or Glassair.

Sean is also an avid golfer, another reason to love PML. He's looking for a couple of nice single ladies to join him and Tom Tingley on the course!

Nance Deardorff, Roster Chair
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Nance keeps the membership roster so we can all stay in touch. Be sure to send any updates to her.

The Deardorffs built their current house on Big Creek in 1998 after returning from living in Spain. Their son lives in San Jose and their daughter is in Washington State.

Art commutes to his job as a partner in the Structural Integrity engineering firm in San Jose; Nance has retired from managing a law office in Morgan Hill and is focused on seeing the world! Her recent trips include Italy, Myanmar, and the Greek Islands. Next March, Art and Nance are bound for China along with 70 other PML-ers.

Art and Nance learned to fly about 20 years ago and had a Piper Warrior for a long time. Now Art keeps a share in a Cessna 172.

In addition to PMLAA, Nance is busy with the Ladies Club, Garden Club and volunteering at the Museum and Library.

THANKSMAS



Photo: Martha Shriner

December 2001 began with a bang when our Aviation Association held its "Thanksmas" party on the first of the month. Outgoing Social Chairman Harriet Wallace and her aides did a fine job, as usual, and the Lake Lodge was full of eager and persistent "Yankee Swappers."

A feature of the evening was the awarding of the "Prop of Appreciation." This award was instigated several

years ago when Larry Jobe came across a very large, wooden propeller and offered it to the association to use as a means of special recognition of persons who have served above and beyond. This is the fifth year of



the award, and last year's recipient, Harriet Wallace, in a gracious speech handed the propeller over to Bruce (Red) Rossio, a former PMLAA president and the current emcee of the "Yankee Swap" event. Red is also a persuasive seller of door-prize tickets, probably selling more in one evening than anyone else could in a year. These ticket sales have funded scholarships for Tioga High's graduating seniors. Three cheers for Red!

REMEMBERING

A special memorial tree lighting held at the Meermans hangar on the 5th of December commemorated Chuck Everhart, who went down with his aircraft during bad weather, and Vern Hansen, who succumbed to cancer.



This too is a yearly event. Though it was a rainy evening, a great bonfire and trees made it festive. As Harriet Wallace and Jane Hansen threw light the trees, those present raised their glasses in a toast to the two airmen.

IT'S A WRAP!

The "It's a Wrap!" event was spectacular, a total Christmas affair. The #2 Blankenburg hangar blazed with lights — even the SeaBee glowed — and we all enjoyed food (including Sandy's peerless chili in three levels of hot) sufficient to feed an army. Which is just about what showed up: PMLAA and Helping Hands members in full force to socialize, eat and drink. The focus of the evening was to wrap hundreds of donated children's presents and give bags of hard candy for the Christmas baskets. What a wonderful feeling of comradeship, a sense of sharing, an atmosphere of joy, all topped by the appearance of Santa Claus (thanks Patrick, for all)!



Mr. & Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Patrick & Linda Evans)

It's grand to live in this community. There are, I believe, more generous and caring people here per capita than anywhere else in the world.

PMLAA BOARD



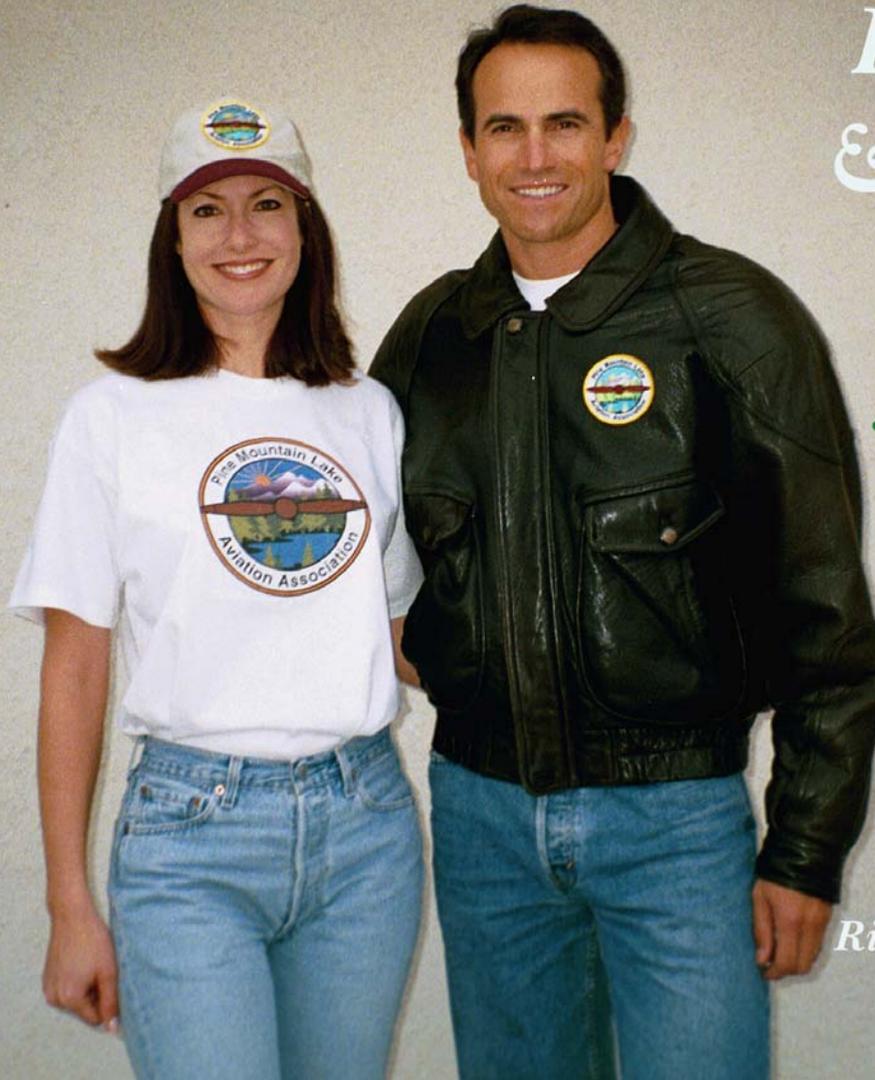
January will see the new officers of PMLAA taking on their duties (some actually began in December, revving their engines, so to speak), and we wish them a great year of leadership.

✈ Mary E. Kelly

Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

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& Caps*

for sale



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LOOKING AHEAD

	EVENT	LOCATION	GUEST SPEAKER / TOPIC
Jan. 5 6:00 p.m.	General Meeting	Lake Lodge	Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins Spy-Ops, Flying the U-2
Jan. 9 7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Mary Kelly's	(Note that this is a Wednesday evening)
Feb. 2 6:00 p.m.	General Meeting	Blankenburg Hangar	Guest speaker: Aviator Dr. Carlene Mendieta, Amelia Earhart's "Flight Across America"
Feb. 6 6:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Jane Hansen's	



Happy Holidays PMLAA Members!

Wishing you blue skies and tail winds.

PMLAA NEWS



2002 General Meetings

First Saturday of the month

<i>EVENT DATE</i>	<i>SPEAKER</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>
January 5	Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins	"Spy Ops", Flying the U-2
February 2	Dr. Carlene Mendieta	Amelia Earhart's "Flight Across America" Reenactment
March 2	CDF Battalion Chief Dan Ward	Aerial Fire Fighting
April 6	Survival Training Expert Ted Carr	Aviation Related Survival Training
May 4	Medi-Flight's Frank Erdman with helicopter and crew	Air Ambulance Operations
June 1	The Pilot's Pilot, Clay Lacy	To be announced
July (No Meeting)		
August 3	To be announced	
September 7	To be announced	
October 5	To be announced	
November 2	Ken Orloff	Accident Investigation
December 7	Thanksmas Party	Too Much Fun

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association General Meeting

Saturday, January 5, 2002 at the Lake Lodge

Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. – Speaker at 8:00 p.m.

Please bring your own beverages and enough food to accommodate you and your guests.
Coffee, paper plates & plastic utensils will be available but feel free to bring your own service.

Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins

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