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*Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association
Next Meeting:
Speaker: Paul Marshall of CalDART
Potluck Dinner*

*Saturday September 7, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm*

*Place: Jason & Krystall Johanson Hangar
20810 Elderberry Way*

President's Message

By Bob Mackey

At our September meeting, 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.

Forms to Download are attached. (Ed.)

VP Social

By Gabe Coelho

Hello PMLAA members. We had a nice turnout for our Hot August Nights event, I hope everyone enjoyed their dinner and the evening. I want to thank Joe Sobczak for the use of his hangar for the event. Our next September 7th meeting will be held at Jason & Krystall Johason's hangar, 20810 Elderberry Way (9'er end of runway). This will be a pot luck dinner and the theme is American Food in honor of Labor Day. Social Hour begins at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm.

Airport Day and our Airport Day Dinner is fast approaching. I need volunteers to help staff the food booth, early shift and late shift. Please contact me or any board member to volunteer for this rewarding opportunity. We will also begin to take RSVP's for the Airport Day Dinner being held on October 5th at our September meeting. It is important to get your reservations in early for this dinner otherwise you risk losing out on a NY steak and being served a leftover hot dog from earlier in the day.

LOST and FOUND - a nice pocket knife was found on the floor from our last event at Joe's, Hot August Nights. Contact me and describe it so it can be returned. Gabe Coelho, VP Social 209-617-4384

COMMUNITY AIRPORT DAY

Julie Anema

PML Community Airport Day will be on Saturday, October 5th, 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.

Thanks to Generous PMLAA Members

By Virginia Richmond

Many thanks to the generous PMLAA members who donated school supplies and cash in the Stuff the Bus campaign. Your contributions will help our local elementary school students be ready to learn when they return to school this month.



Patricia Gibson presents PMLAA's Stuff the Bus donations to Principal Wynette Hilton.

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-Julie Anema

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**COMMUNITY
AIRPORT DAY**
OCTOBER 5, 2024
FREE ADMISSION!
**PML AIRPORT
NOON – 3:00 PM**

**FORMATION FLIGHTS • RC PLANES • HELICOPTERS
FLYING SKILLS CONTESTS • SPECIAL AERO SURPRISES!
AIRPLANE/CAR DEMONSTRATIONS
AIRPLANES & CARS DISPLAY • REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Bring a chair and enjoy the entertainment!
At the PML Airport – Our Community Resource!

Organized by Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association
For more information, call 1 (925) 989-5186

This will be a special event for our neighbors. There is a great line up including flying demonstrations, high speed and low speed demos and formation flying. Spot landings and flour drop contests will test the skills of the contestants. We expect a nice turn out for the car and airplanes on display. The food for sale at the refreshment stand is pretty darn good. This is when all members of PMLAA can get involved. We will need help from all members to ensure that the event is successful.

To help with set-up, safety, traffic control, airplane movements, and car/airplane displays contact Mike Gustafson at MLGpilot@yahoo.com or 962-6336. Or Leon Liebster at leon.liebster@gmail.com.

Set-up starts at 9:00 am on October 5.

Spot landing and floor drop contests contact Phil Boortz at philboortz@gmail.com or 805-944-0148. Refreshment stand contact is Gabe Coelho at Skylaneav8or@gmail.com or 209-617-4384.

The set-up for the dinner will be on Friday, October 4th at 3:00 pm. At Kay Meerman's hanger.

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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

Maintenance Matters: A Pilot's Guide to Aviation Safety

Aircraft maintenance is often overlooked by pilots eager to soar the skies, but it's a critical component of flight safety. A well-maintained aircraft is less likely to experience in-flight failures, reducing the risk of accidents and incidents. Here are a few tips for pilots about aircraft maintenance and its impact on flight safety.

Understanding Your Role While mechanics are the experts, pilots play a crucial role in maintaining aircraft airworthiness. Regular pre-flight inspections are essential to identify potential issues before takeoff. Familiarity with the aircraft's systems and normal operating procedures helps in recognizing anomalies. Pilots should also be aware of the aircraft's maintenance history, including any recent repairs or modifications.

Building a Strong Relationship with Your Mechanic A good relationship with your mechanic is invaluable. Open communication about the aircraft's performance and any concerns you have is essential. Mechanics rely on pilots to provide accurate information about the aircraft's behavior. Regular discussions about maintenance schedules and upcoming inspections can help prevent issues.

Compliance with Regulations Adherence to airworthiness directives (ADs) is mandatory. Though not required for Part 91 flying, manufacturer's service bulletins should also be reviewed and addressed as necessary for safe operations. Pilots should stay updated on the latest ADs and ensure that all required maintenance is performed on time. Remember, the owner-operator has primary responsibility for ensuring an airplane is airworthy.

Logbook Accuracy Maintaining accurate and complete maintenance records is crucial. Logbooks document the aircraft's history, including inspections, repairs, and component life limits. Accurate records are essential for compliance with regulations and for tracking the aircraft's overall condition.

Proactive Maintenance Beyond routine inspections, if you are the owner consider implementing a proactive maintenance program. This involves regularly monitoring the aircraft's systems and components for signs of wear or degradation. Early detection of potential problems can prevent costly repairs and ensure continued airworthiness.

By understanding your role in aircraft maintenance, building a strong relationship with your mechanic, complying with regulations, maintaining accurate records, and implementing proactive maintenance practices, pilots can significantly enhance flight safety. Remember, a well-maintained aircraft is not only safer but also more reliable and enjoyable to fly.



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>

2024 Aviation Calendar

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