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President's Message
- by Allen Craig

In the March 2006 newsletter, Mary Kelly wrote about our history and her collection of PMLAA newsletters back to 1986. Mary states, "Over the years PMLAA has developed into one of the biggest and best local organizations, one to be proud of." I fully support that sentiment and would add that the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association is one of the best aviation associations *in the country*.

As your new president, I'm lucky to have the assistance of a great team of volunteers. Most of last year's team agreed to continue in 2007, so we should have a very smooth transition. The new members of our Board: Vice President Norm Peebles and Secretary Bob Cowley are already hard at work contributing. Read the board profiles in this newsletter.

I am especially grateful to have Virginia Gustafson as newsletter editor. Although new to our team this year, she is not a rookie, as she edited the newsletter in 2004 and 2005.

I want to thank all of the PMLAA 2007 volunteers – new and returning. We are all dedicated to a fun, informative and profitable year for our association.

As your Association leader this year, I would like to see us increase our focus on the health of our airport. Whether you agree with the current "deer fence" issue or not (see JT's column on page 4), it is important for us to be united in support of our very own E45.

There are many significant issues facing community airports today. PMLAA may not be able to stop or fix these issues by ourselves, but we can certainly communicate our opinions and use our community involvement to stress the value of our airport to the

local population and beyond. I believe this should be part of our mission this year.

The next meeting is February 3rd at Buchners'; it will be a lot of fun with a wonderful band and our traditional Valentine's theme. Conni has a new twist this year; be sure to read the enclosed flyer.



Plans for the rest of the year are being finalized. We have a great list of speakers through May – see the back page and mark your calendars.

June will be another Community Airport Day with the return of Vicki Benzing's aerobatic friends. There will be no meeting in July. August will be an outdoor barbeque at Lake Lodge. We are working on some "big-time" speaker programs for the fall, so stay tuned.

Remember, it's time to renew your membership. See the renewal form in this newsletter and please send your updated information and check promptly, so we can keep our records up-to-date and keep paying our bills!

I look forward to serving as your president. I'm also looking for ideas to make this organization even better (and volunteers to make it happen), so let me know what you're thinking.

-- AI



Buchners'

PMLAA
Speak
Easy

Presents the St Valentine's Day Massacre Ball

Keep the wraps on this one, baby!

February 3 • 6:00pm

The hooch is being delivered February 3rd and we will celebrate in real roarin' twenties style.

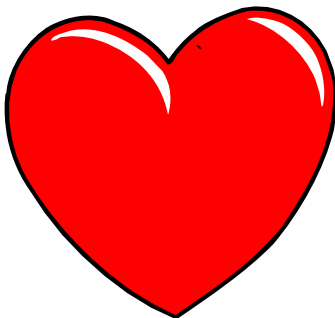
Conni "Crazy Legs" and Alan "Machine Gun" Buchner are opening Buchners' Speak Easy for one night only. Flappers are always welcome, men should be dressed to the nines, but please check your violin case at the door.

We will be dancing the night away with the always popular **Home Grown Band**.

To keep the heat from ruinin' our fun, be sure to knock three times prior to entry - no more, no less. Crazy Legs doesn't want to clean-up after the Tommy Guns blare.

Cover charge is \$10.00 per person to pay protection (and the band)

Please bring an appetizer or dessert enough for 6 persons.



Date: February 3, 2007

Time: 6.00 P.M.

Place: Buchners' Speak Easy
(formerly Buchners' Hangar)
20885 Hemlock St



From the Director
- by Jim Thomas, Airports Director

Results of Deer Fence Survey

The Airports Department has been working on the deer issue at Pine Mountain Lake Airport since late 2003. We have implemented several different methods to try to keep deer from loitering around the airport and from crossing the runway. One of those methods is the installation of the electric fence between the runway and the two parallel taxiways. Over the past two years since the fence has been in place I had received limited feedback on the fence. Recently, questions were raised over the effectiveness of the fence and the risks the fence and the closed taxiway may present.

In an effort to obtain more feedback from pilots, residents and those who frequent the airport, the Airports Department sent out 118 questionnaires. Eighty-two questionnaires were returned for an amazing response rate of 69.5% indicating that most of those polled have a sincere interest in the issue. 93% of the responders are pilots. The following are the results:

Do you think the deer fence is effective at reducing the number of deer on the runway?

Effective or Somewhat Effective – 73%
Not Effective – 13 %
No Opinion – 15%

Do you think that blocking off the runway exit located 1,000 feet from the west end of the runway presents a safety hazard to pilots?

Yes – 37%
No – 56%
No Opinion – 7%

Do you think the currently constructed fence presents a safety hazard to aircraft?

Yes – 22%
No – 74%
No Opinion – 4%

Do you think the deer fence is an eyesore?

Yes – 29%
No – 61%
No Opinion – 10%

Would you support thinning the deer herd through legally approved depredation methods?

Yes – 83%
No – 7%
No Opinion – 10%

From these results, we conclude that pilots feel the fence is *effective* in reducing the number of deer on the runway. However, they also feel the fence and especially the closed runway exit (now reopened) may present a potential hazard to aircraft. Also, the questionnaire clearly shows that pilots believe the real problem is too many deer, and that thinning the herd through legal and humane methods should be considered.

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

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Annual membership dues are **\$20.00** per household, payable Jan 30, 2007. PMLAA Name badges are **\$8.00** each. Please send your check to PMLAA, P.O. Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321.

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: normally held the first Saturday of each month. Please refer to the latest edition of *The PMLAA News* for more details.
- The *PMLAA News* is mailed monthly and is available online at www.pmlaa.org
- The membership roster (with information from this form) is distributed with the *PMLAA News* in April.

Renewing members: include your name and any information changes on this form. Please be sure to include your email address. If no changes, check here _____

Would you like to receive your newsletter by mail? _____ or by email only? _____

Date: _____ Circle one: New member / Renewal Member since _____

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2007 Annual Dues

\$20.00 per family \$ _____ + _____ badges @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____ enclosed

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Mark your calendar:

February 3	Valentine's Massacre Ball With our favorite band: <i>Home Grown</i>	6:00pm at Buchners' Hangar Bring an appetizer or dessert \$10 per person music charge
March 3	Dr. Ken Orloff Accident Investigation and Analysis	6:00pm at Benzings' Hangar Potluck Dinner
April 7	Marle Hewett Decorated Navy pilot and Air Force test pilot	6:00pm Potluck Dinner Location TBD
May 5	Ed Roziak, President California Pilots' Association "How to Keep your Airport Open"	6:00pm Potluck Dinner Location TBD
June 2	Community Aviation Day and Air Show	PML Airport Evening barbecue

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Valentine's Dance
Feb. 3