



Planes, Trains, and Automobiles - Saturday, May 7th - McGowan Hangar 6PM

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We're going to expand on the "Hot August Nights" evening we had last August to include more cars and even some model trains! Come join us for an informal evening having potluck dinner, talking with your friends, and checking out the displays of planes, trains and automobiles. One of the railroad modelers will give a short presentation too.

Bring your vehicle (aircraft, car, anything else) over early at 5:30 so we can set everything up. Watch for the friendly traffic controllers who will direct you to your display spot.

President's Message – by Dale Mueller

One month into spring, and it's still raining! The drought could be over, but I'm not holding my breath. I am, however, holding my breath for good weather for the May meeting since the theme is Trains, Planes, and Automobiles. If you have any of the above, bring 'em. We did the PMLAA version of Hot August Nights last August, but since we have reintroduced the August Taxiway/Block Party, we are adding trains, and doing the stationary version this month. We have a short presentation by a model railroader, and our own planes and autos. As we did last August, if you bring a display vehicle of any description, we will have marshals to assist in parking starting at 5:30. Otherwise, come on out at the usual time and enjoy!

Social Corner – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends. Can't believe we are already headed into the month of May. Time for our Cinco de Mayo themed aviation dinner so let's cook up our favorite Mexican fare! Several years back I won 2nd place in the local fair for my Salsa recipe so I will be making that to share along with another main course I haven't quite decided on. So many good choices. I'm also happy to say that once again we are lucky to have our very own margarita expert Mike G. serving top shelf margaritas from his margarita machine!!! This is definitely one of my favorite gastronomic experiences!!! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Meeting on Saturday May 7 at 6 pm in the McGowan's hangar.

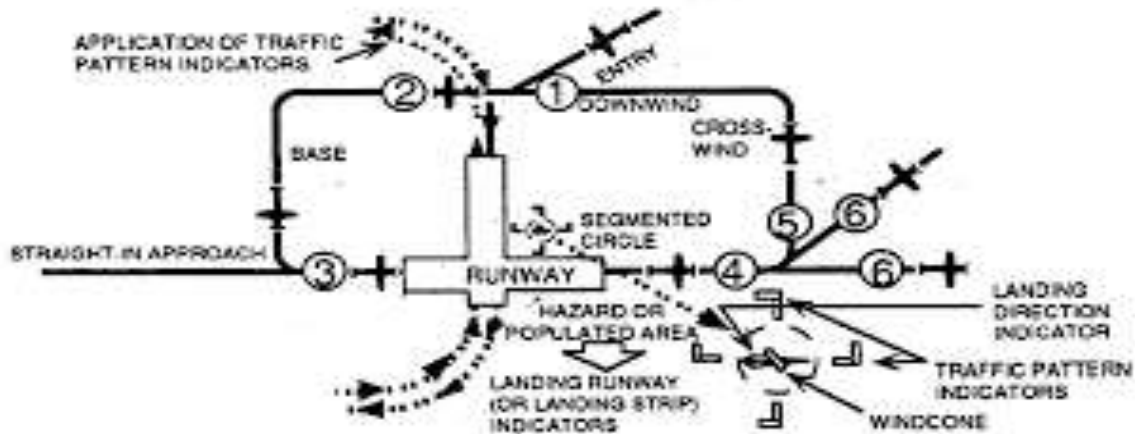
Safety Corner – by Dale Mueller

This month we'll take a look at the various ways to enter traffic at a non-towered airport such as ours along with the relatively scant official words on the subject.

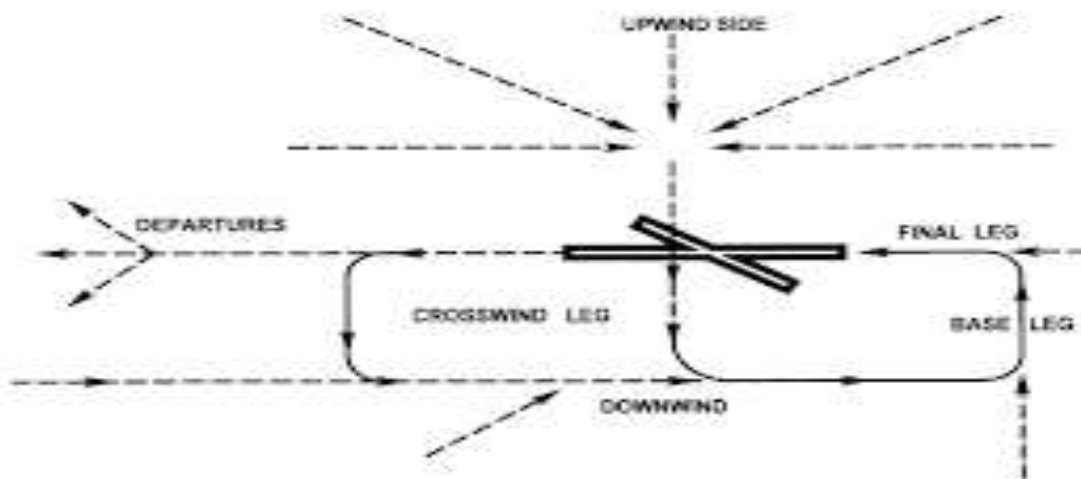
Not very well-known is the only *regulatory* information (emphasis mine) concerning traffic patterns: FAR Part 91.126(b)(1) Each pilot of an airplane must make all turns of that airplane to the left unless the airport displays approved light signals or visual markings indicating that turns should be made to the right, in which case the pilot must make all turns to the right, and (2) Each pilot of a helicopter or a powered parachute must avoid the flow of fixed-wing aircraft. That's it. Everything else written by the FAA or any other organization is advisory, and while it may be good advice and/or best practice, it is not regulatory. Incidentally, the helicopter rule, had it been complied with by an Army National Guard pilot in Illinois in 1998, would have prevented the wake turbulence accident presented by our own Ken Orloff last month.

So what are some of the traffic pattern entry techniques out there? The FAA publishes Advisory Circular AC90-66A, the title of which sort of says it all about that agency's recommendations: Recommended Standard Traffic Patterns and Practices for Aeronautical Operations at Airports Without Operating Control Towers. In that document they depict the familiar 45-degree entry to downwind, which incidentally is a turn opposite the direction mandated in FAR 91.126. This AC depicts what is thought of as the standard traffic pattern we were all taught as students. It also cautions vigilance for straight-in traffic coming to the airport where aircraft are already established in the pattern.

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It doesn't mention a couple of other commonly-used pattern entries. One is the flight path that goes over midfield coming from the non-traffic side of the traffic pattern, above pattern altitude and joins downwind with a descending turn. This technique has the advantage of getting a good view of the windsock.



The other is the "straight to downwind" entry where the inbound aircraft is pointed at the airport and more-or-less aligned with the runway, but opposite traffic. Here the pilot joins an extended downwind leg, but just a bit farther from the airport than aircraft in closed traffic.

One can debate pros and cons of all these techniques, but the fact remains that all of them can be adapted in any number of ways, none of which are "wrong", but that can result in any aircraft being right where it wasn't expected and difficult to see from any other aircraft. The bottom line is observe right-of-way rules and "see and avoid". Although they are rare, the midair collisions that have occurred near non-towered airports in class G airspace have been classified by the NTSB as failure to see and avoid, not failure to follow any particular traffic pattern.

Dick "Chili" Chilingarian Celebrates Nine Decades!

Happy 90th birthday to Dick Chilingarian! In three-plus decades at PML many people know Dick through his daily appearance at "The Boys Club" or because he sold them their home while he was a relator. All of us enjoy his many stories of his time in the Navy, flying, auto racing and 45 great years with Ellie. If you want more of Dick's story, click [this link](#) to a 2013 article with more of his bold and daring adventures.



Behind the Scenes at NorCal ATC

On Saturday, May 21st you can get a behind the scenes look at how NorCal ATC (Air Traffic Control) Center at Mather Airport keeps the skies over California safe. You can fly in or drive in for the tour, scheduled at 1:30 and expected to last 2-3 hours. This tour has been coordinated by Mike Gustafson and our local EAA Chapter 1337. Space is limited, so if interested please contact Mike Gustafson by May 1st with your name and California Driver's License number (for the required background check). Mike can be reached at 962-6336 or mlgpilot@yahoo.com.

Memorial Service for Carol Simpson Set for May 21

There will be a memorial gathering for Carol Simpson, longtime resident and aviator here at PML. The service will start at 1pm and will include a chance for anyone to stand up and say a few words about her. The memorial will be held at the Handley/Craig hangar on the south taxiway.



Tuolumne County Airports Advisory

Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, 11-April cancelled. No reason given.

PMLAA Newsletter

Big thanks to Susie Williams who has been the PMLAA Newsletter editor for the past 4 years. Susie is looking to spend more time with her photography, flying and that pesky thing called work. We are seeking a new editor for the newsletter. If you would be interested please contact Susie at swissmissusie@gmail.com. We also welcome aviation related articles and photos. Please submit any items of interest to Susie to include in the newsletter.

PMLAA Membership

Your PML Aviation Association has 173 member families. We still haven't heard from 22 prior members who we also hope will rejoin us again this year. By the end of April, the membership list will be mailed to members only. We are also in process of creating two email distribution lists: 1) PMLAA Members and 2) Friends of PMLAA. Members will receive member-only information, the monthly electronic newsletter and other area aviation news. Friends will only receive other area aviation news. We respect and value everyone's privacy, and will protect your contact information carefully.

Welcome To Our New Neighbor

The airport has a new tenant at one end of Woodside way and the outer taxiway. Tristan Duplan is the proud new owner of Tony and Silvano Gai's house. Originally from France, Tristan comes to us from Chicago, IL. He left the Silicon Valley back in 2010 after living there for 10 years as a software engineer. While living in the Bay Area he knew some of our members and was instructing part-time at Reid Hillview and Palo Alto airports. He is looking forward to meeting everyone in the next few weeks and sharing flying stories.

Tristan first discovered the Pine Mountain Lake airport back in 2005 and has already experienced Airport Day. Currently he flies as a copilot for Kalitta Air, LLC on the Boeing 747-400F.

When he is not crossing oceans, Tristan plans to take care of the house and his beautiful garden, and to keep the webcams running. Currently, Tristan does not own an airplane so he wants to find feathered friends for the corner hangar. If you see Tristan around the house, stop by and say Hi!



Area Aviation Events

- April 23 – Young Eagles Rally at Columbia, O22**
- May**
 2 – Pemberton @ Friendship Day, MCCA Iwakuni, Japan
7 – PMLAA Meeting
 7 – Vicky Benzing @ Hiller Museum Biggest Little Air Show, San Carlos, CA
 8 – *Mother’s Day*
14 – PML Aero Club Meeting
 14-16 – Vicky Benzing, Pemberton & Patriots Jet @ Hangar 24 Air Show, Redlands, CA
 30 – *Memorial Day*
- June**
4 – PMLAA Meeting
 4 – Vicky Benzing @ Hemet Air Show, Hemet, CA
11 – PML Aero Club Meeting
18-19 – Father’s Day Fly-in 50th Anniversary at Columbia, O22
 18-19 – Vicky Benzing @ Hollister Air Show, Hollister, CA
 19 – *Father’s Day*
 26 – Patriots Jet Team @ Nascar Sonoma Raceway, CA

2016 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
May 7 th	Planes, Trains, and Autos	6:00PM Location McGowan Hangar
June 4 th	(TBD)	6:00PM Location McGowan Hangar
July	(no meeting)	

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