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Pine Mountain Lake Community Airport Day Saturday, October 1st – noon to 3pm

Get Ready for Community Airport Day

– by Virginia Richmond

Community Airport Day at PML emphasizes the important contributions of our airport to the greater community. We hope to have a big turn-out of non-pilots to learn about and enjoy all that PML Airport has to offer. (Note, this is *not* a fly-in.)

Air boss Wayne Handley has developed a great line-up, including skydivers, radio controlled model airplane demonstrations, fly-overs, pilot skills contests, and formation flying.



Ramp boss Mike Gustafson has arranged exciting races between airplanes and cars, as well as a display of current and vintage planes and cars. PMLAA will staff a busy refreshment stand during the event as well.



This is an all-hands event for PMLAA members. Get involved; see where you can help!

- To help at the refreshment stand, contact Kathy McConnell at 962-5854.
- To help with set-up, traffic control, airplane movements, airplane displays, etc. contact Mike Gustafson, 962-6336.
- To participate in the flour bombing or spot landing contests, contact Wayne Handley at 962-7868. Note there are only eight slots available for each contest.

Community Airport Day offers fun and adventure all afternoon. Invite your non-pilot friends and neighbors and get involved!

Social Corner

– by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA friends. With a fun summer behind us, here we are in mid-September. I am looking forward to one of my favorite events: PMLAA Airport Day. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1st. It will be a full day of flying fun followed by a Steak Dinner BBQ.

The dinner will be at Kay Meerman's hangar at 6 pm. There will be a \$5.00 suggested donation jar for the steaks. Members please bring a side dish to accompany the steaks or an appetizer or a dessert.

So we order the correct amount of meat, we need your RSVP. We talked to 33 at the September meeting and have them on the "yes" list. For those we missed or who were not at the September meeting, you have received an Evite invitation which will make an RSVP easy. If you haven't found it in your email, use this link to RSVP: <http://evite.me/FGFbAC4CMD>

Our party will be accompanied by live music of the Sierra Mountain Band.

I look forward to seeing everyone there. Until then...

Pine Mountain Lake Airport Public Information Workshop

– by Ed Gregory

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm for a Pine Mountain Lake Airport Public Information Workshop. The workshop was organized by our Tuolumne County Airport Office and Benny Stuth, Airports Manager. It will take place at the Handley-Craig Hangar, 20810 Elderberry Way, Groveland.

Agenda includes four main sections: welcome, presentation of projects planned for E45, RTTF, and public comment. Projects planned are airport office upgrades, safety signage, parking lot, striping and sealing. RTTF (Residential through the Fence) overview and update. Please join us.

Patriots Jet Team Foundation Gala

– by Janet Gregory

Fourth Annual Gala
Saturday, October 15th, 5:00 – 10:00pm
Patriots Jet Center, Byron Airport (C83)

Don't miss the Patriots Jet Team Fourth Annual Benefit Gala. All proceeds go directly to the all-volunteer youth education programs of the Patriots Jet Team Foundation and it is tax deductible.

If you are considering attending, let me know (962-5061). I can ask PJT to arrange a PML table. It's great fun! You will enjoy an aerial performance, dinner, auctions, and a featured speaker; with L-39s and MIGs performing. Featured speaker is Alan Eustace, Sr VP at Google. He broke the parachute distance record in 2014 by jumping from the Stratosphere at 25 miles above the earth's surface. Register and get more information at www.pjtf.org.

Fly-in, Fly-out, Go Flying

– by Janet Gregory

Fly-in, fly-out, and go flying with your friends. No matter what you call it, it's fun to go flying with others. Here are five simple steps to organize.

1. *Pick a destination* – breakfast, lunch, aviation event, or interesting location.
2. *Pick a date and time* – weekend, mid-week, or event driven.
3. *Spread the word* – talk it up, announce it to PMLAA, boyz club, email, or a few phone calls.
4. *Organize* – who and how many, suggested arrival time, air-to-air communication, formation flying, or other details.
5. *Coordinate with Destination* – depending on the number of aircraft or people, you may want to notify the destination for reservations, aircraft parking, or other considerations.

Want to go flying? Here are two upcoming events:

- Sunday, October 2 – fly into Mather (KMHR) for the California Capital Airshow
<http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com/visit/fly-in-info/>
- Saturday, November 12 – fly into Gustine (3O1) – free morning donuts & coffee, kid activities, food booths, aircraft tours, free lunch for pilots who fly in day of event, - info 209-854-6471

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Jet-A Fuel** can now be found at Mariposa Airport (KMPI), reports Susie Williams.
- **Lost & Found** at PMLAA meetings: 8” diameter glass salad bowl from September and women’s sunglasses from August Back Taxiway – contact Janet Gregory 962-5061.
- **New Members:** Joe Dial & Patricia Polen
- **Worth watching:** The movie “Sully” is getting great reviews from aviators and non-aviators alike. It’s the true story of US Airways pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger who in 2009 successfully executed an emergency water landing on the Hudson River off Manhattan, NY after losing two engines to bird strikes of a flock of Canadian geese. All 155 passengers and crew survived.
- **Reno Air Races:** Box B50 ticket available, contact Ed or Janet Gregory 510-693-7546.

PMLAA Newsletter Editor – by Janet Gregory

A big welcome goes out to Nikki Grimes who has volunteered to be the PMLAA Newsletter Editor!

Nikki and her husband Dan have enjoyed Pine Mountain Lake for the past six years after they made Groveland their permanent home. Previously they lived in the San Francisco East Bay Area. Nikki worked in commercial insurance, back-office operations, before retiring. She is an avid cyclist, enjoying organized events as well as the local roads. The season that Nikki sang with the San Francisco Symphony Chorus was a fun and learning experience. She now sings soprano with the Pine Cone Singers. Nikki and Dan’s blended family includes three children and two grandchildren. Nikki loves aviation and, although she is not a pilot, she enjoys her role as navigator in their Zenair and Mooney.

Please welcome Nikki to her new role as Newsletter Editor. She can be reached at:
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2017 PMLAA Calendars Available!

– by Susie Williams



2017 Calendar Cover- Cessna 195s over Yosemite, by Rex Pemberton

After a long summer trying to hunt down photo opportunities, the 2017 PMLAA Calendar has been finalized. This edition features all aerial shots of airplanes, float planes, helicopters, and even a pair of powered parachutes.

All the aircraft have a tie to Pine Mountain Lake- either the aircraft is or was based here or the pilot lives here or, in the case of the CalFire helicopter shot, the aircraft was working here when the photo was taken. The cover shot was taken by Rex Pemberton from Jason Johanson's photo platform/Cessna 206. It features a beautiful pair of Cessna 195s with Yosemite in the background. The Cessnas are owned by PMLAA President Dale Mueller and by Jay Carter. Jay's 195 is based at Columbia and used to be owned by the Blankenberg family, formerly neighbors at PML.

The calendar will be available for sale starting September 24th at the Young Eagles rally. They will also be for sale at Airport Day, October 1st, and at the 50/50 ticket table at the next few PMLAA meetings. Look for additional calendars around town in various local businesses. The calendars are only \$15 each. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and also for your pilot friends... they make great gifts!

Young Eagles – September 24

– by Virginia Richmond

Come and help with at the Young Eagles event on Saturday morning, September 24th. It's just a few hours and you'll make a BIG impression on a child and possibly lead them to a career or avocation in aviation.



Ground crew needed – you can help set-up, register kids, get parental signatures, get kids safely in and out of planes, or show them how to work the simulators. You don't have to be a pilot to help!

Even better – you'll be invited to a luncheon at the Gregorys' home right after the event for all helpers and their spouses.

Contact Janet Gregory at 962-5061 today!

Area Aviation Events

September

10-18 – V.Benzing @ Reno Championship Air Races, Reno, NV

18 – Patriots Jet Team @ Go Pro Grand Prix, Sonoma, CA

24 – Young Eagles Rally at PML, E45

24 – E45 Airport Display Day

24-25 – V.Benzing @ Wings over Wine Country Air Show, STS, Santa Rosa

28 – PML Airport Public Information Workshop at PML

October

1 – PML Airport Appreciation Day, E45

1 – PMLAA Meeting

1 – V. Benzing at Livermore Air Show, Livermore

2016 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
October 1 st	Airport Day	All Day at E45
November 5 th	TBD	6:00pm McGowan's Hangar
December 3 rd	Holiday Party	Buckner's Hanger

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