

PMLAA NEWS



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Our May Speaker; Michael Maya Charles Author *Artful FLYING*

Aviation legend Bob Hoover says, "*This book could change your life.*"

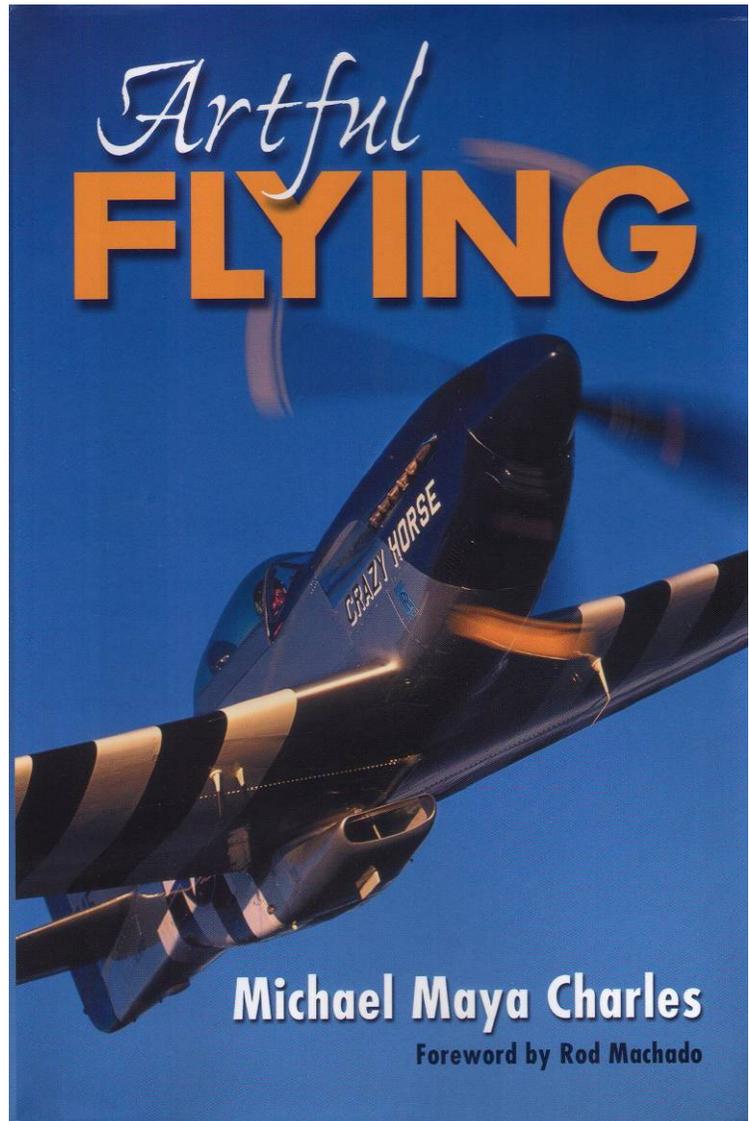
Artful FLYING is the first aviation book to explore the connection between the left-brained, logical world of flying airplanes and the right-brained, esoteric world of art. It will stimulate you, challenge you, and make you a better pilot by encouraging you to make *your* flying more artful!

That is from the website selling Michael Maya Charles book. Having read the book I can say that the Capt. Charles has thought through what is behind how we fly (or do anything) and that I am looking forward to hearing him speak. I have also spent some time talking on the phone about flying fun old airplanes, instructing helicopters and just generally aviating. His enthusiasm for flight and aviators is sure to keep us engaged while his message should be relevant to everyone whether they fly or not. Here is what a few others have had to say;

"The book's charm is that it is subtle, and so are its lessons. Charles draws on his own experiences and the experiences of many other pilots to help you wake up and really see what flying aircraft can be if you practice to the point that moves you way past memorization and mechanical flying to a place where your flying is integral, intuitive, and smooth. A little Zen? Definitely. Right-brained? For sure. Full of truths about aviation? Yep, this book's got all that, and more." **Amy Laboda** Contributing Editor EAA Sport Aviation

"All my life, I've simply challenged myself to fly more precisely each time I step into the cockpit. Artful Flying shows you ways to challenge yourself, giving you the tools to make your flying a work of art, whether you fly a famous P-51 or a simple Cub. This book could change your life." **Bob Hoover** Aviation Legend Inductee, National Aviation Hall of Fame

"This is a great book—and it's different from any aviation book out there. Parts of it remind me of Richard Bach's writing, other parts have the steady wisdom of Richard L. Collins. Flying artfully is one of my highest personal goals and Michael Maya Charles, with Artful Flying, shows you how to make it one of yours." **Patty Wagstaff** Three-time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion



If he could change Bob Hoover's life then count me in. Once again Norm and Patty Peebles are hosting us. Please see Happenings: Social Times for directions and food details. Thank you, Rand

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I should be writing about the beautiful spring weather with impromptu flying and BBQing, but you know the rest of that story. Perhaps by the time you read this we will be basking in blue skies and fair winds. I do feel the itch to fly to some remote fun destination; fueled no doubt by our last month's program.

I thought John did a fantastic job taking us on a personal tour of the Northwest. I hope to get to at least a few of the great spots he highlighted. The best news is that Andy is thinking of those destinations ahead of some far off exotic locale, accessible only by large silver tube. John has provided us a listing of the destinations from his talk and we have printed it in this newsletter.

John has spent some time in Idaho and his presentation support that he loves it there. We will get a chance to see for ourselves this summer with our field trip. We have close to a dozen aircraft signed-up. Wow, that is already way more than I expected. There seems to be some pent-up demand for flying and the comradery that comes with a large trip like this. We are now talking to those who have spent time there and formalizing plans. Many of our own members are great resources.

We have resources in many areas within our membership. Paul Price has been highlighting the mechanical side of things with his Tioga High School Shop Course. Although he did not give his impassioned sermon at the last meeting (I for one missed hearing it again) the position is still open. It really is a very positive program and needs to be continued. If a time commitment is the issue please see contact Paul, as maybe there are ways to make it work.

Although he may not have Paul's evangelistic style our May speaker, Michael Maya Charles will be inspirational. His talk and book reach into the how we approach flight, not the results we get when we fly. As Amy Lambda said in her review of Artful Flying the approach is applicable to any endeavor you choose to pursue. I believe this meeting will have appeal to both the aviators and to those who come with us who have our heads in the clouds.

Vicky Benzing and her crew are creating a must go to aviation extravaganza for our June meeting. I am blown away by the effort and organization Vicky is putting in to this event. It promises to be an amazing weekend that will go way beyond putting aviation back in our aviation association.

There are many volunteers who make this organization go. I am amazed by the generous nature of our group and

community. Our organization and I thank all of you wholeheartedly. Without your time and effort our organization and community would not be as great as they are. Thank You!

Keep flying, keep safe and have fun, Rand Siegfried

Happenings: Social times

I want to thank Patty and Norm Peebles for hosting the latest PMLAA meeting. We had plenty of room and great hospitality. A hearty appreciation should be given to our President Rand, who took the time to go through his closet to find a shirt that represented the theme of the night. I also want to thank our set-up and media crews for all the time they spend each month getting everything put together so we can have the fun that we do have at each meeting. Speaking of fun, it was certainly fun and exciting to hear John Kounis from Pilot Getaways Magazine speak at our aviation association meeting this past April 1st. The slides he showed were great and I would love to go for a weekend vacation to some of the places he told about. I hope those of you who missed it will be able to hear him at a later date.

The food was terrific and bountiful. We sure do have some good cooks here! (May I mention that some of you left your utensils?)

A big thank you to Linda Craig for washing and ironing all the table cloths for our April meeting, and another big thank you to Leilani Eells for doing them this month. I really appreciate their participation.

Next month we will again be at the Peebles hangar and the food will be potluck as well.

See you soon — Conni

The details:

Date: May 6th, 2006
Time: 6:00PM
Place: The Peebles Hangar
Food: Potluck Buffet
Directions: Take Jimmersall to the back taxiway and head towards the runway. Turn left (East) onto the parallel taxiway and let the parkers guide you. The Peebles are on the same taxiway as the Benzing's, but on the east end. If you are not completely comfortable with directions or airport operations please ask someone who lives near by.

**Be the artist: May 6th
@ the Peeble's Hangar**



Watching the Airport Neighborhood

By Jim Thomas

Many of you know that we have experienced some theft and vandalism at both airports. Fortunately, the recent problem has been the siphoning of gasoline out of the vehicles parked in the long term parking lot by the pilots lounge. However, we have had lights broken off of the wind tee and damage to the pay phone also. While it appears that these problems are a result of high gasoline prices and just plain maliciousness, it is a trend that should be stopped quickly and not allowed to continue. The longer we wait to act the longer the problem has to develop.

I have been approached by several concerned citizens who are interested in starting an Airport Neighborhood Watch program which is based on the Neighborhood Watch Program and the AOPA Watch Program. Although the plan is not fully developed at the time I'm writing this article, it will have been established in more detail by the time this is printed. The general plan is to have volunteers work in pairs patrolling the Pine Mountain Lake Airport and adjoining neighborhood primarily keeping an eye out for suspicious activity and generally providing a visible presence that will alert would be vandals that they are no longer welcome around the airport neighborhood.

PMLAA member Larry Shaw has taken on the job of coordinating the program. Larry has seen this type of program work elsewhere and he is working with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Community Patrol, Pine Mountain Lake Association Security and the Airports Department to develop a simple PML Airport Neighborhood Watch plan. The effectiveness and success of this program will depend on volunteers. There is no doubt that the more volunteers we have the more successful the program will be. Safety in our neighborhood is everyone's responsibility. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this program please contact Larry Shaw at 962-1911. Our joint effort will make our airport neighborhood safer and keep the vandals away.

Sincerely, Jim Thomas

Going Places

By Linda Monahan,
Designated Pilot Examiner

After ten years of being a full time flight instructor and five long years of trying, I have finally achieved my Flying Career goal of becoming a DPE! The happy day occurred last month in Fresno, when the Operations Manager came out of his office, shook my hand and told me I had the appointment. Whew! I thought it was a lot of working just getting the appointment, now the work has really started, writing Plans of Action for giving check rides and filling out the Temporary Airman's Certificates! I'm still in training with the FAA and can't give check rides on my own yet but that day isn't too far away.

Going Places. Isn't that why we fly? Our airplanes are wonderful tools to take us to places in a few short hours that would take us forever to drive to, if in fact we could drive there at all. Our last meeting with John from Pilot Getaways was wonderful. There are so many new places to go and see that I don't hardly know where to go first.

I learned to fly in the Montana Rockies and flying the Idaho back country is my very most favorite place to fly. It is also the most challenging place, flying around mountains and rivers and streams, with little runways tucked back into canyons and bends in the rivers. Some ranches are only accessible by airplane or jet boat. I've always had a rather pioneering spirit and to see some of these places just really thrills me. Besides the beautiful scenery, the fishing isn't too bad either!!! Two years ago at Moose Creek, I caught no less than 80 trout fly fishing.

As pilots, we need to stretch our wings and our pilot skills. To that end and our planned trip as a group to Idaho in July, Larry Jobe and I are going to hold a Wings Seminar on Mountain Flying on May 13 at Larry's hangar house, time to be announced. It's probably also time for a good Spring tune up so if anyone wants to go fly with a newly minted DPE, call me.

Happy Flying, Linda

QB QUIET BIRDMEN

I've been asked by a few Pine Mountain Lake members who are active members of the QB's (Quiet Birdmen), a pilot club for men, if there is an interest in starting a chapter of the QB's here at Pine Mountain Lake. I would like to hear from those who are members of the QB's in one chapter or another to respond either to me or to Dan Eells. Those of you who would like to join the QB's need to talk to an active member to find out the details. The QB's meet once each month for socializing, dinner, and business, and usually have a speaker.

Contacts: Alan Buchner (connbuckn@aol.com) and Dan Eells (danlani@bigvalley.net)

GAINS

Groveland Area Involved Neighbors (GAINS) is looking for new board members, particularly those with financial expertise. GAINS is a 5013c organization, and its Board of Directors would welcome such a person. Please call Barbara Broad 962-7730 if you would like to join this non-profit, community-focused group.

This is a repeat from last month's issue. If you weren't at the March meeting just ask someone who was to figure out just how important this is and how impassioned Paul is to see it be continued!

A Chance to Help Tioga, our Local High School



Some of Paul's students on a Castle AFB field trip, I had better leave it at that.

The PMLAA supports an ongoing ROP, (Regional Occupational Program) at Tioga High School. This is a hands-on, shop-oriented class titled, AIRCRAFT MECHANICS AND MACHINE TECHNOLOGY.

Tioga High School needs to find a replacement instructor for the 06-07 school year. The class is currently taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays from about one to three PM. The next school year will start in late August of 2006. This is an important effort and worthy of our support as there are no other high school shop classes offered in Southern Tuolumne County. Shop, or hands-on technology classes offer the student alternative, often well-paying career paths that can begin immediately after high school.

Qualifications for this task are not stringent; if you have an interest in teaching and some experience which includes aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, boats, machinery, electronics, or any technical field for that matter, you might want to consider this. The curriculum is not set in stone, so there is room to tailor it to the instructor's expertise and experience.



Here some of the students are demonstrating some of Paul's theories on aircraft repair and material substitution.

Currently, the class of six students is being taught by Paul Price. Paul would be glad to help his replacement get started and, for that matter, lend a hand from time to time. The principal at Tioga High is Sandy Bradley and the Superintendent of Schools is Dr. John Triolo. Sandy and John are enthusiastic supporters of this program and would be happy to talk to you about it; or call Paul anytime for more details and with any questions. He can be reached at 209-962-7431 or ppmap@mlode.com
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Aviation Association meetings are normally held at 6:00pm on the first Saturday of every month. The location will be announced

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SET UP CREW:

Paul Sperry, Bob Bangs, Sean Brady, Buck Buchanan, Bob Cowley, Mike Millard



The Official Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association Cool Places and Happenings List

Here are some other great aviation events that our members have submitted, let's all try to get out and fly!

- April 22nd 8AM to 4PM Calaveras County Airport Open House
 "Good Old Fashion Airport Day"
- May 5th, 6th & 7th First Sierra Helicopter Meet - See copy of flier attached
- May 13th Wings Seminar: Mountain Flying @ the Jobe's Hangar House
- June 3rd, Noon to 5PM Fun Day at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport – Our meeting follows public fun

Here are the airports John Kounis spoke about at the last meeting. Start checking them off your list!

Airport	ID	Pilot Getaways Issue
Shelter Cove, CA	0Q5	Fall 2004
Half Moon Bar, OR	N/A	Fall 2001
Siletz Bay State Airport, OR	S45	Fall 2001
Tillamook, OR	S47	Winter 2001
Manzanita Beach / Nehalem Bay State Airport, OR	3S7	Fall 2003
Copalis Beach, WA	S16	Fall 1999
San Juan Islands, WA	FHR	Summer 1999
(recommended Friday Harbor, Eastsound, and Roche Harbor airports)	ORS WA09	
Cascade Loop, WA	N/A	Spring 2003
Steheekin, WA	6S9	Spring 2003
Skykomish, WA	S88	Spring 2003
Seattle/Boeing Field, WA	BFI	Winter 2002
McMinnville, OR	MMV	Winter 2004
Flying M Ranch, OR	OR05	Mar/Apr 2005
Prospect State Airport, OR	64S	Spring 2002
Sunriver, OR	S21	Summer 2000
Cedarville, CA (Surprise Valley Hot Springs)	O59	Winter 2000
Black Rock Desert Playas, NV	N/A	Fall 2000
Owyhee Reservoir, OR	28U	Spring 2001
Cavanaugh Bay, ID	66S	May/June 2005
Tanglefoot Seaplane Base, ID	D28	May/June 2005
Stanley, ID	2U7	N/A

Smiley Creek, ID	U87	Summer 2001
Johnson Creek, ID	3U2	Summer 2002
Wilson Bar, ID	ID76	Fall 2003
Upper Loon, ID	U72	Jul/Aug 2005
Benchmark, MT	3U7	Fall 2002
Seeley Lake, MT	23S	Summer 2002
Lindey's Landing Seaplane Base, MT	M35	Summer 2002
Marble, CO	N/A	Summer 2004

Draft poster of the June Fun Day

Join the
Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association
 June 3rd, 2006
 for a day of Aerial Fun
 at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport

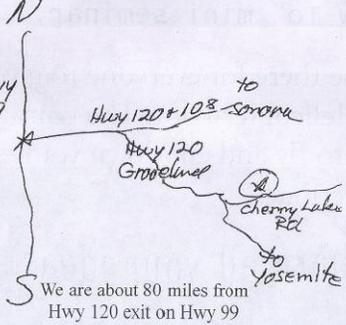
12:00 noon to 5:00 pm
 Static Displays
 Biplane Rides
 Parachutists
 Aerobatic Performances
 Fly-bys
 Food & Drinks

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the United States Advanced Aerobatic Team to attend the World Meet in Radon Poland
 Note to pilots: E45 will be closed 15:00 to 17:00 PDT for this event, please check NOTAMS

Location is 12850 Cherry Lake Rd
Groveland, CA 95321.

There will be dry camping on property.
Yosemite Riverside Inn is the closest
Motel. Other lodging and motels are in
Groveland and Buck Meadows. There
is also lodging at Evergreen Lodge
which is near Yosemite

For more info contact Hap or
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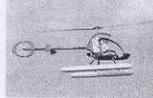
2006 Central Sierra



Helicopter Meet



May 5th, 6th & 7th



**The flier from the Miller's
helicopter meet**

**To all of our
volunteers-**

We Thank You!

FLY

IDAHO 2006

July 7-12 or so

Here is the general plan:

We arrive McCall on Friday. Big dinner, etc. Friday night and then spend Saturday organizing, flying with instructors, having fun, etc. Sunday morning those who choose to fly out to Camp. We will all fly out to various breakfast area, etc.

We plan on having some instructors available as well as limited cabins & lodge accommodations available in the backcountry and its borders. We also want to coordinate those who are camping so we don't duplicate equipment and can organize some food prep, etc. We'd like to make this trip fun for all, but we need to know what fun means to you. To get this started we need an idea of who is coming, what they are flying (if they are) and what they are interested in. Please fill the following out and get it to Rand.

Name _____

Number of people in group _____

Aircraft type, if you have one _____

Looking forward to: _____ nice hotel in McCall _____ Lodge/Cabins _____ Camping

Your phone number _____

Your email _____

Interested in instructor? _____

Comments/suggestions _____

Please give this to Rand or send it to:

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