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BLOCK PARTY
POKER RUN / PRIZES / BURGERS / DOGS
SATURDAY AUGUST 4TH



It's summertime! Balmy nights, good food, and lots of fun and prizes await us in the hangars on the back taxiway. Be there at 5:30 and let the fun begin!

Marie and Randy Barber have been busy planning a great evening for us. Dinner tables will be set up at their hangar and "Killer Margaritas", other drinks, salads and desserts will be in Shane Margrave's hangar. Here's where you come in! Our Pot Luck contributions will be either salads or desserts. Yum! But before we eat these treats and the burgers and dogs our special PMLAA crew will be grilling for us, we'll enjoy appetizers on our POKER TOUR through five color-coded hangars. You have to visit all five hangars to play the game. These generous tenants will be our hangar hosts. The Orloffs, Jim Thomas, the Sandlings, the Harrisons, Pat & Bill Thomas will check you in as you play your poker hand. You'll draw a card and get stickers to fill out your Tally Sheets. Ken Helling will assist with golf cart transport between hangars when required.

You will definitely want to play because Marie has lined up numerous awesome prizes for the winners. Perhaps you'll win the \$100 gift certificate for Serendipity donated by Yosemite Bank. Or one of three \$50 gift certificates from the Charlotte Hotel, The Groveland Hotel, and our own generous Red Rossio. There will be other terrific prizes associated with our raffle tickets, too,-- besides the 50/50 drawing. Two judges will tally the results of the Tally Sheets at the Final Checkpoint (somewhere near the Barber's) before we have dinner. It will be high suspense!

There's even a speaker to entertain us further after we've eaten. He's Gary Steinhauer, Regional Director of the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor. (There's also a site in Sausalito). And he's keeping his talk brief to allow us to fully enjoy the entire evening's events.

Winners will be announced after Gary's talk. If there is a tie for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd places, we'll have a quick 5-card draw game among the "contenders".

Then we'll take down most of the tables to move into the "Dance Party" portion of our evening. Phil Hickerson is going to pump up the volume and help us dance the night away.

So we'll see you there!

The President's Corner

Marle Hewett

Our June meeting was held at Mel and Suzanne's beautiful hangar on the North taxiway. We were disappointed to hear that they could not make the meeting because an injury Mel sustained a few days before. Fortunately, the injury was not too serious and we are told Mel is doing fine.



The meeting featured two speakers: Commander Kenny Fields, United States Navy Retired and Captain George Marrett, United

States Air Force. Kenny, a squadron mate of mine aboard the USS America flying A-7s at the time, was shot down on his very first combat mission in the Spring of 1968, and George was one of dozens of Air Force pilots involved in Kenny's rescue. It was one of a handful of remarkable rescue efforts of the Vietnam war.

By this time many of you have read Kenny's amazing story in his book *The Rescue of Streetcar 304*. As good as Kenny's book is, I was not aware until recently of George's literary achievements: four books and numerous articles published over the years in our leading aviation magazines.

Judy is reading George's *Contrails Over The Mojave. The Golden Age of Jet Flight Testing at Edwards Air Force Base*. I'm reading *Cheating Death*.



Combat Air Rescues in Vietnam and Laos. George is a supremely talented writer; One reviewer commented

that George is as accomplished a writer as he is a test pilot. Judy and I enthusiastically recommend these readings to serious aviation buffs.

On another subject, our next PMLAA event is the block party at Marie and Randy Barber's hangar along with the Sandlings, Harrisons, Pat & Bill Thomas, the Orloff's and J.T.'s hangars with Ken Helling transporting us about. We are trying our damndest to outdo last year's event. Don't miss it! ♦

Meeting Our Members

Kay (Carol) Smith may have an ordinary surname, but she's a PMLAA member extraordinaire.

We see her at almost every meeting welcoming members, but did you know that this smiling, attractive greeter is a past president of PMLAA



(1995), our current treasurer and one who served in this capacity once before? She also manages the books and operations for Mother Lode Aviation and has done so since 1999.

Not just a managerial whiz, she's also a pilot with 1100 hours in three different planes who earned her license at age 61 under the tutelage of Larry Jobe. The plane she talks of most is the Navion. She was, as well, a Navion President (1992 and 2000) and served on the Navion National level as a board member for three years.

We can't imagine her life as a solo act, though. Frequent in her conversations are references to her beloved husband Hugh, father of her two daughters and twin sons. Also a past president of PMLAA, Hugh was the first of the two to become a pilot. On July 1st of 1950, she became his "right seat." If Hugh were still alive, they would be celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary this summer. Together, they raised a family, flew the Navion, built an RV, and made PML their home for many years.

Luckily for us, this Bay Area native is still contributing. She volunteers at Sonora Regional hospital as well as always serving us in PMLAA. Considering, in addition, her previous careers in nursing, the telephone company, and even our own pharmacy, how can we sum up this incredible lady?

Quietly efficient, trim, a giving individual, she can only be described as AMAZING!

Thank you, Kay, for all you do! ♦



*From The Airports Manager
by Jim Thomas*

Airport Safety Policies

The Pine Mountain Lake Airport is a friendly place and we encourage safe use of the airport by everyone. It is important to remember that the airport was constructed to facilitate aircraft operations and meet FAA design requirements. Use of the airport for access and exercise is allowed but only if the airport's Safety Policies are followed. I want to emphasize that at the airport, aircraft always have the right-of-way over all others. Everyone must also understand that safety is the most important goal at the airport. There are a few policies that have been implemented to assure safety is always maintained at the airport. These Safety Policies are:

1. Aircraft ALWAYS have the right-of-way over all other vehicles and pedestrians.
2. Understand that a spinning propeller can kill a person or animal instantly.
3. NEVER walk or drive on the runway except to cross it. It is a very dangerous place. Aircraft can be quiet and not easily heard when they are gliding in for landing.
4. The Obstacle Free Area (OFA) (think of it as the danger zone) is that area within 125' of either side of the runway centerline. The edge of the OFA is also the same distance from the runway centerline as the runway hold lines (the double solid double dashed line on the runway entrance/exit). Under no circumstances should anyone be in the OFA except to cross the runway.
5. If you find an aircraft coming at you on the taxiway move at least 25' off the taxiway to the side away from the runway and stop until the aircraft passes.
6. If you find an aircraft coming at you on the ramp move to a tie-down or protected area and wait for the aircraft to pass.
7. All cars and trucks must only cross the runway at the far west end. No car or truck crossing is permitted at the mid field crossing.
8. Pedestrians, bicycles, open vehicles (golf carts, motorcycles, etc.) are permitted to cross mid field but only after STOPPING behind the hold line and looking twice both directions, the first time for aircraft on the ground and the second time for aircraft in the air.
9. Don't drive off the asphalt pavement especially on a turn. Driving with your wheels in the gravel

kicks gravel onto the pavement which can become a hazard to a turning propeller. Propellers can pick up a small rock from the pavement which can then nick the propeller blade and also be propelled like a bullet in any direction.

10. When crossing the runway, regardless of whether you are on foot or in a vehicle, you should cross quickly. Don't lollygag across the runway. Pick up your pace if walking or quickly accelerate after stopping to look for aircraft.
11. All pets must be on a leash per County ordinance, and please pick up after your pets.

I want to emphasize that a single incident between an aircraft and a pedestrian or vehicle could impact everyone's privilege to use the airport. That includes the use of the airport by residents. It is indeed a situation where one person can ruin it for everyone. The airport has an exceptional safety record and we all want to keep it that way. You can do your part by sharing these policies with others using the airport.

There is a hand-out that is available in the plastic box on the outside of the pilot's lounge that provides additional information on the use of the airport. Please feel free to take one. ♦

Good News

Eric Henderson is beginning to make plans for our Airport Day. The date this year is October 6th. We will follow the same recipe that's worked so well over the last several years. The morning will be dominated by Young Eagles rides supported by our local EAA chapter. The afternoon will feature flybys by several popular formation flying groups, a remote controlled aircraft demonstration and, finally, a car and/or motorcycle versus airplane race.

We have operated at risk in these airshows in past years for lack of insurance coverage. Your board is working to obtain coverage this year. We have one bid to date and are working on two more. Insurance brokers tell us the Reno accident last year has had an effect on coverage rates for "Airport Day" events, but the one bid we have seems reasonable. We'll keep you informed.

Our November 3rd meeting follows with a presentation by the County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team at Vicky and Jeff's new hangar. Then there's the perennial Christmas Party at the Buchner's hangar in December. Connie is busy planning that one. ♦



2012 Meeting Calendar

| Date | Program | Location |
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| August 4 | Block Party Gary Steinhauer | 5:30pm - Randy & Marie Barber's & neighbors' hangars |
| September 8 | Norm Peebles & Joe Riley "Vietnam from a Helicopter" | 6:00pm - Norm & Patty Peeble's Hangar |

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