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## *Pine Mountain Lake Aviation*

### *Next Meeting:*

*Saturday, March 7, 2020*

*6:00 PM*

*Benzing's Hangar*

### *Speaker: Elliott Seguin*



For our March 7, 2020 meeting, we are happy to introduce our speaker Elliott Seguin.

Elliott has been working in R&D experimental aerospace since 2005. He has total time of 2400 hours in 78 types, 700 hours testing on over 50 programs. He has 6 world records and 9 first flights.

Elliott has built two airplanes, both Reno racers, one his new design. While at Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites for 10 years, he was project engineer, flight test engineer, test pilot (300 hours, six types), he also had two years as the lead test pilot at Mooney aircraft testing the prototype M 10. Currently Elliott is leading the Smokewinder effort at Sanders Aeronautics.

## President's Letter – by Danielle Coelho

A big thank you goes out to Tristan Dunlap for letting us use his hangar for our February meeting.

We had the ever so fun and talented Beth Stanton as our speaker. I always enjoy hearing about Beth's adventures and hope you did too.

I also hope the defib video was helpful to anyone who still had questions about how to use the units. The units are located at the Benzing hangar and Kay Meerman hangar. You can also go to this site for a demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JbQ7kmvX38>



*defibrillator*

We have so many wonderful and talented people here at Pine Mountain Lake. If anyone missed the fabulous article our very own Janet Gregory wrote in the PML News about E45 having its 50th Golden Anniversary this year, be sure to get a copy and read up on our history. I enjoyed the article very much. Great job Janet!

Also, don't forget to submit any design ideas for our E45 Fiftieth Anniversary baseball cap to Bonnie Ritchey.

Have a wonderful month. I look forward to hearing Elliott Seguin speak and seeing everyone at the March meeting. Until then...

Blue Skies &  
Happy Landings,  
Danielle Coelho,  
President, PMLAA

## Social V.P. – by Kathy McConnell

March brings in the wearing of the green, and all our favorite Irish dishes. So let's cook up a storm so no one goes home hungry.



A thru M desert or appetizer

N thru Z a main dish or salad.

The meeting will be Saturday March 7, at 6:00 PM at Jeff and Vicki Benzing's hangar. Map and directions on last page of newsletter.

## Congratulations Susie Williams, PMLAA Prop Award Winner



*Susie Williams*

Susie Williams, an eight-year PML resident, pilot, photographer, movie maven, and tech guru, was awarded PMLAA's coveted Prop Award for 2019. The annual Prop Award recognizes the outstanding volunteer efforts of a member of the PML Aviation Association family. Susie has contributed significantly to PMLAA. She has served as secretary on the PMLAA Board. Susie was the newsletter editor for four years through the Henderson, Orloff, Santa Maria, and Mueller administrations (that alone should qualify for combat pay). She has been actively involved in the SayWeather implementation. The community has enjoyed her annual PMLAA calendars for the past seven years. Thank you, Susie, for being a wonderful energy source and contributor to the PML Aviation community. We are proud to have you as the 2019 Prop Award winner.

## Flying Companion Seminar – June 13 @ E45

Do you want to enjoy flying more, help the pilot-in-command, or just learn a little more? Join us for Flying Companion Seminar on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at Pine Mountain Lake Airport in the Johanson Hangar. The seminar is open to all non-pilot men and women interested and is being presented by the San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the 99s.

Advance reservations are required. Registration deadline is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Catherine Santa Maria at (209) 962-7904 or [casasantamaria@yahoo.com](mailto:casasantamaria@yahoo.com) \*or\* Dianne Cole at (510) 417-5121 or [airportlady@sbcglobal.net](mailto:airportlady@sbcglobal.net).

Seminar fee for Flying Companions is \$99 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, as well as all seminar materials. Optionally, pilots bringing in a companion can enjoy snacks and lunch for \$25.



OK – this may not be how you fly as a companion but what a fun photo, right?

Photo by [Curioso Photography](#) on [Unsplash](#)

## PML Airport Celebrates 50 Years: Who dat? by Janet Gregory

All airports have three names that are used interchangeably. Maybe it's just to confuse people. Our airport like any other U.S. airport can be identified by name, city, airport code, or some combination. We are Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland, or E45 Airport.

Pine Mountain Lake Airport. In 1970 when Burt Pike filed the original application to the State of California and the FAA, he named the airport to coincide with the Boise Cascade property development. Some airports are named after famous people, like John Wayne Orange County Airport, or not-so-famous, like Norm Mineta San Jose Airport.

Groveland Airport. That's pretty obvious. Some airports, like San Francisco, only go by their city name.

E45. Three-letter codes are assigned by the FAA. Each three-letter code is unique and not used by any other entity. Codes can seem to make sense, like SFO or SJC. Codes can make no sense, like E45 for our PML Airport. Codes can also be kind of funny, like BAD for Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

Q68 was the original three-letter code for our airport. Q68 changed to E45 in the mid-2000's (between 2003 and 2006). Q68 has been reassigned as a high altitude RNAV route (a **Rea NAV**igation routes are used in instrument flight navigation).

Thank you E45, for fifty great years serving the greater Groveland community in fire suppression with CalFire, Search & Rescue, Air Ambulance Services, Police, Wildlife monitoring, and recreational aviation. In the last month, two Air Ambulance rescue flights came into Pine Mountain Lake Airport.

*Sources: Jim Thomas, FAA, Conde Nast Traveler*



*Pine Mountain Lake Airport; E45; Groveland Airport*

## Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Facts about Airport with WEIRD names.**
  - Batman Airport (BAL) – Turkey
  - Useless Loop Airport (USL) - Australia
  - Moron Airbase (OZP) – Sevilla, Spain
  - Eek Airport (EEK) – Alaska, USA
  - Danger Bay Airport (DGB) – Alaska, USA
- **THANK YOU PMLAA – From Tenaya Elementary School**
  - PMLAA donated ten 2020 PMLAA Calendars to Tenaya Elementary Schools
  - Kids will enjoy a full year of airplanes every month. What’s not to love about that!
  - The school extends a big thank you to PMLAA
- **Happy Valentine’s Day to Dennis Smith**
  - Valentine’s Day, 55-years ago, Dennis did his 1st solo in a Piper J3 Cub at Rapid City, SD (RAP) with SAC Aero Club, on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 1955. Thus, the love of aviation was consummated for Dennis!
- **Aviation Acronym Decoder Ring:** Memory aid for airport sign types - MIDDLE  
Mandatory instructions  
Information  
Destination  
Direction  
Location  
Runway distance remaining

## 2020 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
March 7	Elliott Seugin	6:00pm – Benzing’s hangar
April 4	Paulo Iscold	6:00pm – TBD
May 2	Dr. Dean Winslow	6:00pm - TBD

## Aviation Calendar

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<p>14 – <i>Valentine’s Day (show your airplane some extra love)</i></p> <p>17 – <i>President’s Day</i></p> <p>25 – <i>Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday</i></p>
<b>MARCH</b>	<p><b>7 – PMLAA Meeting</b></p> <p><b>7-8 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b></p> <p>8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins (spring forward)</p> <p>14 – Vicky Benzing @ NAF El Centro Airshow</p> <p>14 – <i>Pi Day &amp; Albert Einstein’s Birthday</i></p> <p>17 – <i>St. Patrick’s Day</i></p> <p>19 – <i>First Day of Spring</i></p> <p>21-22 – Vicky Benzing @ Los Angeles County Airshow, Lancaster, CA</p> <p>28-29 – Vicky Benzing @ March Field Air &amp; Space Expo, Riverside, CA</p>
<b>APRIL</b>	<p>3 – <i>Important Holiday ... Don’t go to work unless it’s fun Day</i></p> <p><b>4 – PMLAA Meeting</b></p> <p><b>4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b></p> <p>12 – <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p><b>18 – Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport (O22)</b></p>

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Map to Benzing hangar



The hangar is on the north taxiway, heading east from the intersection at corner of Jobe's and Purcell's properties.



Benzing hangar photo