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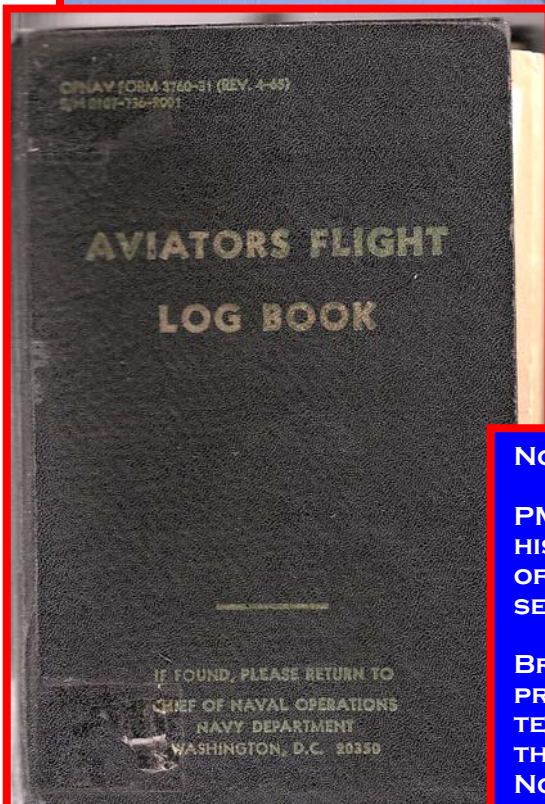


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HONOR OUR VETERANS

ENJOY OUR OWN TELL THEIR STORY

“TALES FROM A LOG BOOK”



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PEEBLES HANGAR

PMLAA MEMBER AND NAVAL AVIATOR ALLEN CRAIG WILL BREAK-OUT HIS OFFICIAL NAVY ISSUED AVIATORS FLIGHT LOG AND SHARE SOME OFFICIAL AND PERHAPS SOME NOT SO OFFICIAL STORIES FROM HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.

BRING YOUR MEMORIES. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT PRIOR TO ALLEN'S TALK AND WANT TO HAVE TIME AFTER FOR THE TELLING OF THOSE STORIES THAT HIS TALK MAY TRIGGER. TO ALLOW THAT TABLE AND CHAIR BREAK DOWN WILL COMMENCE AT 10AM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2007.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Your Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association is looking for a few good men and women!

That's right, it is the time of year when we look for those to carry forward the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association. Our association has done much in the past for our airport, the aviation community here and the greater community around us. We have good momentum right now with what appears to me to be favorable community relations. This momentum has been helped by our volunteer member efforts such as Vicky Benzing and all those who pitched in for the June airshow, Larry Jobe organizing the opening fly-by for the 49er Festival and fundraiser for Frog to mention only a couple. The best part of most of these activities is that they incorporate what we love to do- to fly!

This community relationship is very important to our continued freedom to enjoy aviation in this area. Please consider volunteering to help our Association continue these efforts. We are looking for leadership roles, newsletter writers, layout and printing specialties- the works! Whatever skills you have the association can use them.

The good news is the jobs are generally fun and that this community is great for chipping in and helping. There is much in place for next year already including many speakers and fly-out trips with champions. So please, if you like what the association has been doing then we need you to carry on and if you don't like what we've been doing then this is a great opportunity to affect change. Contact Allen Craig, Paul Price or me to discuss how you'd like to help.

Thank you Steve for a great presentation in October. It was both informative and entertaining. We enjoyed it and got something to boot. Good job and thanks again.

Winter flying is coming up. It seemed to hit us quickly a week or so ago. I shot a couple of approaches, actually had to enter and hold in a holding pattern and crossed the Sierras at 16,000 all "in the soup". After blue skies all summer! What it pointed out to me is that I need to prepare, both myself and my aircraft for winter operations. I got to where I wanted to go, but not as pretty as we would like. I will be practicing over the next few months. Larry Jobe is hosting a session at his hangar titled "Winter Flying Tune Up" on November 18th. Plan to attend as it should be just the ticket to jump-start all of us. *Keep flying, keep safe and have fun, Rand Siegfried*



For all of you that came to our Oktoberfest I want to thank you for bringing such wonderful German food. We even had a German enchilada dish and German Corn Chips. I want to thank Norm and Patty Peebles for hosting the PMLAA meeting again, they are gracious hosts. I also want to thank Phil Hickerson for his tireless dedication in producing the music and sound, also our treasurer, Kay Smith and Rose Heuer for being such a dedicated 50/50 ticket seller, Also to Harriet and Gerry for always being there to man the Canteen. The next meeting is going to have a Veteran Day theme.

Our **November 9th** meeting will have a Veteran's Day theme to honor all of our veterans. We look forward to some good times, plenty of time to mingle and to share some memories and have more good times.

We will have a pot-luck this month and ask you to bring a dish that any veteran would want to come home to. The favorite meal mom made. What they may have missed more than anything while away. We are thinking it may not be S.O.S. or C-rations, but perhaps you never know. Thanksgiving is later this month, perhaps a turkey and Pumpkin Pie or two? We know that this group will think creatively and whip up comfort food to make anyone forget the mess hall.

Location: The Peebles Hangar
Parking: Off the taxi-way
Times: 18:00:00
Food: Pot-Luck; happy homecoming theme

We look forward to having a great time and seeing everyone there- how else will we get to meet everyone!

Bring your appetite! Conni Buchner



Winter Tune Up

We all gotta get ready for winter flying and Capt. Larry is hosting us for just such a Tune Up. November 18th at Larry's Hangar House 3-5PM

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11th Annual



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Bring a toy, game or two. You'll feel good through & through.

6 p.m., Saturday, December 9, 2006

Blankenburg Museum

20810 Elderberry Way, Pine Mountain Lake Airport, Groveland, California

Feliz Navidad

Nacho Cheese Bar

Mexican Rice, Seasoned Black Beans, Warm Tortillas and Corn Chips
Salsa, Sour Cream, Cheese, Onions, Jalapenos, Olives, Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chicken Fajitas (Marinated & Grilled Chicken with Caramelized Onions)
Chile Colorado (Long-simmered Beef in Mild Red Chile Sauce)
Ice Cream Sundaes with Nuts and Chocolate Sauce
Coffee and Tea

Hosted Beer, Wine, Champagne, Soft Drinks and Water

and a visit from Santa



If you are unable to attend but would like to drop off toys (or for more information), please call Kent or Sandy at 209-962-4499.

**Make your check, for \$24 per person, payable to and remit to
Kent and Sandy Blankenburg
PO Box 203, Groveland, CA 95321
by November 30**

Please include a list of those attending on your check, as seating will be pre-assigned.

Reservations Accepted on a First Come, First Served Basis



Volunteering Some Maintenance Time

By Jim Thomas

The roof on the pilots lounge has been in pretty bad shape for several years. Surprisingly though, it still does not leak. The sun has curled the composite roofing on the south side to the point that it begs for attention. Several pilots have mentioned the need to replace the roof, but lack of resources or higher priority projects have led to putting off the work time and time again. Well, now it looks like we are going to get the roof taken care of thanks to the help of Larry Shaw and our local Rotary. At the end of October, the local Rotary Chapter will provide labor to remove the old roof, add some new fascia boards, install new composite roof shingles and install new gutters. The Airports Department is providing all the materials and the Rotary is providing the labor. What a great deal for everyone. This contribution to the airport by a local service organization is greatly appreciated.

It has been quite some time since there has been an organized work day or an independent group has offered to do something for the airport. Since the Pine Mountain Lake Airport is not financially self supporting, it is a big benefit when volunteers take the initiative to help do needed maintenance. There are several things that can be done by volunteers and I've come up with a short list of projects that could be taken on by individuals or groups. Following are three items on this list.

There are four picnic tables at the airport that are in very poor repair. The wood table tops and benches are weather damaged and the steel frames need painting. I believe there are two tables on the hill by the windsock and two stacked at the end of the hangar row. Refurbishing these tables wouldn't take a lot of work and the residents that like to sit and watch the planes land and takeoff would appreciate a better bench to sit on.

One of the very regular tasks that the Airports Department staff does is sweep gravel off the taxiway and runway. I think that most of the gravel gets kicked up by cars that drive off the edge of the taxiway as they pass another car. One piece of gravel can cause damage to a propeller or horizontal stabilizer. I know that in the past the residents had developed the "taxiway shuffle" whereby they kicked a piece of gravel off the asphalt without missing a step. Anyone walking on the airport can help by keeping the taxiway and runway gravel free.

I believe pilots are, in general, a pretty patriotic bunch. We enjoy the freedom to fly our own planes and we appreciate the nation that allows us this freedom. Those individuals that feel so inclined could replace the flags that are on the flag pole when the flags get old and faded. Taking the initiative to just

replace the flags would be a nice patriotic statement, would save the airport staff some time, and would make the airport look a little better.

If you have a project you would like to do for the airport, please contact me and I'll do everything I can to help make that project successful.

Keep it safe, JT



Winter Tune Up Time!

By Linda Monahan, Multi-engine DPE

Yesterday was a big day, again. I had another checkride with my FAA Inspector for my multi engine examining authority. I passed so I can now give checkrides in Twins. I just want to thank Rand, Randy, Brian and everybody else that helped me build my multi time and experience. Thanks, guys!

We've just had our first real rain since our drenching of last winter. It's time to get a tune up on our instrument skills and get them up to speed for the up-coming winter season. A few changes have occurred to the GPS Rwy 9 approach. The MDA is now up to 4140' for a circle to land to runway 27 with a Columbia altimeter setting. The minimums are still the same for the GPS Rwy 27 approach, which for my money is a whole lot scarier because of the terrain the approach brings you over! Another issue is that we are just outside NORCAL's coverage so they want us to go over to Oakland Center. The minimum vectoring altitude in this sector is 8000'. The very obvious problem for us during the winter is that places us right into icing conditions. About the only thing we can do is call Oakland Center and insist that we are cleared to fly the approach at the published altitudes on the approach plate, which is of course, 4500'. You can inform them that you will be responsible for your own terrain separation.

Another issue we need to address is our airplane's health. During the winter, a lot of our planes sit around in the rain, waiting for better flying days. One of the less obvious issues is to make sure we haven't developed any leaks around the windscreens, doors, or antennas. Nothing is worse than going out to your plane and discovering that it has leaked all over your very expensive avionics or upholstery. One thing we may not consider is, how about an oil change so as the engine sits around in the wet, cold conditions, it has fresh oil to protect it.

Deer on the runway continues to be a real problem. Please don't get lax and think the deer fence is keeping the critters off the runway. They jump through, over and under the fence and a lot of times, they end up tearing the wires down and shorting out the fence. If you are landing at ANY of the Foothill airports, you are always at risk of having deer on the runway.

One trick I use is that at night when I'm on final, I watch to see if any of the runway lights disappear, I know it's a deer walking in front of it if it does. So do your very best soft field, short field landing and get on the brakes heavily and get stopped ASAP. Have a safe winter session!

Happy Flying, Linda

AMAZING AIRCRAFT:

Last month we saw some of the beautiful photos of Kent and Sandy's 195 with high fashion models. These photo-shoots were put together by our own Keith Zenobia and his Amazing Aircraft Agency. What didn't print well was the contact info. describing how you too can be in show business.

Sorry Keith, here is what it said: AmazingAircraft.com provides the finest aircraft, pilots and skydivers to the motion picture, advertising and publishing industries. To discuss including your amazing aircraft, for potential fame and fortune (at no cost to you), contact Keith Zenobia at 888-639-6917 or via e-mail: keith@amazingAircraft.com.



Charter members Larry and Nina Jobe will be escorting their one-of-a-kind 4th annual **American Aviators VIP Tour to China** next March 13th thru 30th, 2007 (all-inclusive and all 4- and 5-star -- a high-end tour at a low-end price). For those who haven't already gone with us, check for details at www.TravelAireTours.com or call us toll-free at (866) 669-2288 (local 962-5588). There's also a nice aerial shot of PML's E45 on the "About Us" page.

BOOK NOW THE TRIP IS FILLING UP!



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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SET-UP CREW

Paul Sperry, Bob Bangs, Sean Brady, Buck Buchannan,
Bob Cowley and Mike Millard



Mark your Calendar

October 12th thru 15th Staggerwing Museum's Beech Party, Tullahoma TN
November 4th Monthly meeting- Veterans Day theme
November 18th Winter Tune Up at Larry Jobe's Hangar 3- 5PM
December 9th It's A Wrap

Fly In to our November Meeting!

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**Our next meeting:
November 4th!**