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### 2011 PMLAA Highlights

**February: Col Rob Rowe** recounted his adventures in U2s.



**March: Reno Air Racers** Lee Behel, Kevin Eldredge, and Rick Vandam were fun and informative.



**April: Lauran Paine, Jr.** entertained with aviation stories and wrote about his PML visit.



**May: Peter Garrison** told his very personal story of the Melmoth.



**June: Ramona Cox** delighted us with her Sky-chick adventures.



**July: Dick VanGrunsven** told the history of RV designs to RV pilots from across the state.



**August: Mike Higgins** inspired us with great destinations ideas.



**September: Jan Brown-Sullivan** thrilled us with her courage in the first solar-powered aircraft.



**October: Stan Stokes** shared his aviation experiences through an artist's eye.



*President's Message*  
*By Wayne Handley*

**T**hank you for allowing me to be your president for 2011. Moving here five years ago was one of the best things Karen and I have ever done; I felt that taking the presidency for one year was a good way to pay back to our great aviation community. The support you have all given me is greatly appreciated! It is very rewarding and downright enjoyable to work with people who have such a spirit of volunteerism.

I recently spent a few days instructing in the Midwest (the town name withheld to protect the less fortunate), and my appreciation for PML was again reinforced. We experienced un-flyable weather without a cloud in the sky; it was just too windy.

As I pass the gavel to Marle Hewett I regret that I will not be passing along two of my most appreciated committee people: Virginia Gustafson and Frank Perry. Virginia and Frank have put in hundreds of hours over the past several years writing, editing and printing our monthly newsletter. Virginia has also done a terrific job of taking care of our needs in the local media. Thank you both; I'm sure you will fill your newly available time with other interesting projects.

Looking back over the year brings many good memories. The Gaudentis and Muckels really raised the bar at our last two hangar parties! I just hope these two "Over the Top" events don't discourage others from hosting our monthly meetings. One of the things Karen and I agreed on when we moved here was that we weren't going to try and keep up with the Joneses, so I hope you potential hangar hosts aren't intimidated. I thought the "Block Party" on the North taxiway was a lot of fun and hope that idea catches on.

We had a good lineup of speakers and I'm looking forward to even stronger presentations next year. Marle Hewett, Allen Craig and I will be working hard to bring you the highest quality speakers possible in 2012. This year's Community Airport Day worked out well and we flew sixty-five Young Eagles. We all see areas that can be improved on, so I expect next year's event to be a little tighter, with a little more action.

I encourage you all to become educated on the financial future of our airport. E-45 is officially listed as a "Through the Fence" airport and therefore not eligible for FAA funding. For the past three years we have maintained the taxiways, runway and drainage areas with volunteer help and our own fund raising efforts. As the need for repaving the runway nears, we will need to become very creative. We cannot afford to take our airport for granted.

Thanks again to all for the pleasure of working for and with you during 2011! See you at the Christmas party. Wayne

*Tuolumne Trails News*

**P**MMLAA member and motorcycle enthusiast Ken Helling won the custom motorcycle donated by Macquarie Electronics. Funds raised by the raffle benefited Tuolumne Trails and our special campers. Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets.



The camp's fall volunteer day is November 12. Please call 962-6336 if you can spare a few hours to help with a number of improvement projects around camp. ♦

*Stan Stokes Visits PMLAA*

**F**amed aviation artist Stan Stokes gave a fascinating presentation at our October 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, highlighting some of the great experiences he has had in the process of developing his paintings. We also enjoyed Frank Perry's Airport Day Wrap Show and Ken Codeglia's video of Bud Linn and his unique Mini Mustang.

Congratulations to 50:50 winner Eric Schmidt. The club's proceeds were donated to the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to John Muckel for his hangar hospitality and for the great turkey dinner. ♦

*New PMLAA Officers for 2012*

**Congratulations** to the new PMLAA leadership team. We thank you for your service and look forward to 2012!

President – Marle Hewett

Vice President: Airport Affairs – Eric Henderson

Vice President: Social – Kathy McConnell

Secretary – Charleen Beam

Treasurer – Kay Smith

Welcome to new newsletter editor Judy Hewett and to publicity chair Larry Jobe. Special thanks to all the returning committee chairs and helpers who make our meetings successful every month! ♦

# PMLAA Christmas Party



**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:30pm at Buchners' Hangar**  
(corner of Hemlock and Woodside)

*Reservations required! RSVP by Nov. 23.*

Join your friends and neighbors at PML Aviation Association for a great kick-off to the holiday season. Our Christmas party features a fabulous meal, beautiful decorations, great music and lots of camaraderie. Your \$25 admission includes appetizers, a gourmet chicken dinner with all the trimmings and even a festive rum cake for dessert. Dinner is catered by Stacie Brown of Good to Go Catering. Dancing 'til the wee hours is to the music by PMLAA's own DJ, Phil Hickerson.

Dress is "holiday casual," so put on your Santa sweater and come join the fun. Reservations are required. Please send the form below with your check (\$25 per person) to PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, by Nov. 23.

If you would like to donate new unwrapped children's toys to the Groveland Christmas Basket Project please bring them to the party. PMLAA will *not* be wrapping gifts this year, but will deliver all donated gifts to the project.



## PMLAA Christmas Party



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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to PMLAA and mail to:

**PMLAA Christmas Party, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321**

NOTE: RSVP deadline is Nov. 23, 2011



## 2011 Meeting Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>
December 3	PMLAA Christmas Party	6:30 pm Buchners' hangar

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*Christmas Party: Dec. 3*  
*Make your reservations now!*