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Our March 6 Presentation at the Buchner Hangar
"Obsession"
A film by Ken Codeglia

"Something beautiful... Something fast... And just maybe, the fastest."

After two and a half years of dedicated hard work, Scott Alair finished building his Lancair Legacy aircraft. Then he set his sights on competing in the Sport Class at the Reno Air races.

In 2005, with Jim Thomas as his crew chief, Scott took second place in the Silver category at a speed of 285 mph – an impressive achievement for a first time racer. Then in 2006 he came back to do even better.

Our own Ken Codeglia volunteered to be part of "Team Obsession" and offered to bring his camera along. What he found was more than a casual week at Reno. Obstacles, successes, disappointments, and a surprise ending comprise this story of a perfectionist pilot and passionate competitor.

Ken will do a short introduction, and then show his 50-minute film. Ken, Scott and Jim will be available to answer questions after the showing.



Scott Alair and his 77 over Reno

2010 PMLAA Membership

Silvano has sent out an e-mail reminder to members with a membership renewal form. There is also a membership form embedded in this month's newsletter for your convenience as well. Please pay your dues promptly.

Please Pay Dues Now!

President's Message
- by Michael Lella

First of all, I would like to **welcome you all to the 2010 Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association!** As your newly appointed president, I am pleased to announce, despite the slow start, that we have lined-up a full schedule of events for the remainder of the year. However, we are still working on specific details of speaker dates and locations, all to be announced in due time. In addition, we have filled all of the Board Officer positions and Committee Chairs with *highly qualified* members (see page 3). All told, our objective remains to serve our membership with **fun and entertaining** events, and this, directly from the By Laws... **“to promote aviation interest, the welfare and safety of its members, Pine Mountain Lake Airport and the general community through recreational and educational activities”**.

Secondly, on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to give **special thanks** to our members who have allowed us to use their hangars for past events; **Alan and Connie Buchner, Silvano Gai and Antonella, Kay Meermans, Mel and Suzanne McGowan, Vicky and Jeff Benzing, Carol Simpson, Alan and Yuni Gaudenti, Jerry and Paula Baker for the wonderful Tuolumne Trails facility, and to our ex-president and first lady, Norm and Patty Peebles.** Our events are special not only because of our great speakers and food, but because they are hosted in these unique and beautiful meeting locations. We wouldn't be the association that we are without the generosity of our great hosts. **Thank you, thank you, thank you.**

A reminder that our next meeting is on Saturday, March 6th at the **Buchner Hangar**, at 6:00pm. It will be a “bring-what-you-want” food theme, and a film viewing of **“Obsession”** presented by our very own “multi-media” guru, **Ken Codeglia.** In April, our scheduled meeting will be on Saturday the 17th featuring Hanoi prisoner-of-war and decorated Navy Pilot speaker **Charlie Plum** (location to be announced). In May, we are proud to announce our speaker is **Jim Knuckle**, a WWII P38 Pilot shot down over Germany following the D-Day Invasion. Like Charlie Plum, Jim Knuckle, is an experienced and popular speaker, and we are honored to have him speak for our association. In June, PMLAA will be co-hosting a fund raiser to benefit our Pine Mountain Lake Airport in conjunction with our local EAA Chapter 1337. Our Airport Day has been a popular community event and it remains a “work-in-progress” which will, I'm sure, improve each year. Your Board and Committee Chairs are working on these events and we are confident we will have a complete and successful schedule for the rest of the year. Please mark your calendars and plan on supporting our Pine Mountain Lake Airport Association and community for these memorable events...

A reminder that our 2010 dues are due now. We will be printing a new Roster by mid-March with all new and updated membership addresses. If you haven't paid your dues, your name will not appear on that roster.

Members Activities

Thanks to our Past President and First Lady
Norm and Patty Peebles

The members of PMLAA would like to express their gratitude to Norm and Patty. In Norm's presidential tenure for the last two years, we experienced great speakers, top notch meetings, and what would a meeting be like without Norm's Safety Quiz. Norm and Wayne treated the community to a very notable airport day, providing a favorable experience for all facets of our community. Thanks, again, Norm and Patty!



Lieutenant Norm Peebles



Norm Working PMLAA Airport Day 2009

From the Director
- by Jim Thomas, Airports Director

Security at the Airport

On September 30, 2009 the FAA issued Order 5190.6B titled FAA Airport Compliance Manual, a 690 page document. Previously, this document was titled the Airport Compliance Handbook, was only 90 pages long and issued in October, 1989. Order 5190.6B sets forth policies and procedures for the FAA Airport Compliance Program and is not regulatory or controlling with regard to the airport owner. What it does, is provide basic guidance for FAA personnel in interpreting and administering the continuing commitments airport owners make to the federal government as a condition of receiving airport improvement grants. It is important to note that Pine Mountain Lake Airport is not under any grant obligations to the FAA. This means that the airport does not have any continuing commitments to meet the policy requirements presented in the newly issued Airport Compliance Manual. However, Columbia Airport has received FAA funding and does fall under the new policy requirements.

There are a few things in the new Airport Compliance Manual that have caused quite a stir among airport owners and operators throughout the country. The main concerns to me as Airports Director are:

1. The FAA policy that opposes any “through-the-fence” operations (off airport businesses that depend on airport access for their business to function)
2. The FAA policy that opposes any residences on airport property (such as apartments in hangars on an airport or what are commonly called “crew quarters”)
3. The FAA policy that opposes residential airparks
4. The FAA policy that considers campgrounds to be airport residences

Already, airport operators and organizations are expressing their opposition to some of the new policies. In fact, the new Airport Compliance Manual was the topic of discussion at the airport attorneys’ workshop at the Southwest American Association of Airport Executives conference held last month. AOPA and EAA are also expressing their opposition to several of the new policies.

These new policies could have significant impact on both Pine Mountain Lake and Columbia Airports’ ability to obtain FAA funding for airport improvement projects. As the County Airports Director, I felt it was imperative that I comment to the FAA with my opinion of these new policies. A copy of my letter to the FAA can be obtained from the Airports Department web page (http://portal.co.tuolumne.ca.us/psp/ps/TUP_AIRPORTS/EN/TP/h/?tab=DEFAULT). A link to the letter is on the far right of the page at the bottom of the list of links. It is titled Comments on FAA Order 5190.6B.

As you know, I am a big supporter of both residential airparks and airport campgrounds. I strongly feel both are very good for airport security and for the well being of General Aviation.

Young Eagles Rally



Our Young Eagles Rally sponsored by EAA Chapter 1337 was a community winner at 2009 PLM Airport Day. Many local children got their first airplane ride. In the picture **Above:** is our Airport Director Jim Thomas providing last minute instructions to one of our community youths, taking advantage of our community pilot’s generosity.

Below: 2009 PML Airport Day Organizer, Wayne Handley poses with two of our local youth before their much anticipated flight.



**A Report from your Webmaster
- by Silvano Gai**

News from www.pmlaa.org

This month I write to you as your webmaster and as the new president of our local EAA Chapter 1337.

As a webmaster I am continuing to improve the www.pmlaa.org website, and I have completely redesigned the www.eaa1337.org website. The most important innovations are in the area of weather and webcams.

The PMLAA website has a new weather page at: <http://www.pmlaa.org/weather.htm> that contains:

- Local data provide by the weather station of Eric Henderson: if you click on the picture you will get a very detailed page with historical data
- Information about sunset, sunrise, and twilight
- Information about the moon phases
- A link to the Columbia AWOS
- The Aviation Digital Data Service for nearby airports

The www.eaa1337.org website contains similar information for Columbia airport.

We have updated and stabilized the webcams at Columbia airport (http://www.eaa1337.org/columbia_airport_cam.htm) and hope that the images have improved in quality. We have added a second webcam looking south at Pine Mountain Lake (<http://www.pmlaa.org/webcams.htm>). In the April/May period we plan to deploy a new high definition webcam capable of taking multiple pictures to cover the complete horizon (both at Columbia and Pine Mountain Lake). When looking at the webcams and the weather, please check the date/time to be sure that the information is not obsolete. As always, before flying, take an official briefing and don't rely on our websites.

As president of the Northern Yosemite EAA Chapter 1337, I invite you to join the chapter. The enrolment form is online at <http://www.eaa1337.org/docs/2010RenewalForm.pdf>

This year we are trying hard to expand the activities of the EAA chapter in conjunction with PMLAA. Our current schedule is the following:

- Young Eagles April 17th (Columbia Airport)
- Poker Run, May 15th, starts at Columbia Airport
- Fundraiser for Pine Mountain Lake Airport, June 5th
- Father's Day Fly-in 2010, June 19 and 20
- Young Eagles October 2nd (Pine Mountain Lake Airport)
- Wings Seminars
- Technical Seminars

Please help keep our EAA chapter alive by joining now!
Thank you!

PML Airport Improvements in 2009

The PMLAA displayed its community spirit in helping our airport community during a difficult financial year for our county and state government. Some of the noted Improvements at the airport that were completed in 2009:

- Participated in Weed Abatement
- Painting Improvements to the pilots lounge
- Paving some deteriorated taxiways sections
- Fixing a festering drainage problem

Reminder: Please pay your \$20 annual dues *now*. Use the form on page 5 to update your contact info.

The annual membership roster will be distributed with the May newsletter.

BOARD OF OFFICERS – 2010

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

2010 Membership Application for New Members, Renewals & Updates

- Annual membership dues are **\$20.00** per household, payable Jan 30, 2010.
- 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: Please only record information changes on this form.

Which information, if any, do want published in the roster (the roster is only mailed to the members and NOT published on the internet)? Check the info you want published. Street Address ___ Phone___ email address(es)___

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

Date: _____ Circle one: New member / Renewal No Changes _____

Name(s): _____ & _____
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Circle any aviation jobs you have ever held:
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Lineman, Engineer, Air Traffic Control, Other _____

Details: _____

Other Aviation Interests: _____

Military History: _____

2010 Annual Dues

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

Mail your check to PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321



Mark your calendar:

March 6 th	<i>“Obsession,” a film by Ken Codeglia “Scott Alair and his Lancair Legacy Aircraft”</i>	6:00pm at Buchners’ Hangar Potluck Dinner
April 17 th	Charlie Plum, “Who Packed Your Parachute” Charlie is a decorated Navy Pilot and a Hanoi Hilton Survivor	6:00pm Location TBD Potluck Dinner
May 8 th or 15 th	Jim Kunckle, WWII P38 Pilot and German Prisoner of War	
June 5 th	EAA fund raiser in conjunction with EAA Chapter 1337	
July 16 th	Reverse-Draw Fundraiser and Dance	
September 3 rd	Speaker and location to be announced	
October 2 nd	PMLAA Airport Day	
November 6 th	Speaker and location to be announced	
December 10 th	“It’s A Wrap!”	

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**Have you paid
your Dues?**