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## Medi-Flight Air Ambulance Operations

Presented by

### Frank Erdman

About our Speaker for Saturday, May 4, 2002

Medi-Flight of Northern California is a helicopter air ambulance service based at Memorial Medical Center in Modesto with a Sutter Facility and Kaiser affiliate.

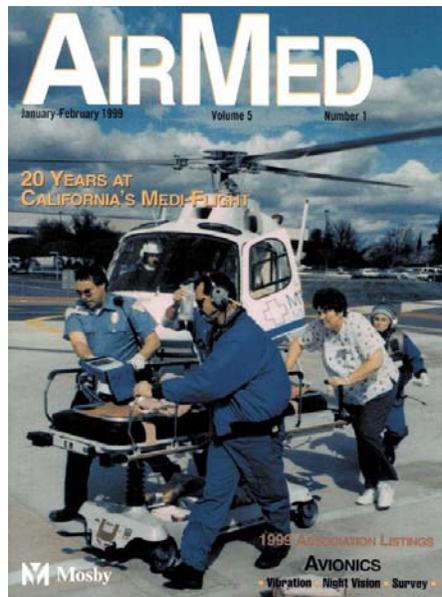
Established in 1978, it is the longest operating air ambulance service in California. Medi-Flight provides emergency air transport services to local areas as well as the Sacramento, Fresno and Bay Areas. From the scene of the accident when time is critical or treatment is beyond the scope of the ground ambulance, Medi-Flight assists with the transport of critically ill patients to specialty care centers.



range planning, management and coordination, and quality improvement for the helicopter service. Additional experiences include analysis of issues related

to helicopter service efficiency and efficacy; implementation of information systems solutions specific to the air medical industry; coordinating a successful effort to achieve nationally recognized accreditation for the helicopter service; and aircraft acquisition. Frank is active and involved with the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS), and has served on the Finance and Reimbursement Committee of this organization.

Frank Erdman has over twenty-three years of experience in Emergency Medical Services (EMS). He has worked in the areas of ground and air ambulance services including both fixed-wing and helicopter, and public and professional EMS education. Frank is formally trained as a Paramedic and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, as well as a Master of Business Administration degree. For the past fourteen years, Frank has served as Program Director for Medi-Flight of Northern California, one of the nation's oldest and most experienced helicopter air ambulance providers. They operate three rotorcraft under a hospital-owned FAA Part 135 certificate. Shown above is their AS 355 F-2 Eurocopter Twinstar. Frank currently has daily responsibility for long



Frank is also responsible for a communications center that provides 911 dispatching services for 6 ground ambulance companies. This communications center is designated as the County Disaster Control Facility, charged with managing multi-casualty incidents as they occur within Stanislaus County and providing a variety of support services to the pre-hospital care system on a 24-hour basis.

We look forward to Frank's talk preceded by an up close and personal look at one of their Eurocopter Twinstars at Roger and Jan Sloan's hangar.

✦ Keith Zenobia

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**B**ruce Bailey enlightened and entertained us at our April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with intriguing and hilarious stories about Cold War "Spy Flights." He has authored several fascinating books on the subject under the pseudonym R. Adam Solo. See last month's edition of the PMLAA News for a list of retailers or call me.



PMLAA member **Bud Field's** DC-3 (pictured below) has a new temporary home at Columbia Airport where it will be restored. It was very educational to observe **Larry Struck and Kent Blankenburg** direct the maneuvering of this massive 64' 6" long beauty with its 95-foot wing-span into a hangar with a 96-foot opening – not to mention avoiding the hangar's heating ducts which hung lower than the bird's VOR antenna.



**F**rank Erdman and his Medi-Flight crew will park their helicopter in front of Jan and Roger Sloan's hangar for *show-and-tell* beginning at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. There are no kitchen facilities at the hangar, so please plan your pot-luck dishes accordingly.



**C**lay Lacy will dazzle us on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Kent and Sandy Blankenburg's east hangar. **Thank you again Kent and Sandy** for providing the perfect venue for this very special event. Banny's Restaurant of Sonora will cater the evening. Please see the enclosed reservation form. Attendance will be limited to the first 220 people and our deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>.



Don't forget our **fantastic fun-filled fly-out to fabulous Calaveras** on **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**. Details are in the April edition of the PMLAA News – or call me at 209-962-4014. Please call me if you're planning to fly there and can take passengers or if you'll need a ride.



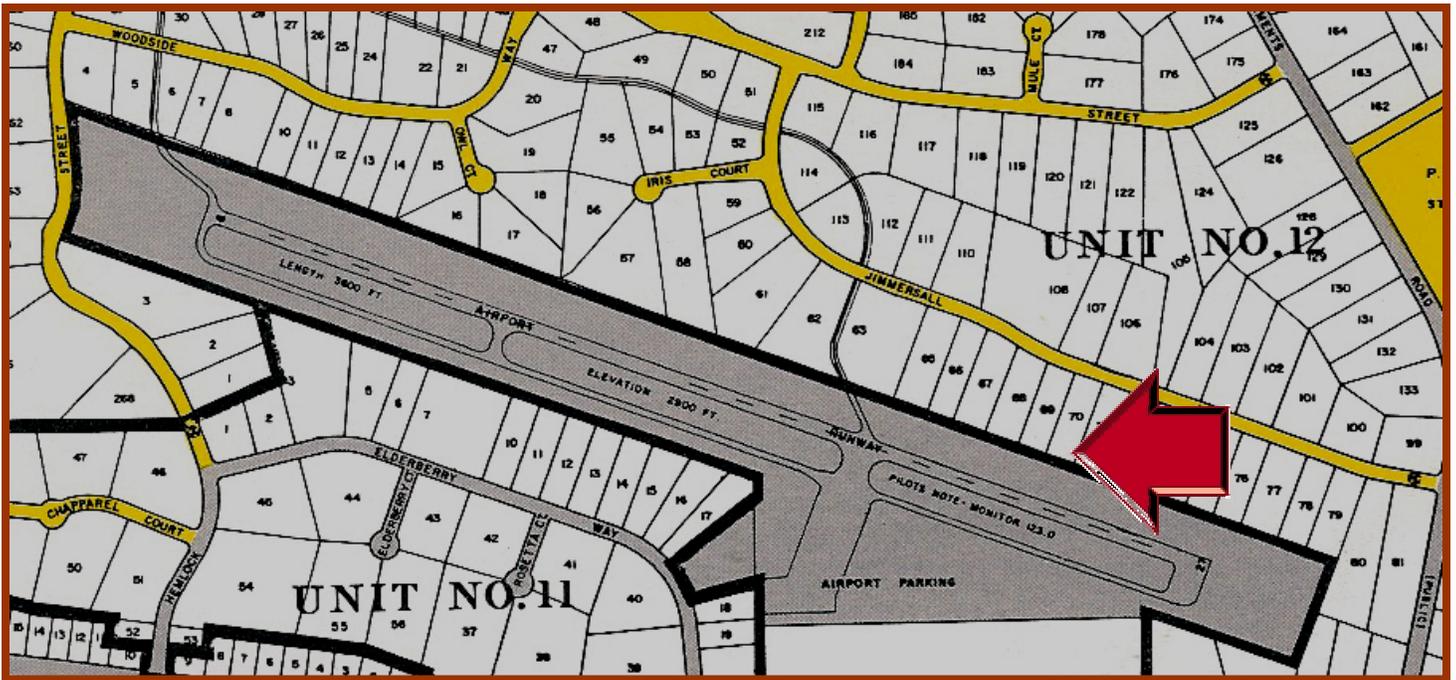
**The Modesto Bee's** Senior Editor Mike Dunbar will visit our airport with a reporter and photographer on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to get a first-hand look at paradise. They will be looking to photograph unique, beautifully maintained, showpiece airplanes, cars, motorcycles, scooters, boats and homes. So, if you own such a thing and would like to make it available on June 1st, give me a call at 209-962-4014.

Oops, I goofed. When preparing the April edition of the PMLAA News for collating, I inserted the inside page backwards. My error resulted in Mike Gustafson's safety article getting divided in two. Sorry for the confusion.

The good news: attendance is way up for our monthly general meetings. The bad news: higher attendance means more work for our property managers. We need volunteers to help set up and wrap our meetings. For that matter, one more official property manager on board would be a perfect solution. Please call Malcolm Milliron at 209-962-4508 if you would like to join this illustrious group. Thank you.

Happy Flydays,

✈ Keith Zenobia

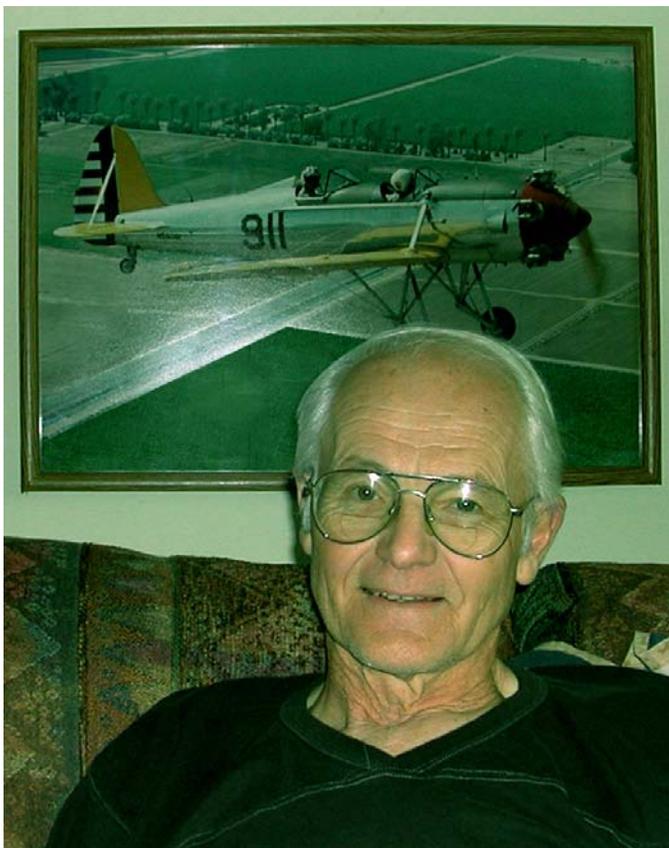


Our Saturday, May 4, 2002 General Meeting will be held at  
**Roger and Jan Sloan's hangar on the north-east taxiway, Unit 12, Lot 70 (21181 Jimmersall Lane)**

**NOTE FROM OUR GOOD FRIEND RICH McGLASHAN**

*Thanks to all for your thoughts, visits, goodies, cards, etc. during my recuperation. My back surgery went well. I'm on the road to recovery. Stop by anytime.*

(Rich is pictured here with photos of his 1941 Ryan PT-22).



# Safety Corner

## WEIGHT and BALANCE

- By Tom Martin

What's that?? Actually it's a small pre-flight item that could determine whether or not you will have a routine and uneventful flight.



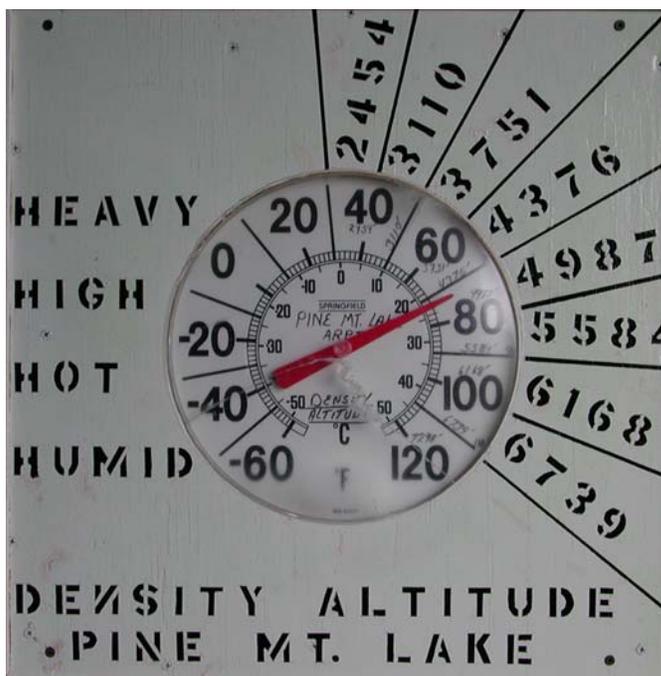
Most of us as pilots view "weight and balance" as something we learned to do as a prerequisite to passing the Private Pilot written Exam. And all too many of us are far too casual in ensuring that this "small item" is completed prior to every flight where we have all seats filled (in a two place aircraft), four seats filled (in a four place aircraft) and on and on. When we load our aircraft to capacity (passenger wise) and then load a full luggage compartment, we have to think about how much



fuel and oil we can carry safely. Then a "Weight and Balance" problem must be done without fail---this is the only way you can safely know whether your plane will fly or not. In the summer months (rapidly approaching) "density altitude" can add to the problem of getting and staying airborne. If you have done your "HOME WORK" in weight and balance, checked the density altitude for the airport from where you are departing, checked your enroute weather and NOTAMS you are probably ready to FLY. DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC---EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF FLIGHT---HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER AND FLY SAFELY.



PMLAA Member **Tom Martin** is a very efficient guy. He can drink coffee, work on his computer, talk on the phone and shave – all at the same time.



**Be careful when you do your walk-around.**

# *Pine Mountain Lake*



# *Concours d'Elegance*

**Saturday, August 31, 2002**

**10 :00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
at

**Pine Mountain Lake Airport**



**Join us for a day of fabulous cars, wonderful food and fun!  
Stay for a great BBQ dinner / dance**

at the

**Pine Mountain Lake Stables**

For more information or to request an **entry brochure** phone:

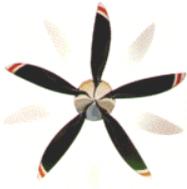
**209-962-1001**



Proceeds from the Pine Mountain Lake Concours d'Elegance  
will benefit **Kittytails**, a feral kitten rescue society

209-962-1060

## PROP WASH



### GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS

The good news is that Kris and Kristin Cox sold their house and can now build their dream home anywhere they choose.

The bad news is that they're leaving Pine Mountain Lake for Idaho! We're hoping they decide to buy another lot here and rebuild. At least they'll be coming back to visit Red, Patti and the rest of us - their extended family. We shall really miss them.



### ANOTHER MOVE IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE

PMLAA charter member Anne Sullivan is selling her airport cottage and hangar on 2.3 acres at the southeast end of the runway. Anne is not planning to leave the area, she just needs a smaller place. Since her stroke in November, Anne is no longer flying her plane or riding her Harley-Davidson motorcycle.



This lovely lady has led an interesting and exciting life – teaching in Africa as well as flying around East Africa and Great Britain. She has ridden her Harley across America. Anne earned

her private pilot license at age sixteen in Calistoga. Her hobby is bungee jumping but she hasn't decided whether to take a plunge on her birthday this June. Jack Slocombe is always asking her, "Have you jumped off a bridge lately?" because she did jump off the Golden Gate Bridge.

✈ Betty Correa



### WHEN THE TREE FELL

When the aged oak fell at last,  
Branches shattered on the ground,  
Scattering clusters of mistletoe  
That had hung, tenaciously bound,  
From their host. By morning deer  
In silent need had stripped away  
The parasite. All that remained  
Was a fallen giant. In less than a day  
It went from majesty to rubble,  
From grandeur to firewood.  
Now a young oak thrives  
Near the place where it stood.

Mary E. Kelly

## Aviation Theme Tablecloths

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Catherine Murphy

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## Meet our **NEW** Members

-- Virginia Richmond, Profile Editor

### The Corsair Café Clan:

**Shirley Moreno, Carolyn Moreno,  
Michelle Cooper, RC Moreno**  
209-962-6793

A very special welcome to the **Corsair** ladies: Shirley, Carolyn and Michelle, and their dad, RC Moreno.



RC, who runs RC Moreno Heating and Sheet Metal in Campbell, has had a second home at PML for

13 years and the sisters had spent occasional vacation time here over the years.

Last fall, RC called his daughters and announced, "I've bought a restaurant, do you want to run it?" As it happened, the timing was right for all three and they left their jobs and began the family adventure.



Although they have never all worked together before, each of the three girls had 20 years of restaurant experience under their belts (aprons?). Shirley has cooked at Fontana's, Higashi West in Palo Alto, and the Village Pub in Woodside. She is a talented baker and runs the kitchen together with youngest sister, Michelle. Michelle is the "creative" one; she used to be a corporate manager for Red Robin restaurants in Stockton. She also has two little girls (Justine, 7 and Anna, 5) who come to "help" on the weekends.

Middle sister Carolyn manages the "front of the house" based on her 20 years of wait staff experience. Carolyn will be leaving later this spring to start a new career as an elementary school teacher.

After a quick face-lift on the restaurant last fall with new paint, carpet and dishes, the Morenos are now building an addition for deck-dining which will be shortly. In addition, due to popular demand, watch for an expansion in the restaurant 's hours very soon.

Shirley, Carolyn and Michelle are most appreciative of the warm and supportive reception they've had from the PML community, especially the aviation folks. Hey, guys, these lovely ladies, who like pilots and know how to cook, are all single!

Although they had no previous flying experience, Carolyn knew exactly what to write on their PMLAA membership application: "We feed pilots!" And we're glad they do!

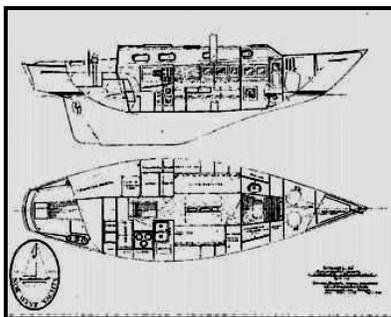
We can be free! We can learn to fly. - Richard Bach

### Gene and Dottie Haynes

209-962-4532

[haynes769@aol.com](mailto:haynes769@aol.com)

Dottie and Gene built their house on McKinley in 1986 and have been permanent residents of PML since 1996. Before that they lived on a boat in San Francisco Bay for eight years. Their home was a 33' Nor'West sloop, built in 1977. Gene also sailed it to Hawaii single-handedly.



Dottie says it was difficult to acclimate from sea level (literally) to the Sierras, but her "seafaring mountain man" made the transition easily!

Gene is an engineer by training who spent 25 years at Varian Associates. He was a pioneer in the use of

radiation for cancer detection and treatment. He developed the technology for brazed Beam Center Line Accelerator Guides. In addition, Gene was in the forefront of design for modern Radiation Therapy departments in hospitals and clinics.

While at Varian, Gene also developed a Young People's Mountaineering program to introduce kids to backpacking and hiking and took them on trips in the Sierra and to Mt. Hood.

After Varian, Gene started his own business, Haynes Radiation Ltd. in Alameda. The machine he invented, the HRL Rad II Simulator, is now sold by Haynes Radiation and is in use in 170 cancer hospitals and clinics around the country.



It was his travels to hospitals around the country that brought Gene and Dottie together. He describes her as the "world's best travel agent" and she describes him as the "world's nicest client." One day he invited her sailing, and even though she can't swim, they've been sailing through life together for 24 years!

Gene has four children, Dottie has three, and together they have eleven grandchildren.

Gene says he came by his interest in flying because Lindbergh was flying when he was born. During the Korean War his VR8 Air Transport Squadron flew Douglas R4D transports ferrying wounded soldiers back to the US. Today he still builds and flies radio-controlled airplanes with a group in Oakdale.



Dottie is active in the PML Garden Club and Friends of the Library and Gene is a former PML board member and a member of the sailing club.



**The Ninety-Nines** are coming to PML Sunday, May 5, 2002 to paint our airport name in large bold letters on the south taxiway. This is their gift to us as they have done for many other airports. Our **Airport Manager Tim Deike** has arranged for the county to provide fifty gallons of white highway paint. Thank you Tim. PMLAA will provide food and drink as well as expendable items like paint rollers and additional labor. That's where you come in. **We need PMLAA volunteers** to assist the Ninety-Nines on that day. Please call our **Vice President of Airport Affairs Dick Collier** at 209-962-6400 (hangar) or 209-962-6852 (home) if you would like to help.

### Who are The Ninety-Nines?

The Ninety-Nines is an international organization of licensed women pilots from 35 countries - they currently have over 6,500 members throughout the world. They are a non-profit, charitable membership corporation. Their International Headquarters is located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Although there are other female pilot organizations in various states and nations, virtually all

women of achievement in aviation have been or are members of The Ninety-Nines.

The organization came into being November 2, 1929, at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island, New York. All 117 American female pilots had been invited to assemble for mutual support and the advancement of aviation. Louise Thaden was elected secretary and worked tirelessly to keep the group together as they struggled to organize and grow until 1931, when **Amelia Earhart** was elected as first president and the group was named for the 99 charter members.

Today Ninety-Nines are professional pilots for airlines, industry, and government; they are pilots who teach and pilots who fly for pleasure; they are pilots who are technicians and mechanics. But first and foremost, they *are women who love to fly!*

**Thank you Ninety-Nines and PMLAA volunteers for improving our airport.**

✈ Keith Zenobia



## CLASSIFIEDS

This is a free service of the PMLAA News. Members are invited to submit ads for aviation-related items and services they wish to buy or sell.

### WANTED

✈ Parts for experimental airplane with 12 volt electrical system which are new or in very good condition. No junk please. Parts needed include a heated pitot tube, wingtip strobes, gascolator suitable for 300hp engine, duplex fuel selector valve, flush mount wing fuel tank filler cap, battery contactor, position lights, eyeball vents, low clearance comm antenna (bent style), marker beacon antenna, transponder antenna, ignition/mag switch, other miscellaneous airplane parts which you think might be useful. Please contact Jim Thomas at 209-962-0910.

✈ Seeking to rent or buy a hangar at Pine Mountain Lake Airport for my Cessna 182. Please contact Tom Tingley at 209-962-0499.

✈ Need a Continental 0-470-L Engine with low or mid-time hours for my Cessna 182 and temporary hangar rental to change engine and prop. Please contact Tom Tingley 209-962-0499

✈ Looking for an external antenna model # 18344 for a Trimble Flightmate Pro GPS. Please call Jim Skala at 209-962-5885

✈ Retired Professor will share fuel costs for scenic flights from PML. Philosophy discussions gratis. Please contact Don Anderson c/o Bill and Norma Anderson at 209-962-0337.

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### ATTENTION: OLD CAR OWNERS



The outrageous, notorious third annual **Double 500**---500 kilometers in one day---in a car not worth more than \$500. This non-profit event organized by Martin Swig takes place June 29<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. Participants will be led out of town by a police escort and followed by six AAA tow trucks. There will be a lunch in Ft. Bragg and a no host dinner at Il Fornaio restaurant in Corte Madera. At the end of the event, participants may donate their cars to the Volunteers of America. If any would like to enter, call PMLAA member **Ron Wren** at 415-386-8666 or e-mail him: [ronwren@aol.com](mailto:ronwren@aol.com).

### Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

## T-Shirts, Caps & Patches

Contact Rich McGlashan

209-962-7928



The Arthur Andersen partner was on his cell phone when he said,

"Ship the Enron documents to the feds,"

but his Secretary heard,

"Rip the Enron documents to shreds."

Turns out it was just a case of bad cellular.



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**Monday, May 27, 2002**

# P M L A A



## General Meetings

First Saturday of the month at The Lake Lodge unless otherwise noted

EVENT DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
January 5, 2002	Lieutenant Colonel Rich Perkins	"Spy Ops", Flying the U-2
February 2	Dr. Carlene Mendieta	Amelia Earhart's "Flight Across America" Reenactment
March 2	CDF Battalion Chief Dan Ward	Aerial Fire Fighting
April 6	Author, Bruce Bailey, Lt Col USAF (Ret)	Cold War Spy Flights – The Inside Story
May 4	Medi-Flight's Frank Erdman with helicopter & crew at the Sloan's hangar	Air Ambulance Operations
June 1	The Pilot's Pilot, Clay Lacy <u>Catered dinner at Blankenburg's east hangar</u>	To be announced
July (No Meeting)		
August 3	Guy Watson of Watson Propeller	<i>The Best Fighter Plane of WWII</i> or <i>How To Start an Argument</i>
September 7	To be announced	
October 5	To be announced	
November 2	Ken Orloff	Aircraft Accident Investigation – to be announced
December 7	Thanksmas Party	Too Much Fun
January 4, 2003	Captain Al Haynes	The Story of United Flight 232

## PMLAA Board Meetings

7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following each General Meeting unless otherwise noted

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at Pat and Paul Price's residence  
Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at Betty and Don Correa's residence

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# Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association General Meeting

**Saturday, May 4th, 2002**

**Social Hour / Helicopter Show-&-Tell begins at 5:45 p.m. - Dinner at 7:00 p.m. – Speaker at 8:00 p.m.**

Please bring your own beverages and enough food to accommodate you, your guests and a few more.

**Coffee, paper plates & plastic utensils will be available but feel free to bring your own service.**

**Location: Roger and Jan Sloan's hangar on the north-east taxiway**

21181 Jimmersall Lane, Unit 12, Lot 70

Please see the airport map on page 3 of this newsletter

**Since there are no kitchen facilities at the hangar, please plan your pot-luck dishes accordingly.**

**Guest Speaker  
Frank Erdman of Medi-Flight  
Air Ambulance Operations**



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