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*Pine Mountain Lake Airport Day*  
*Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
*11AM-2PM*  
*Evening Potluck at 5:30PM*



The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association invites everyone to our Annual Community Airport Day on October 3 from 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Pine Mountain Lake County Airport. This is a great *fun and free* way to visit your airport and see lots of interesting aircraft.

Special events this year include a radio controlled model airplane demonstration, flying demonstrations, precision flying contests, and car vs. airplane races.

This is a great opportunity to check out your county airport, observe aircraft on display and meet our local pilots. PMLAA will be selling refreshments for your convenience. *Admission is free.* Please use the Elderberry Way entrance to the airport. Bring folding chairs.

Appreciation for our local airport has certainly increased during the long drought in California and the resulting fires. Having a local airport also makes medical helicopter evacuations possible. Mark your calendar and come spend the day at *your* local airport!



*President's Message*  
*By Catherine Santa Maria*

Our September meeting was well-attended and very interesting. After we had a wonderful potluck full of delicious Chili, Salads, Appetizers and Desserts, Wayne Handley introduced the YouTube Video of Rob Holland's Aerobatic world championship flight in France. Wow, that guy is amazing; wouldn't you just love to be a mouse in his pocket to witness those amazing maneuvers? Right after that, Dale Mueller our very own VP, gave his presentation on his experiences flying the B52. Many thanks Dale and Wayne for giving us yet another great program.

Susie Williams and Leon Liebster are busy completing the PMLAA Calendar for 2016 and I just had a glimpse of the Calendar it is going to be a great one! We will have them for sale at our Community Airport Day. Please plan on purchasing at least one, and remember these make great Christmas gifts!

Community Airport Day is coming up quickly and will be from 11:00AM to 2:00PM on October 3. Please plan on attending and bringing a comfortable chair to sit on. We will have refreshments, and Kathy McConnell is looking for volunteers to help out in the food booth. Give her a call at 962-5854 if you can help out. Dale Mueller is in charge of Airport Day and he is looking for volunteers so call him at 962-6308 if you can help in any way. The evening meal will be at Kay Meerman's Hangar at 5:30PM, please see Kym's column for instructions on what to bring.

I am happy to do your announcements; however, please send me your requests one week before the meeting date, as an agenda is prepared for each meeting. In addition, please mark your serving utensils and serving dishes and remember them before leaving so that they do not get lost.

By the way, if you want to learn how to fly don't forget our community has the PML Aero Club and they are always looking for new members. Contact Dennis Smith at 962-4950 if you would like further information.

*Social Column*  
*By Kym Purifoy*

Our October meeting will take place at 5:30 PM October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the beautiful hangar of Kay Merrmans the evening of the PMLAA Airport Day. Kentucky Fried Chicken will be provided for a donation of \$5, Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Our set up is on Friday October 2nd. at 2:00 PM and cleanup is on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

A special thank you to Sally Smikahl & Virginia Richmond who laundered all the table clothes from our September potluck.

*Scenes From Airport Day Last Year*



**Airplane vs. Go-Kart Race**



**Parachutists descend onto the field**

*What We Have Here Is  
A Failure To Communicate  
By Mike Gustafson*

Ok, a show of hands, how many of you remember what movie this quote came from? It unfortunately applies today just as it did 20 years ago. Behind bad weather (and is weather really bad or just misunderstood?) and night flights, poor communications causes more accidents and enforcement actions than it should.

I took a class in college one time on "Communications Theory", I thought it was an electronics class; in fact it was all about how we all mis-communicate and how to try and reduce the communications breakdown. One of the big points was that it was the sender's job to insure that the receiver actually heard the sender's words. What the receiver did with them was another problem. As pilots we need to insure that the receiver, ATC, other aircraft in the pattern, etc. hears our words.

As I have touched on in past missives, arriving at the airport, be it controlled or uncontrolled, is the place where a lot of the accidents occur. On a nice day after a long spell of bad weather everyone is out exercising their wings and having a great time. Some pilots are just too casual about their communications process, poor situational awareness, ie, not knowing where they are, not listening to weather info first ( if available), not picking up their call sign when the tower calls them, etc. A good controller can usually account for the Sunday pilot, but what about uncontrolled airports?

It is even more critical that when arriving at an uncontrolled field that our communications be precise. Being wrong with your position call-out will only add to the confusion that often reigns at a popular fly in spot. Waiting until the last minute to figure out which runway is active or assuming the wrong one is active adds to the potential for a chance meeting. Some thoughts on how to communicate and operate in the most professional manner possible:

Starting listening 10 miles out to get a feel for how busy the airport is. This helps you get the big picture of where all the traffic is.

Have your weather/ATIS/AWOS information well in hand before your first transmission.

Think about and practice what it is that you want to communicate before pressing the mic. button.

Remember the "W"s: Who you are, who you are calling, what you want to do and where you are.

Get your position information right.

If you are arriving at a towered airport, then listen to your instructions and make sure you understand them. Just because you have flown to this airport 2 dozen times, don't assume that this arrival procedure will be the same.

One final thought. Unicom frequencies are already over worked and promise to get worse with time. We share our frequency with 5 other local airports so it might seem like you cannot get a word in edgewise but there is a radio technology tip that might help. Our radios are based on Amplitude Modulation or A.M. and one attribute of that scheme is that the closes transmitter captures the receiver. So if you are in the pattern at PML and you hear Visalia airplanes talking you do not have to wait for them to stop before you transmit. Aircraft close to you will hear you just fine and you will not bother aircraft listening in the pattern at Visalia.

*Upcoming Events  
By Janet Gregory*

**SEPTEMBER**

**16-20 National Championship Air Races, RTS, Reno, NV**

19-21 Vicky Benzing Aerosports at Oregon International Airshow, HIO, Hillsboro, OR

26-27 Patriots Jet Team & Vicky Benzing Aerosports at California Int'l Airshow, SNS, Salinas

**OCTOBER**

2-3 Pemberton Aerosports at Embry-Riddle October West, Prescott, AZ

**3 Airport Appreciation Day, E45, Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland**

4 Vicky Benzing Aerosports at Livermore Airshow, LVK, Livermore

2-4 Patriots Jet Team Performance at MCAS Miramar Airshow, San Diego

**10 Young Eagles Rally, E45, Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland**

10-11 Pemberton Aerosports at Minden-Tahoe Airshow, MEV, Minden, NV

10-11 Patriots Jet Team Performance at San Francisco Fleet Week

13-18 Pemberton Aerosports at Wingsuit World Record, L65, Perris

17 Patriots Jet Team Performance at San Bernardino Fest, SBD, San Bernardino

**24 Patriots Jet Team Annual Gala, C83, Byron**



## 2015 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
October 3rd	Airport Day	11AM-2PM at PML Airport; 5:30PM dinner
November 7th	George Marrett	6:00PM location McGowans' Hangar
December 5th	Holiday Party	6:00PM location Tuolumne Trails

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