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## *Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting*

### *Hot August Nights*

*Saturday, August 5 – 5:30 pm  
NE Taxiway Party*



#### Final Flight: Farewell Mel McGowan

We will miss Mel (Melvin Wayne) McGowan who made his final flight on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. He was at home in Bakersfield with his loving wife, Suzanne. Mel and Suzanne are both known for their generosity, as you have witnessed by their allowing us to use their hangar for PMLAA meetings. Mel was an Air Force veteran and patriot, proud of America and the freedoms we enjoy. He was an independent minded entrepreneurial spirit that start many successful business in a variety of fields. Mel will be missed by all of us at PML and his 5 children, 6 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Farewell, Mel. We are better for having known you. More details at

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bakersfield/obituary.aspx?pid=186052747>

#### President's Message – by Bonnie Ritchey

A huge thanks to Larry Jobe for sharing his epic adventure with us at the June meeting. An amazing 8-day trip that became a 3-month journey and the story of a lifetime. Big thanks also to Janet Gregory for her help in preparing the presentation. And finally, thank you to our auctioneer, Paul Purifoy, for his great work!

In July we don't have a meeting but please join me and my neighbors on the Northeast taxiway for a big summer BBQ bash in August. If you have a cool or unique vehicle to show off that evening please contact me. I can't believe the year is half done!

#### PMLAA Scholarship Awarded to T.J. Moyle

T.J. Moyle of Sonora was awarded a \$250 PMLAA Scholarship to attend ground school. T.J. is a Sonora high school student and active Boy Scout who is interested in aviation and getting his private pilot's license. His long-term goal is to become a commercial pilot to fly with the airlines or corporate. The scholarship money was paid directly to the Flight Services giving the ground school instruction.



PMLAA Scholarships are awarded quarterly to qualified applicants seeking assistance with educational interests in aviation or STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Applicants must be sponsored by a PMLAA member but do not need to be a PMLAA member. Applicants can be of any age. Preference is given to locals, but that is a guideline, not a requirement. Amounts vary up to \$500. See any PMLAA Board member for details.

### Social Corner – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends. Summer has arrived and I hope everyone is looking forward to our Hot August Nights Taxiway party. We have a very enjoyable evening planned! **The party will be held at the Northeast 27 end of taxiway this year.** It starts at **5:30PM on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>** at the Thoben's hangar and goes down to Bonnie Ritchey's hangar.

There will be Cars, Motorcycles and Planes on display as well as Live Music, a Silent Auction, Games, and BBQ Dinner (suggested \$5 donation per person). Also feel free to bring Appetizers and Desserts. The appetizers and desserts can be brought directly to Bonnie's hangar where food tables will be set up. In conclusion, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU again to all the members who help me set up, clean up, break down... and hold me up. You Guys Rock!



*Here is the grizzly on E45 mentioned in last month's Radio Rumors.  
Check with Paul and Kym Purifoy for the full story on this guy.*

## Aviation 101 - Free Online Aviation Course

Textron Aviation, Cessna Aircraft's parent company and the largest aircraft manufacturer in the world, has collaborated with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, one of the world's leading aviation universities, to provide a free online 'Introduction to Aviation' course.

Everyone with an interest in aviation is invited to enroll. This is a great opportunity for any high school student who is trying to choose a career and wants to learn more about aviation. It is also ideal for anyone who wants to explore the essentials of aviation, or for experienced pilots to review some of the basics. If you have a computer or tablet, and an internet connection, you can register and complete this course.

**Aviation 101** is comprised of nine video lessons covering topics such as:

- Aircraft Systems
- Aerodynamics
- Flight Instruments
- Airports
- Airspace
- Radio Communication & ATC
- Aeromedical
- Aviation Weather

- Performance and Navigation

**How does it work?**

Enroll for free and proceed at your own pace. The course is divided into 3 sections, each containing 3 lessons and one section test.

**What do I receive if I complete the course?**

Everyone who completes Aviation 101 is eligible to receive an exclusive aircraft walk around experience by visiting a participating Cessna Pilot Center.

**How do I get started?**

Visit [www.aviation101.org](http://www.aviation101.org) to enroll and start your flight training journey today.



*Volunteer Project - Painting the taxiway markings yellow*

**E45 Work in Progress – by Ed Gregory**

Steve Martin and I represent E45 on the Tuolumne County Airport Advisory Committee. Let us know of outstanding issues; we will do our best to track down information and keep you informed. We have our eye on items owned by Tuolumne County (TC) and local residents and users of E45 (PML).

**PROGRESS**

- **Taxiway markings (PML).** Painted the airport markings on the south taxiway (mostly) yellow, to comply with the new FAA standards (Harrison-Ford-don't-land-on-the-taxiway ruling). Thanks to EAA volunteers: Allen Craig, Ed Gregory, Mike Lella, Leon Liebster, and Dennis Smith.
- **Windsock (PML).** EAA replaced the windsock on the 9er end of the runway. Still determining the replacement size for the sock by the wind-T ... current 18" diameter or larger 24" or 36".
- **Deer Fence (TC).** We'd like to take this off the list but the deer won't let us.
- **Oil Shed (PML).** Owned by PML (EAA & PMLAA). County agreement to have shed on their property and pay half of the disposal cost. Disposal services have been contacted and expected this week. It's been numerous years since this was last taken care of; we're on top of it now.
- **Safety Signage (PML).** Considering sign needs for private outer and north taxiways.

**TOP TC PROJECTS FOR FY2018 BUDGET (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)**

- **Pilot's Lounge (TC).** No update on the interior improvements for ADA requirements. Suggestion made to add coded door lock.
- **Crack sealing (TC).** County purchased equipment in 2016 to reduce cost and improve availability. In process of scheduling.
- **RTTF (Residential Through-the-Fence) (TC).** No update. Background information at [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov); search RTTF.

- **GPS approach (TC).** Airport departure and arrival clearance inspection was done in February. Encroaching trees are on airport property; working to get approval for removal.
- **Safety Signage (TC).** Under review for conformity to FAA, State, and County standards. Our sign requests are non-standard.

## Father's Day Fly-In – Columbia O22

This year's Father's Day Fly-In, June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, was great fun. Attendance was down due to record high temperatures. But, the fun was up! Spectacular aerial demonstrations from the Tiger Squadron, Bay Bombers and B25 Mitchell. Fly-bys, races, kid's area, food, and static display of cars and airplanes filled the days. Thanks go to PMLAA volunteers: Rob Compton, Patty Douglass, Ed & Janet Gregory, and Norma Lella. Great "smoke on" photo from Dave Douglass!

Great article and photos about Columbia's Father's Day Fly-in on AOPA: "Make Their Eyes Light Up." Well worth the time to click and read. <https://blog.aopa.org/aopa/2017/06/20/make-their-eyes-light-up/>



## EAA Fly-out to the McClellan Aviation Museum – by Janet Gregory

It was a beautiful Saturday May 13, the day before Mother's Day. Perfect day for a fly-out to McClellan Airfield (MCC) and the Aerospace Museum of California to enjoy airplanes and special museum exhibits. The Museum features over 50 historic aircraft including a C-53 De-Day Aircraft, A-10 Thunderbolt, "Top Gun" F-14 Tomcat, and two of past PML resident Lee Behel's planes. The special exhibit of Leonardo DaVinci's Machines in Motion was amazing. Many of his inventions have been constructed full size and allowed visitors to interact with them. The DaVinci exhibit will be there through September 4<sup>th</sup>, so you still have time to see it. Thanks go to Mike Gustafson for organizing the fly-out. It was a small but enthusiastic group.



Recreation of a DaVinci Machine

## Radio Rumors: “Say Again”

- **PMLAA welcomes two new members**, total membership is 179.
  - Kjell Nilsson & Carol Cooper of Groveland
  - Judy Calcagno & Carlos Holquin of Fremont
- **Fly-out fun:** Columbia Airport has the People Organics indoor food and craft market open Wednesday and Saturday to the public. Makes for a great spot for a fly-in or a drive-by.
- **Hangar space available.** Two county hangars are available; one is 1440 sq.ft. \$368/mo, and the other is 1500 sq.ft. \$384/mo. Contact Kalah with the TC County 209-533-5685 or [kbeckman@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:kbeckman@co.tuolumne.ca.us).
- **Nikki’s Big Adventure:** Our newsletter editor, Nikki Grimes, is setting out to ride across the northern US from west to east, riding as a "self-contained" cyclist. The ride supports MS, a cause very important to her because she is directly affected by MS and researchers are closing in on a cure. More info at [www.biketheusforms.org](http://www.biketheusforms.org).
- **Aerial Photography Show in Sonora:** PMLAA Secretary Susie Williams has an exhibit of aerial and landscape photos on display through July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Tuolumne County main library in Sonora. The library is located at 480 Greenley Road, just up the hill from the hospital, and is open from 10AM-6PM Tuesday through Saturday.
- **TCAA Meeting.** The June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> TCAA (Tuolumne County Airport Advisory) committee meeting was cancelled. Things are quiet, no new policy issues to review. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. All are welcome. Contact Ed Gregory or Steve Martin for info.

## Area Aviation Events

<b>July</b>	<b>NO PMLAA Meeting</b> 1 – Vicky Benzing @ Gig Harbor Wings & Wheels, Tacoma, WA 4 – Independence Day 4 – Vicky Benzing @ Tacoma Freedom Fair, Tacoma, WA 6-8 – Vicky Benzing @ Arlington Fly-In & Airshow, Arlington, WA <b>15 – E45 Airport Display Day</b> 24-30 – Vicky Benzing @ EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
<b>August</b>	<b>5 – PMLAA Northeast Taxiway BBQ Party</b> <b>19 – E45 Airport Display Day</b> 19-20 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings over Camarillo Air Show, CA

<b>September</b>	<b>2– PMLAA Meeting – Speaker Steve Schultz, ION Aircraft</b> 13-17 – Vicky Benzing racing @ Reno Air Races 16 – 49er Festival in Groveland <b>23 – E45 Airport Display Day</b> 30 – Vicky Benzing @ CA Airshow, Salinas
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## 2017 Meeting Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Time &amp; Location</i>
August 5	Block Party	5:30PM – Northeast taxiway
September 2	ION and the Steves	6:00PM- McGowan Hangar

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