Lane Wallace, a regular columnist and the West Coast Editor for Flying Magazine, is a nationally known and respected aerospace writer, editor and author. She learned to fly in 1986 after being inspired by a biplane flying overhead, and her love affair with airplanes continues to this day. She owned a 1946 Cessna 120 for seven years and now owns a 1977 Grumman Cheetah. While working at Flying Magazine, she has flown the Cheetah all across the country, as well as to Canada and Mexico. Lane has had other unique adventures, ranging from flying relief supplies into Sudan and bush flying in Kenya to flying in New Zealand and Australia. She even flew a blimp from Switzerland to Athens for the Summer Olympics.

In addition to her magazine writing, Lane has authored four books for NASA on the agency’s efforts and accomplishments in aeronautics and space research. Lane’s 1994 book, Airborne Trailblazer, about NASA’s research to improve the safety and capability of air transport aircraft, won a Washington EdPress Silver Award for Excellence in Print. In conjunction with NASA, she authored Wild Blue Wonders, a book published by the Experimental Aircraft Association in 2001 for young people about flying and designing airplanes. Lane also wrote and co-produced a three-part documentary series on the human adventure of flight test work that aired on The Learning Channel in 1999.

Along the way, Lane’s work has earned her numerous citations and awards, including an honorary membership in the Air Force Society of Wild Weasels and a citation for Outstanding Contributions to Preserve General Aviation from the Torrance, California Airport Association.

Lane graduated with honors from Brown University in Providence, RI, with a degree in Semiotics (the theory and study of signs and symbols, especially as elements of language or other systems of communication, and comprising semantics, syntactics, and pragmatics).

In addition to her work at Flying, Lane has written for several other national and international publications, including AOPA Pilot and Flight International, and was a featured contributor on Microsoft’s Flight Simulator 2004: A Century of Flight.

The Pine Mountain Lake Airport Association is delighted to welcome Lane Wallace on May 7, 2005, 6:00 p.m., at the Buchner Hangar, 20885 Hemlock Street at Woodside Way, Pine Mountain Lake Airport.
**President’s Message**

As I write, April 15th is looming so it seems appropriate to discuss the club’s finances.

**Income:** Most of our income comes from dues and the June fundraiser, with bar sales and the 50/50 raffle providing the balance. We have about 225 members, so that will bring in $4,500. Bar sales account for about $3,500 annually and the 50/50 raffle contributes $3,000. We hope that this year’s fundraiser will bring in about $5,000. Lastly, we occasionally receive donations from members, so we end the year with a cash flow of about $17,000.

**Expenses:** It costs money to run this organization. Our largest expense is the newsletter. Toner cartridges alone cost $4,500 with paper and postage bumping us up to around $5,700 total. That’s more than our entire annual dues. Bar supplies, paper products, etc. for the monthly meetings come to around $3,000. The June fundraiser will cost about $1,500 for food and supplies. Adding in the occasional speaker travel expense, video supplies, and putting money aside for the scholarship program costs another $2,700 per year. There are other miscellaneous expenses that total $1,500 so pretty soon we are pinching pennies. So, the net/net is around $2,600, still positive but tight enough that Barbara Coldren, our treasurer, starts losing sleep!

One of the areas of possible cost reduction is to purchase refilled toner cartridges. Last year we found that the refilled cartridges would not work in our HP printer. Technology has progressed, so we are giving it another try. If this works we might see a 30 – 40% reduction in our toner expenses! Another idea is to find someone whose company has a big HP discount and maybe we could buy cartridges on their shirt-tails. Right now we pay retail for each cartridge. Any ideas or help on this angle would be appreciated. Contact our newsletter publisher Silvano Gai if you can help.

The good news is that our scholarship fund is healthy, and we expect to help a couple of high school seniors with their aviation goals. If you know aviation oriented graduating seniors, please contact Jerry Baker, 962-7916.

**Volunteerism:** By the way, there are many things we don’t pay for, due to the generosity of our members. Keith consistently finds wonderful speakers without fees. The Codeglia and others regularly house our speakers. The Buchners provide a wonderful venue at no charge. Alan Codeglias and others regularly house our speakers. The good news is that our scholarship fund is healthy, and we are giving it another try. If this works we might see a 30 – 40% reduction in our toner expenses! Another idea is to find someone whose company has a big HP discount and maybe we could buy cartridges on their shirt-tails. Right now we pay retail for each cartridge. Any ideas or help on this angle would be appreciated. Contact our newsletter publisher Silvano Gai if you can help.

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I want to thank Paul Sperry, his team, and all of you who come to help set up on Saturday morning and tear down after the meeting. I appreciate your help. A special thanks to Jan Sloan for hemming all the new tablecloths.

Your board is hard at work on the June 4 Aviators’ Barbecue. It will be a great party; please get involved and plan to bring your friends and guests. We can give you as small or as large an assignment as you like!

We wish JoAnn Martin and Joan Evans a speedy recovery from their illnesses. We hope to see them back with us again soon.

Mike

**Social Corner**

The PMLAA April meeting with guest speaker Sean D. Tucker was a great success. He is just as captivating as a speaker as he is doing aerobatics.

Our May speaker, Lane Wallace, is also an excellent choice and we are fortunate to have her with us for the evening. Our next month’s food will be a potluck. **PLEASE BRING ENOUGH FOR 6 PEOPLE.**

We will have full dinner potlucks from now on. We tried appetizers and desserts as a nice alternative, but too many people thought they could make dinner out of appetizers. Unfortunately, we ran out of appetizers last month and a large group of people didn’t get to eat. Please use the plates provided. If people take a reasonable amount the first time through the line, you can always go back for more after everyone has had something to eat.

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**ODE TO SPRING**

-- by Mary Kelly

Ah, spring!
Has any poet not described it,
Raptured o’er a freshening breeze,
(Excuse me — I have to sneeze — achoo!)
Delighted at bird call from tall trees?

The great-horned owl hoots its call,
A gray squirrel chatters from his high trapeze,
(Excuse me — another sneeze — achoo!)
Meadowlarks warble with practiced ease.

Easterly winds shake buckbrush blooms,
Pollens lift and float as they please,
(Excuse me, please — again I sneeze — achoo!)
Bluejays squawk from great oak trees.

I would go on, but — excuse me, please —
I sneeze.

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Please write “June 4” and the number of people attending on your check.

Name ________________________________
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Mark your Calendar

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      Buchner Hangar

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       Buchner Hangar
       Reservations required

July 2  No meeting  Fireworks over the lake

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