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## Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting

Saturday, April 6, 2019 6:00 PM Nash Hangar

speaker:

J.R. Williams

World War I Expert

J.R. Williams is returning to PMLAA in April to tell us about Americans who volunteered for France in World War I and flew alongside French pilots over the Front. The Franco-American Flying Corp was created to help Americans enlist in the French Aviation Service. This unit came to be known as the Lafayette Escadrille.

J.R. resides in the Carmel area. By day, J.R. is Vice President and Portfolio Manager for a major financial services organization. But, his real love is World War I aviation history. Charles Shultz' character Snoopy launched this passion as a kid, then at age 10 his parents bought him Carisella & Ryan's book "Who Killed the Red Baron?" and he was hooked!

J.R. has written numerous articles which are published in Over the Front Journals (www.overthefront.com), hosted radio talk shows, and was President of the League of WWI Aviation Historians for 5-years. The Charles M. Schulz museum consulted with him on their Snoopy and the Red Baron exhibit J.R. loves aviation, is slowly working on getting his pilot's license in a friends' Cub (editor's note: In a Cub, could it go any other way?).



J.R. Williams

### President's Letter - by Joe Sobczak

It was a dark and stormy night, but neither rain nor hail nor snow nor fog (nor, for that matter, deer on the runway) would keep Mike Busch from getting to PML for his outstanding presentation on Reliability Centered Maintenance. We do not record our programs, but if you



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recorded webinars on this EAA website: Mike Busch Articles. Mike enjoyed three leisurely days here at PML while he outwitted the winter weather for his flights from and to Santa Maria. It was a pleasure to host this fine and accomplished gentleman and we hope to see him back here soon to relax and enjoy the sights of the Groveland area.

For our April program, by popular demand Bonz has arranged for a repeat appearance by J.R. Williams, an expert on World War I era aviation. In 2016 J.R. spoke about Frank Luke, and Bonnie will be telling you all about his 2019 appearance elsewhere in this newsletter. Here is a quick look at J.R.'s 2016 presentation <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDWfjpnOHVs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDWfjpnOHVs</a>. I am looking forward to a great presentation by JR, and will see you at Steve and Jody's hangar on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

one of Mike's 90+

To whet your appetite for even more, here is a quick preview of a few of our upcoming PMLAA meeting presentations: Greg Read builds airplanes for the Reno Air Races and imports the Tarragon high performance amateur built aircraft <a href="http://www.tarragonaircraft.com/en/overview/">http://www.tarragonaircraft.com/en/overview/</a>; PMLAA member and neighbor Bob Turney on how the Turnkey Construction Management Institute, focusing on disabled veterans, prepares individuals for careers in construction management <a href="https://www.turnkeyinstitute.com/">https://www.turnkeyinstitute.com/</a>; another PMLAA member, Brittanee Lincoln, president of the Livermore IAC chapter, will tell us about the Recreational Aviation Foundation and how they preserve, create, and save recreational aviation facilities around the country <a href="https://theraf.org/">https://theraf.org/</a>.

At the March meeting I was pleased to present long-time PMLAA member, former president, and friend with the PMLAA Member of the Month award for his lifetime achievement and selfless contributions to the Association. Congratulations, and thank you Al Craig!



The PMLAA Scholarship Program will again sponsor a concert at the PML Equestrian Center featuring award-winning Trop-Rock artist, songwriter, and humorist Brent Burns from Gulf Shores Alabama. The event will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the PML stables. Keep an eye on your email and the PMLAA website for details. Last year, Brent garnered great reviews and a fantastic time was had by all, but there were two complaints: 1) "I didn't get the word!" and 2) "You are out of Margaritas?!?!?" So pass this along to all your friends and, I guarantee, we'll have plenty of Margs for everyone! Proceeds go to the

#### President's Letter continued...

PMLAA Scholarship Foundation. Also, we can use a few volunteers to help take tickets and assist Danielle and Gabe at the bar. Let me know if you would like to help.

Speaking of scholarships, Sarah Sobczak joins Sean Sunday as the latest 2019 recipient of a PMLAA scholarship. Sarah is finishing up her instrument rating, and plans to go on to become a flight instructor and commercial airline pilot. Congratulations, Sarah!

We have two projects on the front burner for our airport. Rob Compton is looking into options for reflective taxiway markers and we are investigating a "poor man's" AWOS for E45. See <a href="https://www.sayweather.com/">https://www.sayweather.com/</a>. Both projects are in the study phase, but I hope to have more information for you soon. Fly Safe!

Joe

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

October 5, 2019	E45 Community Airport Day
October 12, 2019	EAA Young Eagles @ E45



## Share the Joy of Aviation - Young Eagles April 27th - by Ed Gregory

Please join us on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> for a Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport (O22). Bring your kids or grandkids. Or volunteer some time to introduce aviation to kids age 8 to 17. We typically create great flying experiences for 40-50 kids at Columbia. We'd love to have you join from 9:00 to noon. For more information, contact Ed or Janet Gregory 962-5061.

- Young Eagles: bring children age 8 to 17
- Ground crew volunteers needed for aircraft assignment, ramp safety & registration
- Pilots & aircraft wanted Pilots with EAA National member, valid airman certificate & EAA
   Youth Protection along with their aircraft (in current annual & insured)

## Social Article – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends,

Thanks to everyone for the delicious Irish food dishes at our March meeting.

Our April meeting will be held at Jody and Steve Nash's Hangar. Saturday, April 6 at 6pm.

Let's all make our favorite dishes whatever that may be! It will be fun to taste a variety of foods. Remember to bring enough food so everyone gets to taste it

If your last name starts with:

#### A-K bring main course, side dish or salad

#### L-Z bring appetizer or dessert

Have a great month. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Directions to the Nash hangar are on the last page of this newsletter.

Happy Landings,
Danielle
Wife, Mother, Cosmetologist, Pilot



#### Rental Car at E45

The E45 rental car is back again for the 2019 season. It's a good-looking used Hyundai Sonata 4-door automatic. Rental rate is \$70 a day, out-the-door, no hidden fees! To make rental car reservations call Air Galore at 707-972-4498 or email at c3458j@gmail.com.

Some car renter perks... If a renter joins the Air Galore Club they receive \$20 daily discount on car rental. If the renter also books a room at Rush Creek they will get \$50 off the nightly room rental rate. Combine the two and it's like a free rental car!

Big thanks go to PMLAA members Mary Fairbanks and Mike Wich for bringing this rental car to E45. We had about 20 rentals in 2018, our first year. There is only one rental car, so get your reservations in early! This car rental information is also available on Air Nav and Foreflight.

## Radio Rumors "Say Again"

- New PML Commercial Pilot: Congratulations to Andy Mankus for attaining his Commercial Rating. Andy is a member of the PML Aero Club and has gotten his PPL, High Performance, Complex, IFR, and Commercial Rating. Go Andy! Part of a high-performance family, Andy's wife Lydia Loera is Teacher of the Year at Tenya Elementary School! Those are some lucky 4<sup>th</sup> grade students!
- Looking for a used (inop) 1-cylinder, 4-cycle motor: Steve Martin is an instructor at the Bob Hoover Academy in Salinas. He is looking for a donation of a used (inop) 1-cylinder motor, to cut open and use for training at the Academy in how engines work. If you have one that you are willing to donate, please contact Steve: zilop@aol.com
- Support Chloe our amazing 50/50 sales master: Chloe Fitzmyers is selling "Healthy & Delicious" cookbooks for \$10 each to support her high school culinary class. Great recipes from smoothies to sides, soups, salads, main dishes, and sweets. Email <a href="mailto:janet.gregory@sbcglobal.net">janet.gregory@sbcglobal.net</a> to place your order. (Photo on page 7)
- Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Facts: English is the international language of flight. All flight controllers and all commercial pilots who fly on international flights are required to speak English. One windshield or window frame of a Boeing 747-400's cockpit costs as much as a BMW. The Boeing 767 sucks in enough air through its engines to fill a Good Year Blimp in 7 seconds. The average Boeing 747 has around 175 miles of wiring inside it (that's like stretching a wire from Groveland to Reno, NV).
- Aviation Decoder Ring: Engine-out emergency: PL(ease!) START or ABCDE

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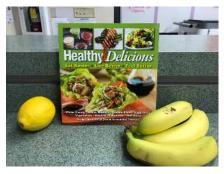
## Aviation Calendar

MARCH	16 – Vicky Benzing @ NAF El Centro AirShow				
	17 – Saint Patrick's Day				
	20 – Vernal Equinox				
	23-24 – Vicky Benzing @ Thunder & Lightening over Arizona, Tucson				
	30-31 – Patriots Jet Team @ Travis AFB Show				
	30-31 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings Over Solano AirShow, Fairfield				
APRIL	6 - PMLAA Meeting				
	<b>6-7 - E45 Airport Display Day,</b> 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00				
	22 – Earth Day				
	27 – Young Eagles at Columbia Airport (O22)				
MAY	4 - PMLAA Meeting				
	<b>4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day,</b> 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00				
	9 – National Lost Sock Memorial Day				
	12 – Mother's Day				
	18-19 – Vicky Benzing @ Hangar 24 Craft Brew Airfest, Redlands				
	27 – Memorial Day				

# 2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u> <u>Program</u>		<u>Time &amp; Location</u>	
April 6	J.R. Williams	6pm – Nash's hangar	
May 4	Greg Read	TBD	
June 1	Bob Turney	TBD	

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Support Chloe – our amazing 50/50 sales master (see page 5)

April meeting is at the Nash's hangar. The hangar is on the north taxiway east of the runway intersection.



