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Next Meeting:

Saturday December 5, 2020

Time: n/a

Place: n/a

Congratulate Master Pilot Dick Collier - by Janet Gregory

Pine Mountain Lake Airport is home to some amazing aviators and Dick Collier is one of them. Dick received the prestigious Wright Brothers *Master Pilot Award*. The award is based on fifty years of pilot professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise.



Dick Collier Master Pilot

Master Pilot Dick Collier - continued from page 1

The FAA recognizes Dick's fifty years of flying experience beginning with his first "official" solo in 1966 in a Cessna-150 at Honolulu International Airport, HNL. Dick went on to become a CFI (certified flight instructor) in single-engine land and seaplanes, along with multi-engine land.

Aviation is in Dick's blood. His father Merwin "Rocky" Collier was a ferry pilot throughout World War II. Rocky flew everything, although he never left the USA – Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Northrup P-61 Black Widow, and whatever needed to be relocated. Dick's first "real" solo was in 1948 at age 12 in a Taylorcraft at Santa Monica's Clover Field, now SMO, under the instruction of his father.

Dick has spent a lifetime committed to aviation. He was a member of the Tuolumne County Airport Land Use Commission for 17-years, from 1996 to 2013, including seven-years in leadership positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Dick is co-founder of the PML Aviation Association, serving on the Board and many committees over the years. He is a member of EAA, AOPA, and the Antique Airplane Association.

Aviation is also Dick's vocation. His company, Collier Aviation Services has manufactured hard-to-find parts for certified aircraft as well as experimental aircraft since 1973. Before starting his own company Dick was a Submarine Service Expert in the US Navy and worked for Lockheed Martin in missile system design and construction, along with other roles.

The Wright Brothers *Master Pilot Award* is the most prestigious award the FAA issues. It is awarded to pilots with at least 50 years of safe, accident free flying. Not many automobile drivers can claim the same! Richard "Dick" Collier's name is proudly posted on the FAA's Roll of Honor at FAASafety.gov.

Dick hung up his flight jacket in 2016 but continues to love life at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Dick's wife Judy is also a pilot. Judy and Dick enjoy their home at the airport, strategically positioned mid-field. On Friday November 6th, Dick was surprised and overwhelmed to receive this incredible recognition from the FAA. I am sure he'd appreciate your call of congratulations too!

President's Letter – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA members - As we all know 2020 has been a very different year for us all. I'm happy to be able to say PMLAA had a successful turnout for the "browse the ramp flea market" on Saturday with proper social distancing and everyone wearing face masks. We also had a few planes and cars on display on the ramp. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and to those who came out to shop. I was so happy the weather held out and our beautiful first snow storm of the season waited till Sunday. Enjoy the following photos from the day...

Wishing Everyone A Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving!

Happy Landings,
Danielle Coelho
PMLAA, President



Your President practicing COVID-19 safety.



Dawn Howarton with treasurer Janet Gregory. Janet is the one who made the day happen!



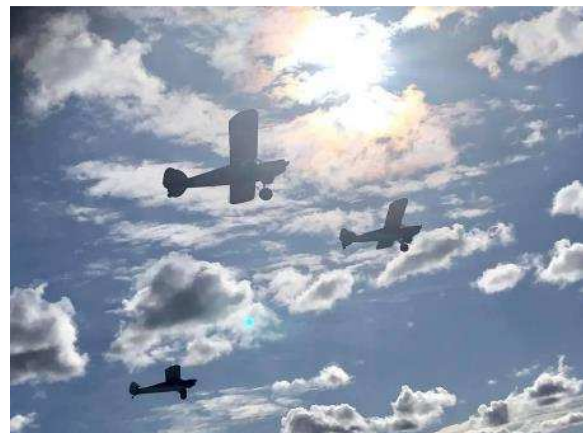
Laura Stengel with her baked goods.



Airplanes on display.



Michael Lella displaying his race car.



A familiar sight in the sky above.

PMLAA Aviation Alternatives

We have been missing our PMLAA meetings. The last one was March 7th, just before the Coronavirus craziness shut things down. The PMLAA Board of Directors has been missing the monthly gathering as much as you have.

In November the PMLAA Board figured out how to do a small and fun event at the airport that met all the Covid guidelines. Hooray! It was a Browse the Ramp Marketplace that fell under California Covid guidelines for informal outdoor retail. We are looking forward to 2021 and continuing to rekindle our joy of aviation within Covid guidelines. It will be an opportunity to come up some creative new events for PMLAA members.

Exactly eight months since the last PMLAA meeting we held a Browse the Ramp Marketplace on Saturday November 7th. The weather parted just for us ... rain on Friday, snow on Sunday, but blue skies and clouds on Saturday! There were 20 local vendors offering all sorts of wonderful craft, art, books, jewelry, vintage, and food items. The PML air force surprised us with a bit of exercise for their airplanes. Maybe we should consider renaming PML Aviation Association to PML Aviation Alternatives.

PMLAA raised money via silent auction, items for sale, donations, drinks, and snacks. Thank you for all the generous donations of time, items, and money to the PMLAA Scholarship Fund and E45 Airport Projects. It takes a community to make this happen. Here's a list of our generous donors ... hope we caught everyone!

Armin & Peggy Abusaidi	Kurt & Dawn Howerton
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More photos from Browse the Ramp event:



Republican amphibian



Cubs



Smokin' Extras

Congratulations to PMLs newest private pilot, Jules Thoben!



Jules Thoben, shown with her instructor, Mike Gustafson.

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

This is your year to serve on the PMLAA Board of Directors!

Traditionally the PMLAA membership accepts nominations and votes on the new Board of Directors at our December party but this year we will set up an online membership vote the first week of December.

All existing board positions are up and we need members to step in: President, Secretary, VP Social, VP Airport and Treasurer. We also need someone to take over the newsletter. Any member is welcome to nominate themselves or any other member (or you don't even need to be a member yet to be nominated, just ask former President Joe!) - send any board member your nominations by December 1.

These positions are not time-consuming and you can find out more about them by asking any current or past board member. Thank you!

Board member and newsletter editor contact info on last page of newsletter.

Finger Painting at the Airport

Thank you Tuolumne County Airports Manager for having a crew come to PML Airport for crack sealing on the runway and south taxiway.


Talking with the crew, they were surprised at the width and depth of some of the cracks and quickly melted through the inventory of rubberized asphalt they brought with them. The time and materials invested meant that there was not room in the budget for seal coating. Maybe crack sealing for transient parking and seal coat next year ... we hope.

Great job! Small airplanes are no longer getting swallowed up and disappearing into the tarmac. The expert fill and artistic work is much appreciated by aviators, walkers, and cars alike.



Runway/Taxiway Art

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Stocking stuffers:** Do you have your Pine Mountain Lake Airport face mask yet? At only \$20, it is a great stocking stuffer for yourself and your family. Give your face a fresh new look. Proudly display your favorite airport. Support the PMLAA Scholarship Fund. Contact Janet to get yours 962-5061 and treasurer@pmlaa.org.
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- **New Pilot at E45:** Congratulate Jules Thoben who earned her Private Pilot’s License in October. Jules began flight training with CFI Tristan Duplan and earned her wings with CFI Mike Gustafson. Well done Jules!
 - **Secret Aviation Acronym Decoder Ring:** Memory aid for Special use airspace - **MCPRAWN** (sounds like it’s either shrimp from Scotland or McDonalds)
 - M**ilitary Operations Area (MOA)
 - C**ontrolled Firing
 - P**rohibited
 - R**estricted
 - A**lert
 - W**arning
 - N**ational Security

2020 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
December 5	TBD	
January 2021	No Meeting in January	
February 2021	TBD	

Boring Aviation Calendar

NOVEMBER	<i>26 – Thanksgiving</i>
DECEMBER	NO PMLAA Meeting 5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 <i>7 – Pearl Harbor Day</i> <i>14 – Total eclipse of the sun, visible in southern South America & Antarctica</i> <i>21 – First Day of Winter, Winter Solstice, Shortest day of the year</i> <i>25 – Christmas</i> <i>31 – New Year’s Eve. Hooray! Let’s celebrate the end of 2020</i>
JANUARY	NO PMLAA Meeting 2-3 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 <i>18 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <i>21 – International Sweatpants Day (isn’t that every day?)</i>

**** E45 Airport Display Day: Until the Shelter-in-Place order is lifted, display your aircraft on your own ramp. The “powers that be” will go around the airport and take note. Once the SIP is lifted, the individual airplane owner’s paperwork will be done.**

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