



## *Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association*

### *No Meeting July*

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## President's Message

**By Bob Mackey**

A big thanks are due to Rob Compton and EAA 1337 for organizing a rock cleanup around the airport. Mowing the airport area is critical for fire and flight safety. Keeping the grasses low near the runway discourages deer and turkey from ambushing aircraft. Mowing rocks is really hard on the mowers, so dozens of volunteers came out to move rocks from the mower's path and into the ditches where they can help control erosion. Well done and many thanks!



There is no general meeting scheduled in July. Instead, there is preparation for Oshkosh flights and for Hot August Nights.



**Hot August Nights** will be Saturday August 2, 2025, at a new location in the hangars near the airport ramp.

We will be looking to all the usual suspects plus any new volunteers to carry out the planning and preparation. Ralph Mclaughlin is taking the lead, and Mike Gustafson is organizing the car displays. Ralph is supplying the meats (he knows a guy), and Rich Crow will be grilling.

Presently we still need volunteer help for:

- Setup
- Decoration
- Games - bring and setup games in front of each hangar
- Water buckets for fire safety
- Side dishes
- Traffic Control - keep the cars and people away from the operating airplanes, runway, and taxiways
- Recruiting more volunteers!

Please contact Ralph, Mike, or me to contribute.

Airport Day planning and preparation is also underway for October. Contact Daniel Anema to volunteer for all the usual roles. Kurt Howerton will be Air Boss.

September is our next conventional membership meeting with potluck dinner.

## Safety Corner

By Joe Sobczak

Should You Run Your Engine on the Ground to Warm up the Oil When You Can't Fly? Ten years ago, I set out to buy my first T-34. We found a suitable candidate at SQL.

The owner was advanced in age and had largely ceased flying. But as a nod to diligence in maintaining his aircraft, he regularly started the engine and taxied around the San Carlos Airport. Was that a "healthy"



practice for the aircraft and engine? What do you think? This topic is often debated. If you have a car, truck, or tractor that sits for a while, it's a good idea to start it and warm it up for a bit. But is it? Don't confuse a short "warmup" with an extended run. For a vehicle, we should get it running long enough and hot enough to boil condensation off the internal surfaces. The same goes for our aircraft. The dominant products of combustion in an aircraft engine are water vapor and carbon dioxide. Because an aircraft engine typically has big bore pistons that are loosely fit into the cylinders (compared to your automobile engine) there is plenty of "blow by," combustion gasses that get past the piston rings and into the core of the engine. If the internal engine parts are cool, as they are after starting a cold engine, the water vapor condenses on the internal parts. If you then fly the plane for an hour or so with the engine at normal operating temperatures, the water will vaporize and exit the crankcase through the breather tube. I'll go on a short tangent here. I also do not recommend you install an air/oil separator. This is often done in an attempt to correct a problem with excessive oil consumption. However, the air/oil separator cannot distinguish between oil and water, and it can result in excessive moisture collecting inside the crankcase. If you have an oil consumption problem, the underlying cause needs to be addressed. Sometimes the solution is as simple as maintaining a lower oil level. The T-34, for example, has a 12-quart oil sump. Keeping the oil level at 10 quarts dramatically reduces oil consumption with no adverse effects. I suppose if you had the endurance to stay up for 45 hours it could be a problem, but generally you'll run out of fuel long before you use up all the oil! Short ground runs are never recommended for your airplane. These short runs will not evaporate and remove all the moisture from inside the engine. This promotes corrosion and shortens the life of the engine. This problem is particularly acute for Lycoming engines because the placement of the camshaft, high in the crankcase, tends to expose it to more water and water vapor. Lycoming offers a bit of advice that you can find in the online resource "Frequency of Flight and its Effect on the Engine." Theoretically, a long ground run where you get the temps all the way up to full operating temperature is okay. But "theory" isn't real world. Lycoming says, "Prolonged ground running in an attempt to

bring oil temperature up is not recommended because of inadequate cooling that may result in hot spots in the cylinders, a baked and deteriorated ignition harness, and brittle oil seals which lead to oil leaks.” Bad Juju! If you cannot go flying, short or long ground runs are never recommended. However, always defer to the manufacturer’s advice.

**Enjoy the summer and Fly Safe! ~Joe**

# 2025 AVIATION (AND OTHER INFO) CALENDAR

Submitted by Janet Gregory

<p><b>January</b></p>	<p>1 – <i>New Year’s Day</i>  <b>4 – Happy New Year! NO PMLAA Meeting in January</b>  <b>4-5 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b>  20 – <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day &amp; Presidential Inauguration</i>  29 – <i>Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake (celebrate thru Feb 12)</i></p>
<p><b>February</b></p>	<p><b>1 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck &amp; speaker</b>  <b>1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b>  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><b>March</b></p>	<p><b>1 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck &amp; speaker</b>  <b>1-2 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b>  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 &amp; Lightning Over Arizona, Tucson, AZ</i></p>
<p><b>April</b></p>	<p>2 – <i>Peanut Butter and Jelly Day</i>  <b>5 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck &amp; speaker</b>  <b>5-6 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b>  5-6 – <i>Vicky Benzing @ Aviation Nation Airshow, Las Vegas, NV</i>  <b>12 – Young Eagles at O22, Columbia Airport, 9:00-Noon</b>  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><b>May</b></p>	<p><b>3 – PMLAA Meeting, 6:00 potluck &amp; speaker</b>  <b>3-4 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</b>  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>

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

*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 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (  ) Renewal – no changes  
 (  ) Renewal – with changes

	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
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>

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