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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation

Next Meeting / Potluck Dinner

Saturday November 5, 2022

Speaker: Col. James F. Wilson

Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Jason & Krystall Johanson Hangar
Located on the West end of the South Taxiway

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Vice Presidents MessageBy Rob Compton

Another Stellar Community Airport Day

The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association delivered another stellar Airport Day on October 1st. We had hundreds of spectators form the community take advantage of our Air Show again this year. This is a 100% PMLAA volunteer driven event and as always, we continue to work together to demonstrate our ability to deliver a fun filled afternoon.

This year came with some last-minute challenges as Tuolumne County considered having us cancel the event due to unforeseen risk considerations. We were able to work with the county to remediate those risks and with some minor changes to the program were given approval to go ahead with the event.

We would like to thank every volunteer for their participation in support of delivering this annual event. Could not have the event without your help.

Our Air Bosses this year were Bonnie and Kurt and they delivered a fun filled and safe program even with the new limitations. Most of the performers this year were our residents and pilots demonstrating their aircraft and skills, and we did get to see some faces we don't normally get to enjoy.

We had a new ramp boss this year Leon (Mike was out of town) that served the event well. Orchestrated the ramp setup, coordinated all the volunteers, and kept order throughout the day.

The food service this year was orchestrated by Krystal, our VP Social and executed, due to her absence by Gabe and a full suite of volunteers. Burgers sold out hot dogs completed the menu for the day.

We would also like to thank the local 4-H for the color guard, Merced Sheriff for bringing both their aircraft and helicopter for display, Cal Fire for being on site the entire day (in case of emergency).

Thank you everyone...



Pine M. Lake Aviation Association wants YOU!!!

Presidents Message

By Mike Gustafson

Calling all able-bodied Volunteers!

Yep, it is that time again, it seems like just yesterday that your new Board of Directors started off the 2022 year but now we are almost to the end of the year and we need a few of you out there to step up, step forward, and join our team. We are in need of volunteers to fill the following positions to help make PMLAA the premier club on the hill:

Secretary

To take BoD meeting notes, maintain the membership list, etc. Call Nancy Mora for more details.

Vice-President of Social Affairs

This is the most fun position, you get to throw a party using association funds! How cool is that? Along with a committee of your choosing you help find venues for our meetings, decided on the food options, keep the larder stocked with beer, wine, plates, etc. Easy-peasy! Contact Krystall Johanson for more details.

President

Well what can I say, it is always good to be the King, er President. In this position you get to set the vision for the association, find a few good guest speakers, deal with the occasional kerfluffel, ask other members for help, etc. Contact me for more details. I will continue to help the new president as they get their sea-legs.

I cannot stress enough that we need help for the 2023 year. The above folks will not just keep doing their job just because no one stepped up to help. If we go into the New Year without filling all these positions then those position activities, which we count on, will not be performed.

I look forward to my email inbox filling up and or my telephone ringing off the hook with volunteers wanting to get involved and help the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association.

Thank you



Our Guest Speaker for November



Biography

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COLONEL JAMES F. WILCON

Colonel James F. Wilson is commander of the 1852nd Air Base Group. McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

Colonel Wilsen was born becember 27, 1940, in Martford, Coan. He graduated from Wethersfield High School, Wethersfield, Conn., in 1959 and entered the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1961 with a bachelor of science degree and received his commission as a second lieutenant. He completed Air Command and Staff College in 1974, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1977 and the Naval Mar College in 1982.

Colonal Milson attended pilot training at Webb AFB, Texas, graduating in September 1964. Following pilot training be was assigned to Shaw AFB, S.C., where he flaw with the 16th Tactical Recommaissance Squadron, the Air Force's first operational RF-4C squadron.

With the buildup in Vietnem, the 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron was deployed as a unit to Ton Son Hhut, South Vietnem, during October 1965. Colonel Wilson flew 221 tactical reconnaissance missions over Borth Vietnem, Lass and South Vietnem during 1965 and 1966.

In September 1966, following his tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the 32nd Tectical Secondaissance Squadron, RAF Alcombury, England, as an SF-4C pilot and instructor pilot. While at Alcombury, Colonel Wilson slan served as a flight commander and flying safety officer. During August 1970, he was transferred to Bergstrom AFB, Texas, where he flew SF-4Cs with the 91st Tactical Recommaissance Squadron, a RATO duel-based squadron. In May 1972, he completed an operational deployment to Aviano Air Base, Italy, with the 51st TRS.

Following this deployment, Colonel Wilson was assigned to the lat Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Seale AFB, Calif., where he served as an SB-71 pilot and squadron operations officer.

In 1977, the colonel was selected for assignment to Offutt AFB. Seb., as a reconstituence operations staff officer. In this position, he was responsible for planning, coordinating and executing worldwide SR-71 missions. He completed his assignment at Headquarters Strategic Air Command in 1981 and was assigned to the Haval War College, Newport, H.I.

(Current as of May 1990)



Speaker Biography continued:

After graduating from the Naval War College in June 1982, he was transferred to McConnell AFB, Kansas, as the Deputy Commander, 381st Combat Wing. The 348th Air Refueling Wing and the 84th Tactical Fighter Group.

Colonel Wilson returned to Beale AFB in August 1983 as Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. In July 1985, he assumed command losed in of the 9th Combat Support Group at Beale, a position he held until August 1988.

In August 1988, Col. Wilson assumed command of the 2862 Air Base Group, McClellan AFB in CA. In this position, he became active in McClellan Aviation Museum affairs and the local GoldenEmpire interest to Council, Boy Scouts of America as Chair of Scoutorama. Following 4 years as McClellan Support Group Commander. Col. Wilson was selected in August 1992, to command Detachment 42, Sacramento Air Logistics Center, Norton AFB, CA. When Norton AFB closed in the summer of 1993, Col Wilson moved the organization to new facilities on McClellan AFB Management Directorate.

Col Wilson retired from active duty as a pilot, staff officer, and commander on July 1, 1993.

As a civilian, he is currently involved in providing logistics support for various programs managed by McClellan's Directorate of Specialized Management.

Col. Wilson assumed the volunteer position of President of McClellan's Aviation Museum Foundation in October 1994. His interest lies in promoting the heritage of McClellan AFB and the USAF by providing high quality displays of restored military aircraft and artifacts of special historic interest to the community.

Col. Wilson is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours. He flew the SR-71 for 4 years and involved in the operation of the SR-71 for another 12 years.

Col. Wilsons decorations include The Legion of Merit, with Oak Cluster, The Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Cluster, The Air Medal with12 Oak Leaf Clusters, The Meritorious Service Medal, The Air Force Commendation Medal, The Humanitarian Service Medal, The Armed Forces ExpeditionaryMedal and The Vietnam Service Medal with three campaign stars.

He was promoted to Colonel on April 1, 1984.

Col. Wilson is married to the former Rachael Phelan of Big Spring, Texas. They have five children: Jim, Susan, Russell, Richard and Ryan.

Contact information:

Jim Wilson 212 Firestone Drive, Roseville, CA 95678 H.916-786-5103, C. 916-474-2824

PML Airport Funding Issues update

By Mike Gustafson

I have good news for a change on the airport funding issue!

The County has created a RFQ for vendor selection to work on the airport economic impact study. The RFQ is RFP-2022-0025 if you want to look up the actual County verbiage. The title is:

"The Request for Proposal seeks to solicit aviation consulting firms to conduct a feasibility and viability study for the South County/Pine Mountain Lake Airport in Groveland, CA and the Columbia Airport in Columbia, CA within the County of Tuolumne".

They hope to release the contract by November 22 and I expect that the study will take about 6 months, give or take. Time will tell.

The other news is the FAA has released a huge airport infrastructure grant program worth about \$2.8B and our airport is set to receive \$110,000 for airport improvements. I have already asked the County folks what the plan is and they are just now looking into the program. I will keep you informed on this topic.

So far we have collected about 400 signatures in support of the County properly funding the PML airport. The goal is to hit 500 so we are well on our way.

Next step is to set up a program where one of our own attends each Board of Supervisor's meeting and speaks in support of our airport during the 3 minute open forum. We will create a talking points page to hand out to the volunteers to help with the proper messaging. It would be great if someone would step up to run this piece of the education process.

We also are making plans to invite a couple of County Supervisors over to PML Airport for a short tour and a meet and greet with a few folks. Our goal is to try and educate them about PML Airport and maybe change their minds about supporting the airport. More on this later.

Thank you to every one for their continued support of our wonderful airport.

The Committee To Properly Support Pine Mountain Lake Airport. (TCTPSPMLA) © (Ed.)



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Treasurer's Corner-

By Patricia Gibson

Hello PMLAA members. As we close in on the end of our 2022 financial year, we are standing on solid ground financially speaking. Our various fundraising efforts have brought us to more than 150% of goal. Thank you to all the generous donations and other creative fund raising opportunities.

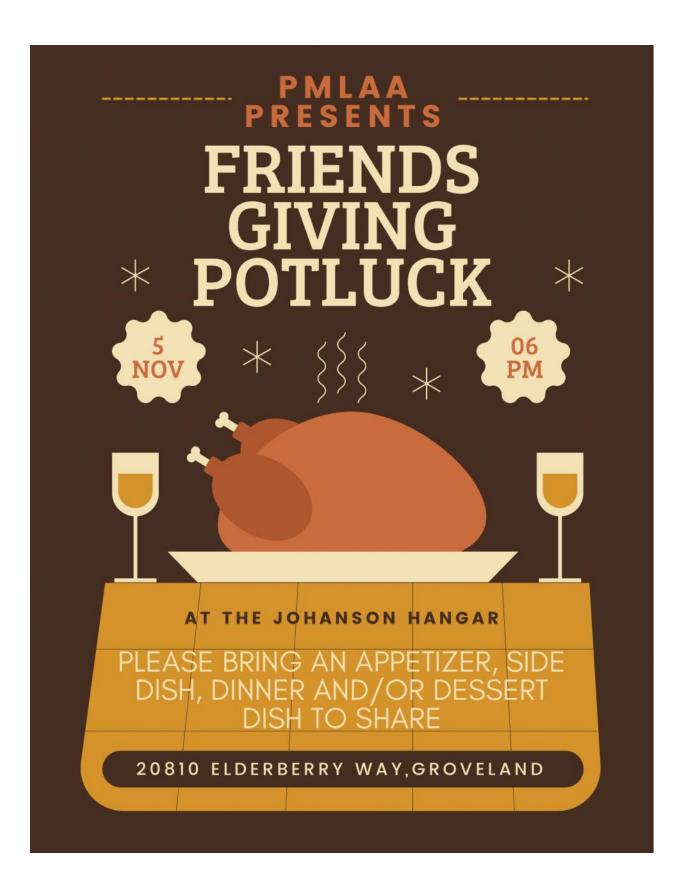
Dues this year will remain steady at \$25 per family. Please see the attached 2023 membership renewal form. We ask that all members fill out the form fully, so that we can confirm all phone, mailing and emailing addresses are accurate. We are working on setting up payment through the website and are unsure if that will be functioning before the end of the year. We may also look at emailing invoices through Square, but the preferred method of payment is still by check mailed to our PO Box 131.

Thank everyone for the wonderful events, volunteerism, and participation in the many events held this year. There are two more before years end... Friendsgiving Potluck with a special guest speaker on November 5th and the Christmas Party held on December 3rd. We look forward to seeing you all there.



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SAFETY CORNER

STALLS LEADING TO SPINS

By Mike Gustafson

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Ok, by a show of hands, how many of you go out on a regular basis and do the complete stall package maneuvers?? OK, keep those hands up, and then how many, intentionally then kick rudder and spin the plane? (this question on spins assumes you are in a spin qualified aircraft). As I thought, pretty much none, or maybe one raised their hand up for stalls and he also does spins on a regular basis.

Why is that I wonder? Stalls are just another maneuver, like slow flight or steep turns, and stalls, when done properly, are very benign. I suppose that we all fear what we don't understand or have been presupposed to fear. When I was working on my CFI ticket my instructor stated that we would do only one spin to meet the requirements. I asked why (I had already been doing aerobatics in a Citabria) and he said he was not "comfortable" doing spins. Boy, talk about telegraphing a fear. After I passed my CFI exam I took my instructor up for a couple of flights and we spun the you-know-what out of the plane. He later said he was glad we did it.

The main issue, as we have all been taught, is that if we flub the base to final turn and start adding rudder to swing the nose back onto the final runway heading, and we are slow, even with the nose low, the wing can stall and the uncoordinated flight condition can lead to a stall/spin. Even today with all the fancy avionics, the base to final stall/spin is the number one accident in the pattern accident. It does not need to be that way.

A common mis-conception goes something like this, if I keep the nose below the horizon, I can't stall the wing. Wrong, it is not pitch attitude that determines the predilection of a wing to stall, it is critical angle of attack! And angle of attack is a function of wind direction over the wing. Another way of saying this is, the wing doesn't know anything about pitch attitude, it can't tell where the horizon is, only the pilot has that information, but the wing sure knows from where the wind is blowing.

The other part of the stall/spin equation is flight coordination, where is the ball? If the flight attitude coordination is, well coordinated, then even though you stall the wing in that base to final turn, a spin does not occur.

A few years back the FAA, in their infinite wisdom, changed the Airmen Certification Standard to recover from a stall at the first indication of the stall warning horn. I use to teach doing a full stall and a full recovery. I still do that once but then I am required to teach recovery at first indication, either stall horn or wing buffet. As a result of this rule change I think that as a Flight Instructor, I am doing a dis-service to my students. I am installing in them a fear of the stall. Oh well!

I can go flying just for the fun of flying, "boring holes in the sky" but if you are the mission oriented kind of guy or gal, then once a month make it your flight mission to go out and do a few stalls both straight ahead and in 15 degree banks, just to stay really current. Then when I ask the introductory question at the top of this note, you can smugly raise your hand!

Have fun, now go fly!





EAA Flight Deck

By Ed Gregory

Young Eagles Soar

By Ed Gregory

Community is a place, a purpose, and people. Groveland is an amazing community. On Saturday October 8th our wonderful community came together at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport to provide Young Eagle flights for kids.

The sky was bright blue, the sun was warm, and the wind was calm. It was a perfect day to provide free airplane rides to 68 kids, a record breaker for us.

THE PLACE. Pine Mountain Lake Airport is a public airport that has served Tuolumne County for 53 years and hosted our Young Eagle Rally. The airport supports essential safety services: Police, Air Ambulance Service, and Search & Rescue. PML Airport is vital CalFire as they protect our environment. CalFire spent the day with us at the airport too!

On Saturday the airport provided another important community service expanding aviation knowledge. The majority of the kids that came for a flight were our neighbors (80%) from Groveland, Coulterville, Jamestown, and nearby. A few (20%) traveled from the central valley, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Sacramento to discover the wonders of flight.

THE PURPOSE. The sole mission of Young Eagles is to introduce and inspire kids in the world of aviation. We hope that it sparks interest in aviation careers and STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and math).

Career opportunities are available in military, commercial, and private sector. Our Young Eagle Rally helps kids age 8 to 17 to see some of the many aviation possibilities: aircrew, flight operations, air traffic services, aircraft maintenance, and ground support.

THE PEOPLE. It's all about the people! Our 18 volunteers jumped in to help in every capacity. The 47 families that brought the 68 kids were good natured, patient, and understanding as we handled a record number of Young Eagles and learned EAA's new online registration system.

Everyone had a good time. Two-thirds (66%) were first time Young Eagles and for many it was their first time on an airplane.

It's the incredible volunteers that make the magic happen.

- Five ground crew directed safe flight operation: Phil Boortz, Leon Liebster, Robert Pearson, Carson Scheftner, and me.
- Six pilots donated their time, aircraft, and fuel for 28 flights from 9:00 to noon. Thank you: Armin Abusaidi, Gabe Coelho, Allen Craig, Wayne Handley, Bonnie Ritchey, and Diana Sunday.
- Seven tireless workers got young eagles registered and assigned to flights, ensuring that certificates and logbooks got into the right hands: Peggy Abusaidi, Rob Compton, Linda Craig, Janet Gregory, Sterling Price, Tonya Scheftner, and Ed Sunday.

It is wonderful to be part of such a vibrant community. There is nothing better.

Young Eagles is a one-of-a-kind program sponsored by EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and the local EAA Chapter 1337 based in Groveland. Our local chapter has flown over 1,100 young eagles in Tuolumne County since 2003. The National program has been offered for more than 30 years. More information at: www.yeaa.org/youngeagles or www.yeaa.org/youngeagles or www.yeaa.org/youngeagles</a



The Ground Crew



Proud Certificate Holder



The Pilots



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Top Gun Family

2022 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
Nov 5, 2022	Col. James Wilson SR-71 Pilot	6 pm Jason & Krystall Johanson Hangar
Dec 3, 2022	Christmas Party	6 pm Alan & Yuni Gaudenti Hangar

2022 Aviation Calendar

lanuary	1 – New Year's Day
January	1 – New Year S Day 1 – Happy New Year! NO PMLAA Meeting in January
	1 - Rappy New Year: NO PMEAR Meeting in January 1-2 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February	1 – Chinese New Year – Year of the Tiger
reblualy	2 – Groundhog Day
	5 – PMLAA Meeting
	5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	13 – Superbowl Sunday
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	21 – President's Day
	21 - Fresident's Day
March	5 – PMLAA Meeting
	5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins (Clock springs forward)
	17 – St. Patrick's Day
	20 – Vernal Equinox 15:33 UTC – First Day of Spring
April	2 – PMLAA Meeting
	2-3 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	9 Celebration of Life for Jim "JT" Thomas at Placerville Airport 10-1p
	RSVP to catboats@gmail.com
	17 – Easter Sunday
	22 – Earth Day,
	31 – Partial Eclipse of the Sun- visible from southeast Pacific & southern South America
May(4 – Star Wars Day – May the fourth be with you
	5 – Cinco de Mayo
	7 – PMLAA Meeting
	7-8 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	7 Warbirds Wing sand Wheels, Paso Robles Airport (PRB)7a-4p
	8 – Mother's Day
	14 Travis AFB Wings over Solano Airshow, CA w/ Vicky Benzing
	16 – Eclipse of the Moon- visible from Americas, Europe, Africa
	20-22 Gathering of Luscombs at Columbia Airport (022)
	20-22 Oregon International Airshow w/ Vicky Benzing
	24 Food Truck Fly-in at San Martin (E16), CA

	30 – Memorial Day
lune	4 – PMLAA Meeting
June	4 - PIVILAA Meeting 4-5 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	4 Eagle Field Dinner Dance Fly-in, Eagle Field (CL01) Dos Palos, CA
	14 – Super Moon - Full Moon nearly at Perigee
	18-19 – Columbia Airport (O22) Father's Day Fly-In , stay tuned
	19 – Father's Day
	21 – Summer Solstice 09:14 UTC – First Day of Summer
	25 Sentry Eagle Exercise & Open House, Klamath Falls, OR w/ Vicky Benzing
July	2 – <u>NO</u> PMLAA Meeting in July
	2-3 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	2-3 GIG Harbor Wings & Wheels Airshow, WA w/Vicky Benzing
	4 – Independence Day
	4 Tacoma Freedom Fair AirshowWA w/ Vicky Benzing
	13 – Super Moon - Full Moon nearly at Perigee
	16 Boundry Bay Airshow BC w/Vicky Benzing
	25-31 – EAA AirVenture, OSH, Oshkosh, WI w/ Vicky Benzing
August	6 – PMLAA Taxiway Party, Hot August Nights
	6-7 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	7 – Friendship Day
	20-21 Wings over Camarillo Airshow, CA w/Vicky Benzing
September	3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	5 – Labor Day
	10- PMLAA Meeting, Dr Dean Winslow, From Bagram to Baghdad and Back Again
	10-18 – National Championaship Air Races at RTS, Reno, NV w/Vicky Benzing
	23 – Autumnal Equinox 01:04 UTC – First Day of Autumn/Fall
	23-25 MCAS Miramar Airshow, CA w/Vicky Benzing
October	1 – PMLAA Airport Appreciation Day, 11:30-3:00
October	1 – PMLAA Meeting
	1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	11 – Columbus Day
	15-16 Edwards AFB Airshow, CA w/Vicky Benzing
	25 – Partial Eclipse of the Sun- visible from Europe, NE Africa, Middle East, W Asia
	31 - Halloween
November	4-6 Nellis AFB Airshow,w/Vicky Benzing
	5 – PMLAA Meeting
	5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks fall back)
	8 – Total Eclipse of the Moon- visible from Asia, Australia, Pacific, Americas
	11 – Veterans Day
	24 – Thanksgiving Day
December	3 – PMLAA Holiday Party
	3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00
	7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
	21 – Winter Solstice 21:48 UTC – First Day of Winter
	25 – Christmas Day
	31 – New Year's Eve

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

2022 Fundraising Request



PMLAA Fundraising Directive: PMLAA has restarted monthly gatherings, in addition to Airport Day, Hot August Nights, the Christmas Party, an air race, flour bombing and Spot Carrier Landing events. Due to a change in some rules governing our organization we can no longer hold 50/50 raffles. This was our biggest fund-raising event and earned us on average \$3500 per year; it proves a great loss and hardship on the club. With Covid for two years curtailing our events we now find ourselves in a monetary shortfall. To meet our budget this year, we must raise \$3000. So far, we have met 25% of this goal. If every family could contribute \$25, we would quickly make this up. Unfortunately, many families are unable to afford that, so we ask those who can - contribute of \$50-\$100. We will look at other fundraising opportunities later in the year, but this is a necessary ask in order to keep the annual membership cost low. Thank you for your consideration.

PMLAA Scholarship: In 2005 PMLAA established a Scholarship Fund with \$3,500 for the purpose of promoting interest and ability in Aviation or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.) Over the years awards of up to \$500 each have been given to some 25 applicants. It is a wonderful legacy for our aviation community. Currently, the account balance is below \$3,000 and we would like to raise an additional \$2,250.

Fundraising Directive	(\$50-\$100 suggested)	-	_
Scholarship Fund	(\$25-\$50 suggested)	\$	_
TOTAL enclosed		\$	
Name:			

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