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## ***AIRPORT DAY - October 6th***

It's that time of year again; time to demonstrate and celebrate our shared commitment to the flying life. On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, we, the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association, invite our local communities to join us on the South ramp of Pine Mountain Lake airport for an afternoon of fun and adventure.

We will demonstrate our flying skills with formation flybys, skydiving, spot landing and flour bombing contests, airplane vs. car / motorcycle races (who can resist that!), and remote-controlled airplane flying demonstrations. The fun starts at noon and runs until 5:00 PM. Our refreshment stand will keep you well fed and hydrated.

In the morning starting at 9:00 AM and running until noon, our local Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 1337) will host a Young Eagle's event. Chapter pilots will fly youngsters between ages 8-17 on short flights in a variety of our association airplanes. Youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be required to complete and sign a registration form prior to flying. Be there at 9:00 AM. The goal of the EAA's Young Eagles program is to light a fire in those young hearts and pass on our aviation heritage to the next generation.



Our monthly meeting will be at Kay Meermans' patio and hangar at 6:00 PM after the day's activities. It will be a pot luck as usual. There will be no speaker. We will set up on Friday night on Kay's patio weather permitting. Potato guns are welcome assuming we're on the patio.

We'll have two 50-50 drawings: one from our truncated last month's meeting at the beginning of the meeting, and one for the current meeting at the conclusion.

We'll recognize the spot landing and flour bombing champions (probably Navy types) and maybe share some more war stories.

## *The President's Corner*

*Marle Hewett*

As those in attendance will remember, we had to truncate last month's meeting for a medical emergency. A grandmother of one of our members was not feeling well and required assistance. Thank you Jan Sloan and Judy Collier for interceding, for your skill and quick response. We are told the lady is doing well. Our paramedics also did their job well.

Airport day is just around the corner. Eric Henderson, your president next year, is running the show. Eric could use volunteers for runway crossing guards, roving safety observers, etc. Last year's show was a big hit, but we did experience a breakdown in safety late in the day around the gas pump area including runway crossings. We will try to rectify that lapse this year. If you can volunteer, call Eric at (209) 962-0832 or email him at [cessna54c@gmail.com](mailto:cessna54c@gmail.com). He would be happy to find a job for you.

Wayne Handley is planning and running all air events this year as has become his very welcome yearly contribution. Jim Meide will again serve as event announcer as he has done so well in the past. He will be ably assisted in that capacity by our own Paul Purifoy.

Unfortunately, there will be no newsletter next month as Judy and I will be in absentia from the week prior to airport day until November 1<sup>st</sup>. Between my obligations to Red Bull as Mission Director for the RedBullStratos program's final record jump (skydive) from 127,000 feet in Roswell, NM, and Judy and my 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Sicily, we'll be out of touch for awhile. Eric will persevere in my absence.

Eric is also working on his PMLAA board for next year. He will be setting up a nominating committee and, we should have a slate for the members to vote on in the November meeting. Most of the current board members are not eligible for a return engagement by bylaws. That includes Treasurer, Social VP and Secretary. Then, of course, we need a candidate for next years VP for Airport Affairs who will become 2014's President.

It is important to recognize that these positions cannot always be filled with people with time on their hands. Most good candidates are already very busy; that's why they're good candidates. That, in turn, means that presidents, for example, need a lot of talented support on the board. I have had that level of support in the last year, and Eric, since he is still working full time, will also need that level next year.

One final note: Go to [www.redbullstratos.com](http://www.redbullstratos.com) to see what my Red Bull team is doing in Roswell from October 8-12. The event will not be "live" but close to it.

## *The November Meeting*

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Benzing's Hangar*

Our November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will feature the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit. This unit is dedicated to saving lives through search, rescue, and safety education.

The team is composed totally of volunteers and is available upon request to help search and rescue problems anywhere in the Tuolumne County area under the authority of the local county sheriff or in other counties under local authority.

Rescue volunteers are on call 24 he's a day 7 days a week. Responding to back country ground searches, low angle and high angle rope rescues. They are trained in the areas of off highway vehicle, equestrian, air operations, swift water rescues and dive recovery. Whether in rain, sleet or snow, day or night, volunteers respond.



Their motto is "That others may live..."



Eric Henderson is an active member of this unit. He will introduce the unit and the presenters.

This promises to be an instructive and entertaining talk on an important resource available to us through the Sheriff's Office.

*Safety Corner  
by Norm Peebles*

### The Pursuit of Perfection

The slogan of Lexus motor cars, but it could easily be the slogan of Aviation Safety. Now I don't think Lexus thinks that every car they manufacture is going to be the perfect car and will meet the needs of every one of the customers, but think about the concept of trying to be perfect and trying hard to meet that ideal! Trying to make the effort each and every time to be better and to do it without making mistakes certainly has to be a goal of each of the aircraft manufacturers worldwide. In aviation manufacturing "0" mistakes must be the goal, I can't imagine a company saying 96% is OK.

That same goal in GA cockpits isn't a bad idea. Now I know there is a lot that can go wrong while flying and we can get ourselves into trouble real fast. But if we start out with the idea I 'am going to do this as best that I can and do all the right things on this flight, it might add a little more margin of safety to the flight. The pursuit of perfection is a good idea; let's give it a try.



Couldn't resist including this; seems to fit with Norm's article - Marle

## *New Members*

We're delighted to share the names of four new members. Please welcome them warmly

**Dale and Kandy Mueller – Groveland**

**Patrick and Valerie Kelly – San Francisco**

## *Volunteers: Hot Dog Stand*

We still need three or four volunteers in the 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM time slot for our airport day on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call Kay Meermans at 962-0611 or Judy Hewett at 962-0701. Can you help? Thanks!

## *Important Reminder*

*The evening meeting on airport day will be at Kay Meermans' hangar / patio. This is a change of site. Thank you, Kay, for coming to the rescue.*

*It's a pot luck, not a catered event.*

*Bring appetizers, salads, entrees, or desserts*

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*The Pine Mountain Aviation Association Store is active. They have all types of clothing with our logos, emblems, etc. Go to <http://www.companycasuals.com/pmlaa/start.jsp> and explore.*



## 2012 Meeting Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Location</i>
Oct 6	AIRPORT DAY	6:00 PM - Pot Luck at Kay Meermans' Hangar (on the patio weather permitting)
November 3	Tuolumne County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit	6:00 PM - Pot Luck at Jeff and Vickie's Hangar

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