



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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President's Message - By Bob Mackey

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party at Camp Tuolumne Trails, December 6 was a great success. Tangled Hearts provided the catering, with desserts provided by all of you! The Blue Oak Band kept the crowd of surprisingly spry octogenarians and youngsters dancing. Virginia and her team collected a pile of toys and donations for Toys for Tots.

Proposed change to PMLAA Bylaws

Each year, we have a bit of a problem in managing PMLAA. The fiscal year, the membership year, and the officer year all transition at the same time. That makes sense at first glance, but results in confusion when all the membership forms arrive and half are processed by the new board, and half are processed by the old board. The fiscal and tax years are fixed to the calendar year for this type of corporation. Changing the membership year would require some significant changes in notification and dues. The proposed change is to shift the officer cycle to April, allowing the new officers to learn the basics before being overwhelmed with membership renewals. Elections will be held in March. That does require an update to the Bylaws. While we are at it, we can trim some of the obsolete clauses from the Bylaws. Before our next meeting, February 7, 2026, we will distribute the draft Bylaws for membership review. The membership will be asked to vote on the changes at that meeting. If anyone has input on the update of the bylaws, please contact me (president@pmlaa.org).

Airport

The County is following up on our suggestion to consider a frequency change for the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. The present frequency, 122.90 MHz, is shared by many other nearby airports and can be congested at times. A frequency survey has been done, and some candidate frequencies have been identified. After the County Supervisors discuss this plan, they will send this suggestion to the FAA for their review. Separately, but in parallel, there is a proposal to change the name to Groveland Yosemite Airport. If both proposals move forward in a timely manner, we can look forward to re-marking the taxiway or runway with the new information, possibly in 2026.

Meetings

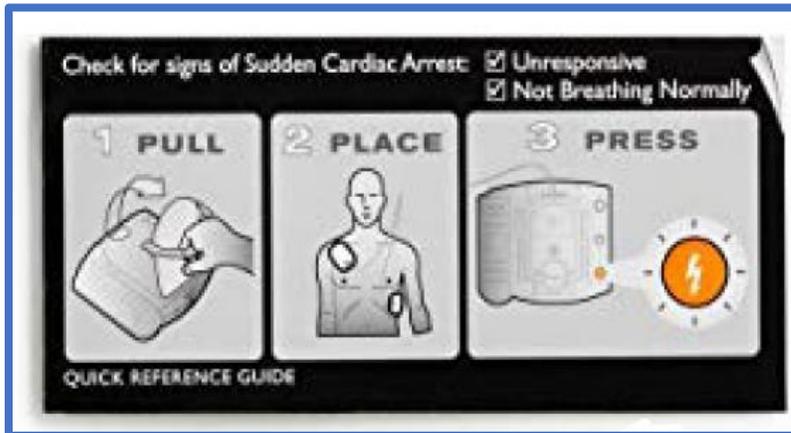
There is no general membership meeting in January. Happy New Year!
For future meetings, we are looking for new speakers to inform and entertain our members. Please contact me with your suggestions.

Safety Corner

Defibrillate Me!

Joe Sobczak, Safety Editor, PMLAA

Six years ago, your Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association deployed Phillips Heart-Start Defibrillators at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport. In this month's safety article, we will briefly review their location and operation. Take a few minutes to learn about PMLAA's defibrillators – a few minutes of your time now might save a life later.



A defibrillator, more accurately called an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), is designed to help restore a normal heart rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart stops pumping blood effectively. The device works by analyzing the heart's electrical activity through adhesive pads placed on the person's chest and, if a life-threatening rhythm is detected, delivering a controlled electric shock. Modern AEDs are built to be user-friendly, providing clear voice and

visual prompts that guide the user through each stage of use, from pad placement to when to stand clear and allow the shock to be delivered.

Knowing the proper procedures for using a defibrillator is critically important because sudden cardiac arrest is a time-sensitive emergency where every minute without treatment significantly reduces survival chances. Familiarity with the device helps reduce hesitation and panic, allowing a bystander to act quickly and confidently while emergency services are on the way.



Understanding when and how to use the AED, along with basic CPR knowledge, can mean the difference between life and death, making procedural awareness just as vital as having the device itself available in the home.

We have two portable defibrillators on the field, one located at Benzing's hangar and the other at Kay Meerman's hangar. If you want to become conversant with them, [click here for a secure link to the user manual](#). For a thorough demonstration and familiarization [click here for a secure link](#) to an excellent 11 minute video on their description and operation.

Special thanks to Steve and Jody for initiating and financing the project, and to all of our generous PMLAA members who donated their time and money to help pay for them.

Fly Safe!

Joe



How easy is it?

The Philips HeartStart Home Defibrillator is made for people who have never used a defibrillator before. The first and only defibrillator available without a prescription in the United States, it is designed to be easy to set up and use.



Toys for Tots Thanks PMLAA
- Virginia Richmond



Groveland's Toys for Tots project thanks the generous members of PMLAA for all the wonderful donations collected at our Holiday Party at Camp Tuolumne Trails. Your contributions of gifts and checks go a long way to fulfilling the Christmas wishes of area children. Toys for Tots Thanks PMLAA - Virginia Richmond

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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**





Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



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

Date: _____

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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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