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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting

Saturday, September 29

2018 Community Airport Day

Community Airport Day at PML emphasizes the important contributions of our airport to the PML community. All PML members should get involved! We hope to have a great local turn-out of non-pilots to learn about and enjoy all that PML Airport has to offer. Note, this is not a fly-in.

Community Airport Day offers fun and adventure all afternoon. Be sure to invite your non-pilot friends and neighbors, and prepare to help out.

Here is the schedule – subject to change:

Friday

- 10:00am Condiment prep at Santa Marias'. Call Catherine to volunteer: 962-7904
- 3:30pm Dinner set-up at Kay Meermans' hangar. Show up and help!
- 5:00pm Car/plane race rehearsals

Saturday is Airport Day



- 10:00am Set-up. Call Mike Gustafson, 962-6336, to help.
- 10:30am Pilot briefing meeting - Hangar 4.
- 11:30am PMLAA food stand opens.
- 12:00 – 3:00pm Community Airport Day: Flights, contests, exhibits, races, and demos.
- Only 3 slots left for flour bombing and spot landing contests. Contact Wayne Handley: 962-7868.
- 3:00pm Tear-down; everyone help
- 6:00pm Catered steak dinner at Kay Meermans' hangar. \$10 per person. Pay at the door (cash, check or credit card).

Sunday

- 10:00am Clean-up at Kay's

Young Eagles at PML – by Virginia Richmond

One of the best ways to show the value of aviation and PML Airport is through EAA's Young Eagles program, starting at 9:00am on Oct. 6 at the new hangars.



We need volunteer pilots and helpers!

- Pilots must be EAA members, insured and current. Pilot briefing and set-up begins at 7:30am.
- We also need people to help organize and register the kids.
- Call Ed Gregory at 962-5061 to sign-up.

PML Young Eagle events typically draw over 50 enthusiastic youngsters looking forward to an introductory flight. As a result of this experience, some of these kids may become our future pilots and all of them will have new perspectives on their world.

Social Article – by Danielle Coelho

It's that time of year again...Airport Day is just around the corner on Saturday, September 29th. After enjoying a fun day at the airport, we will meet at 6 pm for dinner and DJ music at Kay Meerman's hangar. The hangar is on the south taxiway, west of the runway intersection. Look for lots of parked vehicles.

Dinner tickets will be sold at the door. Cost is \$10 per person. Cash, check or credit card accepted for payment. This includes a BBQ steak dinner along with potato, vegetable and green salad. A "make your own" ice cream sundae bar will be at our dessert table. Members: As always, appetizers and desserts are appreciated.

We will be featuring a Kendall Jackson Chardonnay at the bar along with everyone's favorite, Tobin James red wine.

Looking ahead, our November meeting will be Saturday November 3, held at the McGowan hangar. The dinner theme will be Thanksgiving! Please be sure to make your shared dishes plentiful as we ran short of food last meeting.

Looking further ahead, our December Holiday Party will be held at The Johansen's hangar. Tickets and further info to follow soon.

President's Message – by Joe Sobczak

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

Robert Frost popularized that phrase in the English language. It is a phrase widely used in many other cultures as well. The sentiment could not be more appropriate here at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. In fact, I have two “fence” issues to talk about.

The issue most dear to our hearts, is the deer fence. As the “good Neighbors” phrase is somewhat oxymoronic, so is our deer fence. On the one hand, it helps mitigate one of the biggest hazards to air navigation here at E45. On the other hand, it doesn't work. In the immortal words of Dr. Phil, if it's not working for you, you need to make some changes in your life.



At our August meeting (thank you, Trystan, for the use of your great hangar, and thank you Michael Luvara for a fascinating presentation on telemetry at the Reno Air Races), Wayne and Mike presented an excellent point/counterpoint debate on the fence. Among the membership, consensus was to do away with the deer fence, but the passion was in favor of keeping it. Few of us doubt that the deer fence is helpful and does what it is meant to do – but only when it is well maintained. Meanwhile it is mostly an attractive nuisance and more of a hazard than if it were not there at all.

Let's, as Dr. Phil suggests, make some changes in our life. The de facto Mayor of PML Airport, Wayne Handley, has taken the reins and is providing the leadership to do just that. It will take some money and our collective efforts to craft and execute a solution, but from what I have seen in my short tenure here, we are up to the task (unfortunately, Mexico has not yet agreed to pay for the fence).



Wayne is forming a committee to discuss options and take action. Take the deer by the antlers, contact Wayne, and get involved. Meanwhile, here is some good info on deer fences <https://www.all-creatures.org/hope/DOE/4%20-%20Transport%20Canada%20-%20Electric%20Fencing.htm>

President's Message continued

The other fence topic is loosely related to the deer fence: RTTF, or Residential Through The Fence. Conceived by the FAA (so you know it's good) RTTF is really about money. RTTF is a prerequisite to obtaining federal funding for our airport. There are other benefits to RTTF, but with any free money, there are strings attached. Projects like the deer fence cost money. In ten years or so, the runway will need to be repaved. It's not too early to start thinking about the future of our airport. There are many good articles on the topic, and I highly recommend you read some of them. Just Google "RTTF".



Don't be on the fence about these issues -- learn about RTTF and get involved with the deer fence project. Let's Make Pine Mountain Lake Airport great again!

See you at PML Airport Appreciation Day on the 29th.

Joe

Radio Rumors "Say Again"

- **New Life for the 9er Windsock:** A PML team rebuilt the 9er windsock. The team consisted of Tristan Duplan (principal instigator), Ed & Janet Gregory, Ken Talovich, and several others.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Facts:** At any given hour there are over 61,000 people airborne over the USA. Airline pilots and co-pilots are required to eat different meals in case of food poisoning.
- **Aviation Acronym Decoder:** CIGAR = Mnemonic for pre-takeoff check. Controls – Instruments – Gas – Altimeter (alternatively ... Airplane Secure or Attitude) – Run-up.
- **Patriots Jet Team Afterburner Party:** Saturday, September 22nd from 5:00p – 10:00p at the Byron Airport. *Aerial demonstrations, music, cocktails, a delicious dinner, and more.* The evening features **Sean D. Tucker** as the keynote speaker. Tickets are a *tax deductible* \$175 each. Go to <http://bit.ly/2018PJTFGala> to register and for more information. *The evening supports the Patriots Jet Team Foundation promoting aviation education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).*
- One of our more popular speakers from last year, **helicopter pilot Dave Allen** from television station KCRA, has moved on from his reporting job. Dave has traded in his "eye in the sky" for a new position flying with one of the major airlines. His last TV segment was in July. If you're flying commercial and hear a familiar voice over the P.A., maybe you're on one of his flights!
- The **2019 PMLAA Calendars** are here! For the 6th year, we are pleased to offer an aviation-themed calendar featuring local aircraft as the stars of the show. You can purchase your calendar at Airport Day, at one of the PMLAA meetings, or from some of the board members. Calendars are \$15 each and all proceeds benefit our PMLAA organization.



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The Deer Fence: Love it or Hate it?? – by Mike Gustafson

At the last PMLAA meeting Wayne Handley and I provided background information on the deer fence. We took roles in favor of the fence and opposed to the fence.

It is obvious that more discussion is required to acquaint folks with the issues surrounding the fence, and to give more people the chance to weigh in. The fence was installed a number of years ago; after Jim Thomas retired as the airport manager it fell on hard times. There has been some maintenance performed on the fence, but for most part it has become non-functional and in need of either being removed or investing a significant amount of time and money to repair and maintain it.

The County may be able to provide some money but they cannot provide the labor required to fix it.

The question is, which way should we go with the fence, *fix it up or tear it out?*

- Either way, PMLAA will have to provide the labor to remove the fence or to repair it.
- Are we as a group up for this effort? Removing the fence is a one-time effort but fixing and maintaining the fence is a *long-term commitment*.

Because I believe the fence does, in fact, do its job of protecting pilots when functioning properly I am willing to head up the “Repair the Deer Fence” committee, but only if I can get a long-term time commitment from enough folks to help. *Lacking that commitment I feel we should remove the fence and be done with it.*

- In my opinion the fence works well at keeping the deer from crossing at any random spot by funneling them through the taxi-way breaks in the fence.
- Pilots have learned that landing on runway 9 at night is the safest choice considering the deer, but only if the fence is working.

On the other hand, some people feel the only reasonable course of action is to remove the deer fence.

- They believe the fence gives an illusion that the runway is completely safe from deer when it is not.
- Even though the fence is fragile, seeing a fence could cause pilots to react improperly as they try to save a difficult landing. They see the fence, think it is solid, and could damage their aircraft avoiding it.
- Lastly, there is a concern about liability. If PML pilots maintain the fence, are we liable if a plane is damaged by a deer that got past the fence?

How best to proceed with answering the question: *Fix it or remove it?* Wayne and I suggest a meeting where we can continue the discussion and try to arrive at a consensus.

All active PML pilots are invited to meet **Saturday, September 22 at 10:00am** at hangar #10 of the Gold Country hangars (the “new” hangars at E45 east of the ramp), to discuss the proper course of action regarding the deer fence. We will continue the discussion (including additional meetings, if needed) until we arrive at a consensus. If you have an opinion but are not available on Sept. 22, please send it to me by email: MLGpilot@yahoo.com.

Aviation Calendar

SEPTEMBER	8-15 – Vicky Benzing & Patriots Jet Team @ Reno Air Races 16 – Patriots Jet Team @ GO PRO Grand Prix, Sonoma 22 – Patriots Jet Team Annual Gala 22-23 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings over Wine Country Airshow, Santa Rosa 28-30 – Patriots Jet Team @ MCAS Miramar Airshow 29 – E45 Community Airport Day 29 – PMLAA Meeting – 6:00 Steak BBQ \$10 (October Meeting) 29-30 – Vicky Benzing @ California International Airshow
OCTOBER	6 – Young Eagles at PML Airport – 9:00 - Noon 6 – Vicky Benzing @ Livermore Airshow 6-7 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 6-7 – Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week in San Francisco 13 – Vicky Benzing @ Apple Valley Airshow 27-28 – Vicky Benzing @ Hangar 24 Lake Havasu Air Fest
NOVEMBER	2 – Ninety-Nines Founded (1929) 3 – PMLAA Meeting – 6:00 Potluck & Speaker 3-4 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 3-4 – Patriots Jet Team @ San Bernardino Airfest

2018 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
September 29 (replaces Oct mtg)	Airport Day Recovery Dinner	6pm – Kay Meerman’s hangar
November	Ed Peters	6pm – McGowan’s hangar
December	Holiday party	6pm – Johansen’s hangar

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