



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Next meeting May 2, 2026
Potluck Social 5 pm / Dinner 6 pm
Sobczak Hangar 21110 Jimmersall

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The Prez Sez

By PMLAA President Joe Sobczak
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The regime change is complete, and your new 2026/27 Board of Directors is in place and ready to go. This is a weird transition because the prior board served from January 2025 through March 2026. You are only stuck with us for 12 months, through March of next year now that our administrative year goes from April Fools through the end of March.



Beginning next month, I will introduce each of the Board members in this newsletter, one officer each month. Our Board meetings are open to anyone wanting to listen in or contribute. This month we will meet on Tuesday, 28 April, at 5:00 PM at Around the Horn Brewing Company in Big Oak Flat. If you see this in time, come join us and feel free buy your favorite volunteer Board Member a frosty brew!

This is just about your last opportunity to see the Pine Mountain Lake airport signs at the main entrance. Our name has officially changed to Groveland-Yosemite Airport, and it is already being used in various publications and databases. Our SayWeather automated UNICOM will soon fall in line as well. Look for the new signage to appear in the next couple of weeks. **Shout out** to our incredible airport manager, Tonya Scheftner, for running this project through in record time! We are currently in the process of trying to get a different CTAF due to congestion on 122.9. If it changes, we will provide plenty of notice, so keep an eye out for updates.



The May meeting will be held in my hangar, at 21110 Jimmersall, beginning at 5:00. **NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME OF 5:00.** It will be the usual Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. Help us set up at 10:00 AM Saturday and knock down the same time Sunday. With lots of helping hands it will go pretty quickly. I welcome your feedback on the new, earlier, time. Our speaker will be Mr. Denis Mills. He will be presenting a fascinating and informative talk on the Tuskegee Airmen, the black pilots in World War II. I am particularly looking forward to this since I flew F-16s in the 302nd Tactical Fighter Squadron which was one of the WWII Tuskegee Airman fighter squadrons.



Planning is well underway for the 57th Annual Father's Day Fly-in at Columbia Airport. If you can spare a little time, volunteering to help will get you a front for all the activities and you won't have to pay admission! Give Misty Gamez a call at the TC Airport office, 209-459-9849 if you can help out. Misty LOVES her volunteers!

See you Saturday at my hangar!

-Joe

[Safety Corner will be back next issue](#)





CALAVERAS COUNTY AIRPORT DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026 | 10AM-3PM

- ✓ Free Admission
- ✓ Food Vendors
- ✓ Models on Display

 **Calaveras County Airport**
3600 Carol Kennedy Rd
San Andreas, CA 95249

 (209) 736-2501

 airport@calaverascounty.gov

— Event Sponsors —



62nd



May 29-30
2026

HAYWARD AIR RALLY

• The 62nd annual Hayward Air Rally is a day of skill, aviation & fun!

• The Rally is a ~200-mile VFR cross-country challenge. It is NOT a speed event; fuel management and navigation skills determine your score in this one day event.

• After a day of flying enjoy socializing with your fellow pilots in the hospitality room followed by an awards banquet inside the Aerospace Museum of California.

• All types of piston aircraft are accepted. All certificated pilots, guests and students with instructors are welcome. A great opportunity to test your flying skills for prizes and trophies or just have fun and enjoy the camaraderie.

• Rally proceeds fund aviation related scholarships.

For more information visit:
www.hwdairrally.org



or call 530-621-1049



Hayward
HWD

Sport Pilots Welcome!

Proceeds Support Aviation Scholarships

Minden-Tahoe
SKYFEST



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 16-18





Vicky Benzing Aerosports 2026 SCHEDULE

MAR 14, 2026 NAF EL CENTRO AIRSHOW (CANCELLED)
EL CENTRO NAVAL AIRFIELD, EL CENTRO, CA

MAR 21-22, 2026 NAS LEMOORE AIRSHOW (CANCELLED)
LEMOORE NAVAL AIR STATION, LEMOORE, CA

APR 25-26, 2026 WINGS OVER SOLANO AIRSHOW
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, TRAVIS, CA

MAY 6
CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY VISIT

MAY 16-17, 2026 GUNFIGHTER SKIES AIRSHOW
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

JUN 6-7, 2026 FAIRCHILD SKYFEST
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, SPOKANE, WA

JUN 12- 13, 2026 MOSES LAKE AIRSHOW
MOSES LAKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, MOSES LAKE, WA

JUL 20-26, 2026 EAA AIRVENTURE
WHITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT, OSHKOSH, WI

SEP 12- 13, 2026 CENTRAL COAST AIRSHOW
SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT, SANTA MARIA, CA

SEP 16-20, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES
ROSWELL AIR CENTER, ROSWELL, NM

SEP 26-27, 2026 MCAS MIRAMAR AIRSHOW
MCAS MIRAMAR AIRPORT, SAN DIEGO, CA

OCT 3, 2026 WINGS OVER THE WESTSIDE AIRSHOW
NEW COALINGA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, COALINGA, CA

OCT 16-18, 2026 LAS CRUCES SKY FIESTA
LAS CRUCES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAS CRUCES, NM

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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



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

Date: _____

	<u>Order Badge</u>	<u>Publish on Member List</u>
Name 1: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Name 2: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea.	<input 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	\$ _____

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