



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Next Meeting

April 05, 2025

The Nash Hanger

NE taxiway

Potluck social 6 pm dinner at 7

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President's Message

By Bob Mackey

Living in this aviation community, I expect that most of you have made and flown hundreds if not thousands of paper airplanes. I know I did. I remember getting *The World Record Paper Airplane Book* and making all those designs in grade school. A new version is out and creatively titled "*The New World Record Paper Airplane Book*." The author, John Collins, will be speaking at the Hiller Museum this coming weekend, Saturday Mar 22, 2025, at 11am. I have not been able to schedule him as a PMLAA guest speaker, so the next best thing is a fly-out to the Hiller Museum. I'll propose that we meet near the fuel pumps around 9am on Saturday. We'll arrange passengers and loads as needed, then fly to San Carlos. Weather for next Saturday is predicted to be partly cloudy and mild.



The April membership meeting will be April 5, 2025, at the hangar of Jodi Blom and Steve Nash, on the North Taxiway. Dinner will be potluck. After dinner, the speaker will be Larry “Lip” Gaines. Gaines, a 30-year pilot, has been running Bonanzas to Oshkosh (B2OSH), the largest formation flight of aircraft to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in Wisconsin, since 2007 and spends nearly 1,000 volunteer hours coordinating and planning the mission each year. B2OSH started in 1990 as a way to arrive together at the Oshkosh campgrounds and has grown to include more than a hundred aircraft arriving in formation at the world’s busiest airport.



In the coming months, we can look forward to other great dinner speakers. In May, I am looking forward to Professor of Geology Manny Gabet. He will talk about some of the local geologic features that we can see from the air over PML. Weather permitting, we will have a Sunday morning flight to see those features. Other speakers to look forward to include Prof. Paolo Iscold from Cal Poly Aeronautical Engineering, and Jan Johnson to talk about the history of the Women Airforce Service Pilots ([WASPs](#)) of WW2.

Remember to renew your memberships! -Bob

Safety Corner

By Mike Gustafson

Landing Safely

Last month Joe S. presented a fine article on how to be a safe pilot moving about the surface area of an airport so I will add to that by discussing how to safely get your BugSmasher 2000 into the pattern and land.

As I am sure you are a lot like me and keep your FAR/AIM manual on your bedside table for fun and interesting reading, I consulted the AIM, section 4-3-3, “Traffic Patterns” for this treatise.

While it is true that an uncontrolled airport is just that, Uncontrolled, the AIM “Highly” suggests that you use one of the listed entries to the pattern, be at 1000 feet AGL and on a 45-degree angle to the downwind. No descending in the pattern; ok, maybe entering directly into the downwind is ok, but interestingly enough, nowhere is the phrase “overhead tear dropping into the downwind” one of the “Highly” suggested entries! I even called our local FAA FSDO and asked about the dubious “Tear drop entry,” origins, etc.? And boy did I get an earful, to quote “I

would like to meet the knucklehead instructor that first thought that a tear drop entry was a good idea.”

The AIM cautions pilots in the pattern to be on the lookout for straight in traffic that may be on an instrument approach to the same runway. Be mindful that the lower aircraft has the right-of-way, but the lower traffic should not take advantage of the situation.

If you are arriving at the pattern from the opposite side of the in-use pattern, over fly the pattern 500 feet above pattern altitude and when past the downwind leg, descend, then maneuver to enter the pattern on the 45, where everyone expects you!

Standard entry is so important because when you announce your position on the radio you state standard positions so that everyone knows where you are. Using odd-ball entries can confuse other pilots in the pattern! We all learned that we make position reports, “3 miles out on the 45, down wind, right base (at PML), on final” with the intent and hope of spotting other aircraft, having others spot us, and spacing ourselves out to give everyone safe flying room.

Turbine and jet traffic will fly a higher pattern, typically 1500 feet AGL, and wider as their approach speeds can be higher than our BugSmasher.

If it is necessary to “Go Around” or you are doing Touch-and-Goes, then you want to announce your intentions, climb straight out to pattern altitude then enter the crosswind. Climbing in the pattern is almost as dangerous as descending in the pattern. You want to give yourself as much time as possible looking out for other traffic in the pattern or on the entry to the downwind. The most dangerous aircraft situations is a low-wing aircraft descending and the high-wing aircraft climbing, both are blind above or below, depending on the wing position. The initial accident report for the recent Marana mid-air crash was two such aircraft in the pattern.

Continuing our approach to landing we want to clear the active runway as soon as reasonably possible. Don't be pushed if the following airplane got too close and starts to hint that you might want to get out of their way. It would be a real shame to hit a runway light or blow a tire trying to rush your runway exit. Landing at Oshkosh, on the “Green Dot, Yellow Dot” is a WHOLE different story...

To enhance safety and visibility be sure to turn on every light on your aircraft, strobes, nav, landing, etc. Watch out for no radio aircraft, ultralights, and the occasional errant Pelican!

We all enjoy flying out of our uncontrolled airport, but let's do so as safely as possible!

Aviation Acronyms and Mnemonics

--Janet Gregory

Memory aids for student pilots, flight review prep, practical tests, and general review

Day VFR required equipment.



GOOSE A CAT

Gas gauge
Oil temperature
Oil pressure
Seat belts
ELT
Altimeter
Compass
Airspeed indicator
Tachometer

or **A FAST MOOSE**

Airspeed indicator
Fuel gauges
Altimeter
Seat belt/shoulder harness
Tachometer
Magnetic compass
Oil pressure gauge
Oil temp.gauge
Safety gear
ELT



or **TOMATO FLAMES**

Tachometer
Oil pressure
Manifold pressure
Altimeter
Temperature sensor (liquid-cooled)
Oil temperature (air cooled)
Fuel gauge
Landing gear position
Airspeed indicator
Magnetic compass
ELT
Seat belts



2025 AVIATION (AND OTHER INFO) CALENDAR

Submitted by Janet Gregory

<p>January</p>	<p>1 – <i>New Year’s Day</i> 4 – Happy New Year! NO PMLAA Meeting in January 4-5 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 20 – <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Presidential Inauguration</i> 29 – <i>Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake (celebrate thru Feb 12)</i></p>
<p>February</p>	<p>1 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 2 – <i>Groundhog Day</i> 9 – <i>Superbowl Sunday</i> 13-14 – <i>Blood Moon</i> 14 – <i>Valentine’s Day</i> 17 – <i>President’s Day</i> 28 – <i>Planet Parade – Seven planets will align in the night sky</i></p>
<p>March</p>	<p>1 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 8 – <i>Patriots Jet Team @ Ferrari Challenge, Sonoma Raceway, CA</i> 8 – <i>Mercury will be at its farthest point from the Sun</i> 9 – <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins (Clock springs forward)</i> 15 - <i>Patriots Jet Team @ MCAS Yuma Airshow, Yuma, AZ</i> 17 – <i>St. Patrick’s Day</i> 20 – <i>Vernal Equinox</i> 22 – <i>Vicky Benzing @ Thunder & Lightning Over Arizona, Tucson, AZ</i></p>
<p>April</p>	<p>2 – <i>Peanut Butter and Jelly Day</i> 5 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 5-6 – <i>Vicky Benzing @ Aviation Nation Airshow, Las Vegas, NV</i> 12 – Young Eagles at O22, Columbia Airport, 9:00-Noon 12-13 – <i>Vicky Benzing @ Southern California Airshow, Moreno Valley, CA</i> 12 – <i>Passover begins</i> 20 – <i>Easter Sunday</i> 22 – <i>Earth Day</i> 28 – <i>Superhero Day</i></p>
<p>May</p>	<p>3 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 4 – <i>Star Wars Day – “May the fourth be with you.”</i> 5 – <i>Cinco de Mayo</i> 11 – <i>Mother’s Day</i> 16-18 - <i>Patriots Jet Team @ Oregon Int’l Airshow, Hillsboro, OR</i> 17-18 - <i>Vicky Benzing @ Oregon Int’l Airshow, Hillsboro, OR</i> 22 – <i>Road Trip Day</i> 26 – <i>Memorial Day</i> 31 - <i>Vicky Benzing @ Kirtland Air Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM</i></p>

June	<p>1 - Vicky Benzing @ Kirtland Air Fiesta, Albuquerque, NM 7 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 7-8 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 7-8 – Vicky Benzing @ Beale Air & Space Expo, Marysville, CA 10 – Moon rise to its highest point and sink to its lowest – Lunar Standstill 12 – <i>National Flip Flop Day</i> 14 – Columbia Airport (O22) Father’s Day Fly-In 15 – <i>Father’s Day</i> 20 – <i>Summer Solstice</i></p>
July	<p>4 – <i>Independence Day</i> 5 – Happy Independence Day! NO PMLAA Meeting in July 5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 12-13 – Vicky Benzing @ Bremerton Airshow, Bremerton, WA 13 - Patriots Jet Team @ NASCAR Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, CA 17 – <i>National Hot Dog Day</i> 19 – Vicky Benzing @ Boundary Bay Airshow, Delta, BC Canada 21-27 – EAA AirVenture, OSH, WI 21-27 – Vicky Benzing @ EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI</p>
August	<p>2 – PMLAA Taxiway Party, Hot August Nights 2-3 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 9-10 – Vicky Benzing @ Humboldt Airshow, Humboldt, CA 13 – <i>National Left-Handed Day</i> 16-17 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings Over Camarillo Airshow, Camarillo, CA 22-23 - Patriots Jet Team @ Airshow of the Cascades, Madras, OR</p>
September	<p>1 – <i>Labor Day</i> 6 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 6-7 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 6 – <i>National Root Beer Float Day</i> 7-8 - Blood Moon 10-14 – National Championship Air Races, Roswell, NM (First Annual!) 10-14 – Vicky Benzing racing at the National Championship Air Races, Roswell, NM 22 – <i>Autumnal Equinox</i> 20-12 – Vicky Benzing @ Central Coast AirFest, Santa Maria, CA</p>
October	<p>4 – E45 PMLAA Airport Appreciation Day, 11:30-3:00 4 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 Catered Dinner 4-5 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 4-5 – Vicky Benzing @ California International Airshow, Salinas, CA 11 – Young Eagles Rally @ E45 Pine Mountain Lake Airport 9:00-Noon 11 – Vicky Benzing @ Apple Valley Air Show, Apple Valley, CA 11-12 - Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week, San Francisco, CA 13 – <i>Columbus Day</i> 18-19 - Patriots Jet Team @ Amigo Airshow, El Paso, TX 31 - <i>Halloween</i></p>
November	<p>1 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck & speaker 1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p>

	<p>2 – <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends (Clocks fall back)</i></p> <p>11 – <i>Veterans Day</i></p> <p>11 – North Taurids meteor shower peak</p> <p>16 – Leonidas meteor shower peak</p> <p>27 – <i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>
December	<p>6 – PMLAA Holiday Party, Catered Dinner</p> <p>6-7 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p> <p>7 – <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i></p> <p>14 – <i>Hanukkah begins</i></p> <p>21 – <i>Winter Solstice</i></p> <p>25 – <i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p>31 – <i>New Year's Eve</i></p>

☒ Check Vicky Benzing website for schedule changes and updates
<https://www.vickybenzing.com/schedule.html>

☒ Check Patriots Jet Team website for schedule changes and updates
<https://patriotsjetteam.com/air-shows/>

2025 Calendar

Filled with everything you love ❤️ Airplanes, Yosemite, and PML
Photos by PMLAA member Frank Leung



Only \$20

Buy them from Rob Compton or Janet Gregory
or at the next PMLAA meeting.

Airport Manager

Coffee &



Conversation

**First Thursday
of the month**

10:00 am—11:00 am

**Yosemite Flights
Pine Mountain Lake
Airport**





Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



() New Member
 () Renewal – no changes
 () Renewal – with changes

Date: _____

	Order Badge	Publish on <u>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
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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	\$ _____

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