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*Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association*

***Next Meeting:  
Hot August Nights-Catered Dinner***

*Saturday August 3, 2024*

*Time: 5:00 pm*

*Place: Joe and Annie Sobczak Hangar  
21110 Jimmersall Lane*

## President's Message

By Bob Mackey

Many of our neighbors are off to Oshkosh for the annual pilgrimage. Gabe and his team are putting together the final preparations for Hot August Nights. Be sure to get your Hot August Nights tickets soon.

The following month, September, we will be joined by Paul Marshall of CalDART, the California Disaster Airlift Response Team. You may have seen news last winter as CalDART provided relief to the Big Bear area after an extreme winter storm closed the roads into that mountainous area. Airlift was the only way in for some critical supplies. Presently, CalDART has twelve permanent airport-based DARTs. DART members come from at least 46 other airports to support DART actions when needed.

On Saturday evening, 7 September 2024 at the Johanson hangar, Paul will talk about how CalDART executes its missions, and how we as pilots and airport supporters can help. Sunday morning, immediately after the hangar cleanup, we can participate in a CalDART practice mission. To make this a success, we will need a few volunteers for both on the ground and in-air tasks. There is paperwork. Like Young Eagles or other service missions, we document who is flying what to where. The materiel or people loaded into each aircraft are sorted according to the weight, range, and other limitations for each air sorty. The teams on the ground match the loads to the aircraft and pilots. And of course there are liability waivers and insurance information to verify before flying. To sign up early, fill out the relevant attached forms and bring them to dinner on Saturday, or contact me (President@PMLAA.org) or Paul Marshall (Paul.Marshall@CalDART.org) with your questions. We will sign up additional volunteers at dinner on Saturday, so we can be prepared on Sunday morning, 8 September 2024.

- *Editors Note: Blank forms will be available at Hot August Nights Check in table.*
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- [VP Social](#)

By Gabe Coelho

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It's **HOT!**

It's nearly **August!**

That means PMLAA Hot August Nights is just around the corner. And the excellent volunteers who are planning things like food need to know how many tons to order. So, if you're not at AirVenture, please take a few moments and [fill out and mail this form](#) so that you can be counted. If you ARE at AirVenture, enjoy the rest of your pilgrimage and fill it out after your safe flight home.

Also, PMLAA will be collecting donations for the annual Stuff The Bus event during Hot August Nights. A separate notice (with more detail) will go out in a few days, but start thinking about what sort of school supplies you might want to donate.

Thanks!



*[Photo: PMLAA Member Vicki Benzing in P-51 "Plum Crazy" at EAA's 2024 AirVenture. Shot by Ricardo von Puttkammer as seen on Facebook.]*



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## **“Stuff the Bus” with school supplies for Tenaya Elementary students**

PMLAA is again helping provide school supplies for Groveland’s elementary school students. We’ll have a “Stuff the Bus” donation table at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

Please bring a box of pens or pencils, a stack of notebooks, binder paper, glue sticks, crayons, scotch tape, pocket folders, or a check/cash. Staples and Walmart both currently have great deals on school supplies.

Many local parents can't afford to buy the basic supplies that their kids need, so the school collects donations to outfit each student appropriately. Cash donations help the school “fill-in” needed supplies beyond the donations.

We can make a difference. Let’s pitch in and help our kids be ready to learn!

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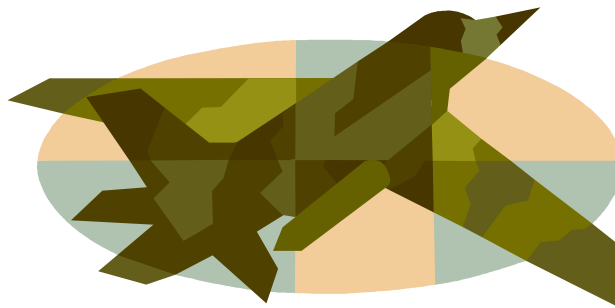
## COMMUNITY AIRPORT DAY

Julie Anema

PML Community Airport Day will be on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 3:00 pm. The event is a terrific opportunity to gain community support and appreciation for our airport. Visitors will enjoy viewing airplanes that include certified, vintage, and experimental during the event. Planned demonstrations include formation flying and special aerial exhibitions. The gyrocopters will be back this year. Spot landings and flour drop events need participants. We'll need help at the refreshment stand and controlling activity on the ramp too.

This is when all members of PMLAA can get involved. Do you have a cool car to show, bring it out. Of course, all airplanes are meant to be seen! The RC model airplane performance was impressive last year!

Please invite your PML friends and neighbors and let them see what a great asset our airport is to the whole community! Note that this is not a fly-in event.



*Airport Manager*

*Coffee &*



*Conversation*

**First Thursday  
of the month**

**10:00 am—11:00 am**

**Yosemite Flights  
Pine Mountain Lake  
Airport**



## Safety Corner

By Joe Sobczak & Mike Gustafson

**The Safety Column will return (*Ed.*)**

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# 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](http://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	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL enclosed</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

## 2024 Meeting Calendar

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

## 202 Hangar4 Aviation Calendar

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