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Next Meeting: Potluck Dinner

Saturday June 1, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Kurt & Dawn Howerton Hangar

20939 Hemlock Street

Speaker: Barbara Connelly

Family History of Aviation in Tuolumne County

President's Message

By Bob Mackey

We had an excellent presentation last month from Paul Dye, Space Shuttle Mission Controller. He had to drive in from Carson City Nevada due to the fifth snowstorm that has affected our three meetings so far this year. That's right, we've had snow for 166% of our planned meeting dates this year. Odds are, we will have warm weather by the next meeting.

On June 1 we will meet at Kurt and Dawn Howerton's hangar at the northwest corner of the Back Taxiway. Our guest will be Barbara Connelly, speaking about her family's history in aviation and Tuolumne County. We also expect another Master Pilot to be recognized. Come and see who is the latest local aviator to be recognized for fifty years of safe flying.

The PMLAA Scholarship program is seeking new applicants for our support. Scholarship funds can be applied to college, or to other educational development programs including flying lessons or mechanic training. The application is attached. If you know someone who might benefit from a little help toward education, please share the scholarship application with them.

Looking forward to next year, and new opportunities, PMLAA will also be seeking a new newsletter editor. Dianne Cole has edited and published this newsletter for a few years, but will be moving on to new adventures next year. We thank her for the excellent service to all. If you have some experience with publishing, or are willing to learn and contribute, please contact me or another of the Board members to learn more about this opportunity.

-bob mackey

Some photos of the aurora borealis as seen May 11, 2024 at PML Airport:



VP Social

By Gabe Coelho

Hello fellow PMI AA members. It looks like we will be having our first meeting of the year in above freezing temperatures and without snow. Keep your fingers crossed.

I would like to thank Joe Sobczak for the use of his hangar for our April meeting and a thanks to Tristan Duplan for the use of his hangar for our May meeting. Our next meeting is on June 1st at Kurt & Dawn Howerton's hangar, 20939 Hemlock Street, back taxiway 9er end of runway. This will be a Pot Luck dinner. Social Hour starts at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Come and join your friends and neighbors for a nice June evening out. Plenty of cold beverages and good food as always.



Airport Manager

Coffee &



Conversation

**First Thursday
of the month**

10:00 am—11:00 am

**Yosemite Flights
Pine Mountain Lake
Airport**



Safety Corner

Summer is Just Around the Corner

By Joe Sobczak

(With a LITTLE help from AI)

As the golden California sun kisses the horizon and the summer months beckon you to the clear blue skies, it's crucial to remember that safety is the co-pilot that should never take a day off. Before you soar into the summer skies, let's tickle your safety senses with some tips that are hotter than Stormy Daniels' courtroom testimony. Firstly, embrace the checklist like it's your favorite beach towel. Whether you're prepping for a flight or just dreaming about it, that checklist should be as familiar as the route to your weekly ice cream run at Groveland Mercantile. And speaking of prep, your pre flight inspection should be as thorough as a sunscreen application on a scorching day at Seabright Beach. Leave no flap unturned, no tire unchecked, and certainly no fuel cap untwisted. Now, let's talk gear. If you're flying an aircraft with retractable gear, check it as often as you check the surf report. A gear-up landing can turn your smooth flight into a belly slide that's anything but fun. And while we're on the topic of checking, keep your eyes peeled for traffic like you're scanning the waves for that perfect break. Proficiency is your passport to the skies. It's not just about being current; it's about being sharp as the edge of a surfboard. So, practice, practice, practice! Those emergency procedures should be as instinctive as paddling out when you spot the ultimate wave. Remember, the summer heat can play tricks on your aircraft just like it does with the highway, creating mirages that look like pools but are really just more pavement. Density altitude can be a sneaky gremlin, hiding in the warm air and waiting to catch you off guard. So, calculate it as carefully as you would your SPF level. Hydration isn't just for beachgoers; your aircraft needs its fluids checked too. Oil, coolant, and other vital fluids should be as topped up as your water bottle on a hike through Yosemite Valley. And let's not forget about the potential for summer storms. Those cumulonimbus clouds might look as fluffy as cotton candy, but they pack a punch stronger than a double espresso shot. Give them the respect they deserve, and steer clear like you would a shark fin in the water. In conclusion, flying in the summer is like a day at the beach: it's all fun and games until someone forgets the basics. So, slather on that safety like it's SPF 100, and make this summer flying season as legendary as a California sunset. Remember, the sky is the limit when safety is on board! Happy flying, and don't forget to wave to the seagulls!



**Pine Mountain Lake
Aviation Association
Scholarship Application**

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____

YOUR COUNSELOR _____ GPA: _____

COLLEGES/TRADE SCHOOLS YOU HAVE APPLIED TO: _____

COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

WHAT CAREER OR MAJOR ARE YOU PLANNING TO PURSUE _____

LIST YOUR HONORS, AWARDS, ATHLETICS, AND/OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

9th GRADE _____

10th GRADE _____

11th GRADE _____

12th GRADE _____

DESCRIBE YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCES: _____

COURSES YOU HAVE TAKEN TOWARD YOUR COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, OR
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PLANS: _____

WILL YOU BE APPLYING FOR OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID? _____

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE: _____

This scholarship prioritizes applicants interested in aviation or other STEM fields. Please describe in 150 words or less why you hope to receive this award. You may share information about your interests, future course of study, proposed occupation, and any other information you would like to share:

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW? _____

PLEASE ATTACH A REFERENCE LETTER FROM ONE OF YOUR TEACHERS.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

Please return the completed application to the Tioga office by April 21.

Interviews will be held on April 25



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



() New Member Date: _____
 () Renewal – no changes
 () Renewal – with changes

	<u>Order Badge</u>	<u>Publish on Member List</u>
Name 1: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Name 2: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Child Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Child Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Mailing Address: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		
Phone 1: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Phone 2: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email 1: _____ (Required)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Email 2: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PMLAA Mission: To promote aviation interests and ensure the welfare and safety of its members, Pine Mountain Lake Airport, and the general community, through aviation-oriented recreational and educational activities.

Monthly Meetings: Held the first Saturday of each month (no meeting in January or July), usually at 6:00, check the PMLAA Newsletter or website www.pmlaa.org for details.

- Annual membership dues are \$25.00 per household.
- Please make check payable to: **PMLAA**.
- Bring to monthly meeting or remit to: **PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321**
- Membership includes:
 - Monthly electronic newsletter.
 - Access to member directory (available *only* to members).
 - Invitation events to monthly meetings and airport events.

Annual dues \$25.00 per year	\$ _____
Badges @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
Donation (\$25-\$100 suggested)	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL enclosed	\$ _____

2024 Meeting Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Time & Location</i>

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