



Thomas B. Haines **Editor in Chief and Sr VP of AOPA** **to Speak on September 7th!**

Where: Michael Thoben's Hangar at **6:00 PM** September 7th 2013

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The PMLAA is excited to have Thomas Haines join us in September. He is a pivotal influence in general aviation as we know it today. This will also be his first visit to the Mother Lode and Yosemite, so please come out and welcome Mr. Haines and share with him why we all love aviation and this area so much.

Thomas B. Haines was appointed Senior Vice President and Editor in Chief, AOPA Publications in July 1994 and named Senior Vice President of Media in December 2009. He manages a staff of 22 writers, editors, graphic artists, photographers, videographers, developers, Web specialists, and support personnel.

He oversees publication of *AOPA Pilot* Magazine, the world's largest aviation magazine; *Flight Training* magazine, a monthly magazine specifically for student pilots and flight instructors; the weekly *AOPA ePilot* electronic newsletter; the Flight Training edition of *ePilot*, AOPA Online and four other Web sites; and the association's video-on-demand channel, AOPA Live. An award-winning author of hundreds of magazine articles, he is the host of the association's weekly streaming Web news magazine, AOPA Live This Week, which in its first year of production became aviation's largest regularly scheduled web show. *AOPA Pilot* received the 2006 Gold EDDIE Award for association publications from *Folio: Magazine*, publishing's highest honor.



Under his leadership, the AOPA Media Division has achieved record growth, launched successful new print and Internet products, and achieved integration of its printed publications and the Internet, serving AOPA members wherever they are.

Before joining AOPA staff in 1988, Haines served as executive editor for *Professional Pilot* Magazine, and as a newspaper reporter and radio announcer.

Haines holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from Mount St. Mary's University and a BA degree in Journalism with a Communications Media minor from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is a 3,000-hour private pilot with multiengine and instrument ratings. He owns a Beech A36 Bonanza and holds a single-pilot type rating in the Eclipse 500.

President's Message

By Eric Henderson

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at next month's meeting. We will hear from Thomas Haines, someone who really has his pulse on the issues at AOPA, and learn all the latest scuttlebutt on general aviation. It has been a long summer, full of things to catch up on with one another. I was unfortunately absent at the Block Party, but I have heard nothing but rave reviews and praise from everyone on how well it went. Maybe I should miss more events! There are entirely too many people that made it such a success to list here, but none of it would have happened without the tremendous efforts of Marie Barber and all the owners that opened their doors on the north taxiway!

Earlier this month I was surprised to run into Ken Helling, Rich Sowell, and Jan and Roger Sloan at the Johnson Creek airport in Idaho. Ken's Comanche was easily spotted at the Cessna 180 Fly-In. We received a wonderful gift of two commercial-grade park benches from member Scott Poms. I recently put them up at the windsock, and I am currently looking for a few volunteers to help me install them. If you can donate a couple hours of your time in the next week of two, please let me know at the September meeting. Lastly, the month of August is wrapping up with the breathtakingly close call we had with the Rim Fire. I don't know what more to say, other than without this airport and aviation assets from local, state and national agencies, many of us (including yours truly) would not have a home today!

So, come to Michael Thoben's hanger on the 7th. Find out what's happening with general aviation at the national, state and local levels, and come to share all your stories from this month. I have a feeling there won't be a shortage of scuttlebutt.



From the Airports Manager

By Jim Thomas

In between all the fire excitement, the runways were paved this month. Here are some photos of the work that was done, with the smoke from the fire looming in the background.



Social News

By Catherine Santa Maria

It was a good thing that July was dark because of the planning involved with the August Block Party. While Marie Barber was obtaining hangars for the event, obtaining eye candy (airplanes,) asking and obtaining prizes and planning the poker walk yours truly was planning the food, getting volunteers to do everything from Barbequing (Thanks Ron and Leon), shopping, ironing tablecloths, bugging Ed Peters (What would we do without Ed), talking with Phil about the music, obtaining more gifts from local merchants, etc. etc. There are so many members who helped on this event that it would take 4 pages in this newsletter to name them all. In addition, Jeff Benzing who won \$400 on the 50-50, gave \$380 back to PMLAA. WOW!! Thank You All! The spirit of this organization is simply amazing.

What is your favorite Italian dish?? Yep, you got it – the September potluck will be Italian night. So whip up your favorite dish and bring it to the meeting. Antipasti, pasta, salads, bread and dessert are some ideas for you to think about. Once again we will need help setting up and taking down so see you all at the hangar around 10:00AM on the day of the event and 10:00AM on the day after the event. If you have any questions give me a call at 962-7904.

*Be a Part of Airport Day – Oct. 5th
by Virginia Richmond (Gustafson)*

Get ready for our Community Airport Day on October 5th. This is a great way for PMLAA to celebrate our love of general aviation and to encourage community support for our airport.

We need pilots for Young Eagle rides and contestants for flour bombing and spot landing contests. Lots of volunteers are needed to help with registration, safety, parking, pedestrian and vehicle control, set-up, and food sales.

Please call Ed Sunday at 533-1405 to be a Young Eagles pilot or Lynne Orloff at 962-4631 for an Airport Day assignment.

News in Brief

PMLAA charter members Larry & Nina Jobe are leading their 11th annual "American Aviators VIP Tour of China" next March/April 2013. Check out www.TravelAireTours.com and www.FlyingTigersHistoricalOrganization.com (especially its Newsletters link) for lots of information. The 2014 tour will include a WW II symposium at the new 16,000 sq. ft. Flying Tigers Museum built at one of the key Flying Tigers airfields - a project that evolved from Larry and a 2-star general on the 2006 tour.

Guess The Airport

Try to guess the airport pictured below. The airport is within the San Francisco Sectional and is an interesting and easy destination to reach from Pine Mountain Lake.

The answer to Mystery Airport #1 (in last month's edition) was **Oakland Airport**.

Mystery Airport #2 is an airport adjacent to a major highway, close to a world-renowned agricultural region (I'll drink to that!). The airport provides challenging crosswind practice for students on its untowered field. Follow the river north to find another nearby airport that has a great on-field restaurant named after the runway heading.

Where are we?





2013 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
September 7	Thomas Haines, AOPA Sr. VP	6:00PM Location Michael Thoben's Hangar
October 5	Airport Day	All day, Pine Mountain Lake Airport
November 2	Stars of Aerobatics	6:00PM Location TBD
December 7	Christmas Party	6:00PM Tuolumne Trails (RSVP Required – more to come!)

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