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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • BY NORM PEEBLES

The summer months are racing by and so far they have been very pleasant and mild this year. The planning for the remainder of the year appears to be on track and we have some very interesting speakers and topics scheduled for the upcoming months.

Our upcoming September 5th, 6:00 pm meeting will be held at Alan & Yuni Gaudenti's hangar which is located on Beaver court Unit 12, Lot 86. There will be special automobile parking procedures for the event. Parking on Beaver court is available with additional parking available east of the hangar (If you have four wheel drive/pickup you can park on the hill!) This parking will require you to drive on the ACTIVE South taxiway. Remember that aircraft have the right away at all times! Also you can only cross the runway at the very far western end. Please do not drive your automobile across the runway at the center crossing. We will provide traffic directors to help assist you before and after the event.

The speaker for the event will be CarolAnn Garratt. She shattered the world record for flying around the world westbound in a single engine, piston plane by circling the globe in only eight and a half days.(See her bio and flight info on page 2). The meeting will be a potluck with a world/international theme. Please bring a dish that will serve ten or more. Hope to see you there.

PMLAA MEMBER NEWS: Jan & Roger Sloan just completed their own personal record flight in their RV-7A. They departed E45 on July 1st and returned on July 31st. During the flight they visited, in the Continental United States, the highest public airport, Leadville Co. at 9,927ft, the southern most airport Key West Fl., the northern most airport Piney Pinecreek Border Minn., the eastern most airport East Port Ma.. They landed in thirty (30) states along the way and log seventy (70) flight hours.

At an estimated average ground speed of 140mph, that's almost 10,000 miles! They visited old friends, attended her high school reunion, went sightseeing, attended Oshkosh, and camped out in Yellowstone. That was one heck of a trip. Now if you count up what they did at the beginning of the year, where they visited eighteen (18) western state airports including the western most airport Quillayute Wa. in the RV-7A, Roger & Jan have landed in forty eight (48) states, with only two to go. Alaska is next year and Hawaii is on the planning board with internal and external tanks added sometime in the distant future. Welcome home and a job well done.

AIRPORT DAY: We are starting to plan the events for our airport day on October 3rd this year. The first thing is we will not have an aerobatic show like we had in the past. Two big reasons are the FAA and insurance. Nothing else needs to be said on that subject. We want to have displays, fly bys, maybe some BOMBING, and maybe a poker run. If you have some ideas let us know. That night we will have a regular meeting and potluck at Kay Meerman's hangar at 6:00 PM with Ken Orloff as our guest speaker. More information will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (All at 6:00pm)

SEPTEMBER 5THGaudenti's Hangar
CarolAnn Garratt

OCTOBER 3RDMeerman's Hangar
Airport day/Ken Orloff

NOVEMBER 7THMcGowan's Hangar
TBD

DECEMBER 12THMcGowan's Hangar
It's A Wrap Party

TWO PILOTS CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE SHATTERING WORLD RECORD TO FIND CURE FOR ALS

CAROLANN GARRATT BIO

CarolAnn Garratt, Ocala, Florida, is a former manager with a Fortune 500 company. She earned her private pilot license in 1978 and her instrument rating in 1980.

In 1996, she completed her commercial license and bought a Mooney in 2000. After her mother suffered and died from ALS, she flew around the world in 2003 to raise awareness and donations for ALS. Not content to just fly, CarolAnn built her first plane in 2006. Today she owns and flies three different aircraft. She has over 3500 hours and flies more than 400 hours a year including flying students with the EAA Young Eagles program, the sick and needy with Angel Flights, and instructing cadets with the Civil Air Patrol.



CarolAnn spent 18 months planning for her world record attempt, and with co-pilot Carol Foy, set out from Orlando International on December 2nd, 2008 to fly around the world westbound. The planning paid off as the first six legs went like clockwork. The seventh leg, across Africa, had its difficulties, but with the help of their ground crew, everything continued almost on schedule. They arrived back in Orlando after 8 days, 12 hours and 20 minutes, just 90 minutes ahead of a massive cold front that was plowing its way across Florida.

Crossing over 20,780 nautical miles at an average speed of 115 mph, Garratt and Foy broke the 20 years old world record of 54.6 mph, certified by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale.

The US governing body, National Aeronautics Association, has certified their flight as the US record. The Federation Aeronautique Internationale certified their flight as the world record on March 16, 2009.

Upon Silver Wings: Global Adventure in a Small Plane

The book is written so that you feel as if you are in the right seat watching and hearing the action and communication as CarolAnn flies the 15-hour leg from California to Hawaii or the 12-hour leg from Darwin, Australia over Indonesia to Singapore. When the engine coughs, your heart leaps into your mouth. When the radio doesn't work, you walk step by step through the problem analysis and find a solution. Enjoy the flight, enjoy visiting the different countries, and feel the freedom. **Cost: \$20 donation to ALS.**

Upon Silver Wings II: World-Record Adventure.

This newly published book about the world-record flight and its 18 months of preparation is now available. As with the first book, 100% of sales go directly to ALS Therapy Development Institute, researching a cure for Lou Gehrig's disease.



Read about the flight and learn what's involved in planning an endeavor that touches multiple time zones, governments and continents. Learn what went right and what went wrong. Share the experience of being in a small cockpit for 158 hours, leaving the plane only 8 times to refuel and stretch (their ground time was only 46 hours). What did they eat? How did they go to the bathroom? How did they get permission to cross all those countries? And, most important, what inspired Garratt and Foy to accomplish this world record?

Cost: \$20 donation to ALS.

A 35-minute DVD with international takeoffs and landings, ATC communication and the story of the 8 ½ day flight is also available. **Cost: \$10 donation to ALS.**



The books and DVD are available directly from CarolAnn at presentations and through the website, www.alsworldflight.com, or at www.amazon.com. (**Note: 15% goes to Amazon**).

If you would like to make a donation to support CarolAnn and Carol in Dash for a Cure, please visit <http://www.alsworldflight.com>.

For an upcoming schedule of presentations, go to <http://www.alsworldflight.com/media.php>.

About the ALS Therapy Development Institute.

The ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI) (www.als.net), based in Cambridge, Mass., operates the world's largest research and development program focused exclusively on ALS. The Institute has a staff of more than 30 scientists and research technicians, working on behalf of ALS patients to discover and advance novel therapeutics for treating, and ultimately curing, ALS. The nonprofit biotechnology institute excels in identifying novel disease targets, discovering compounds that may act against these targets, and screening potential treatments for clinical development.

FROM THE AIRPORTS DIRECTOR – BY JIM THOMAS

AIRPORT REVENUES

The Airports Department took another hit in our budget when the State of California decided to “take” \$4 million away from the Caltrans Division of Aeronautics and put it in the State’s general fund. This word was officially given to the County in a letter dated July 30, 2009 and signed by Gary Cathey, Chief of the Division of Aeronautics. What this means to the Airport budget is that we will not receive our Annual Credit Grants in the amount of \$10,000 for each airport.

At Columbia Airport this loss in revenue has been offset by the unanticipated revenue received from the USFS for using Columbia Airport as a helibase during the recent Knight Fire. Unfortunately, Pine Mountain Lake Airport’s loss of the \$10,000 Annual Credit Grant is going to be exceptionally tough to manage because the Annual Credit Grant constituted 20% of the Pine Mountain Lake Airport’s revenues. The following figures present the breakdown of the airport’s anticipated FY09/10 revenues.

Revenue Source	Amount	Percentage
Hangar/office lease	\$20,000	52%
Tiedowns	\$14,000	36%
Transient Tiedowns	\$1,800	5%
Long Term Parking	\$1,500	4%
Fuel Flowage Fee	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>3%</u>
Total:	\$38,500	100%

As you can see the vast majority of our revenue comes from hangar and tiedown rentals. The new hangars that will be completed early next year will improve our revenues only a small amount because the hangars will be privately owned and because several people will cancel their existing tiedown when they move into a new hangar.

Some pilots feel they are contributing to the operation of the airport when they purchase fuel from Mother Lode Aviation (a private corporation). This is true because Mother Lode Aviation’s lease currently requires them to pay the Airports Department 2.5 cents per gallon as a flowage fee. However, to put this in perspective, if you purchase 40 gallons of fuel you only contribute \$1.00 to the airport’s revenues. The revenue from one night’s transient fee of \$4.00 is the equivalent to the purchase of 160 gallons of fuel. If you want a mental math challenge, figure out how much fuel would have to be purchased to provide a flowage fee equal a monthly tiedown fee of \$41.75.

Pine Mountain Lake is an airpark used by most airpark residents and their guests. Proper maintenance and operation of the airport is important to our property values and even more importantly to the health of our aircraft. For this reason, privately funded projects like the repaving of the runway exits on the north side of the runway are extremely important because with our decreasing revenues, the Airports Department could never fund such a project.

FAA SAFETY SEMINAR – ‘HANDLING IN-FLIGHT EMERGENCIES’

Our next safety seminar will take place on Saturday morning, October 17, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon, at the County hangar (the one with the flag pole). If you have any questions, please call Joe De Nunzio at 962.5551 or 962.4425 or via e-mail to joe@e45flyers.us – The website can be seen at <http://www.e45flyers.us>

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NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 AT GAUDENTI'S HANGAR.