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HOW TO SAVE YOUR AIRPORT

ED ROSIAK, PRESIDENT OF CALPILOTS, TO SPEAK AT MAY 5 MEETING

Ed Rosiak is president of the California Pilots Association, headquartered in San Carlos, CA. He believes that one person can make a difference and feels strongly that we all need to work together to defend our airports and our rights as pilots.

The California Pilots Association is a state-wide nonprofit volunteer organization with local chapters and five regional offices. Its main mission is to



support general aviation through advocacy, which is achieved by working together with the membership to promote and preserve California's general aviation airports through education. Please visit their website at www.calpilots.org to see the full range of their activities.

Ed has been a member of AOPA since 1970, EAA since 1990, and the California Pilots Association since 1997. He has been president of the organization since 2005.

His presentation is titled "How to Save your Airport," and will provide us with information on the state of general aviation in California. Ed says, "Every one of us has to become involved, if we are to save GA."

Ed will be joining us from his home in the Bay area.

Ed received his private pilot license in 1970 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he grew up. A year later he followed it with an Instrument Rating.

Ed moved to San Jose, CA. in 1973 after losing patience with the climate in Milwaukee. To support his aviation interests, Ed worked at Apple Computer and other high tech companies for many years in the information technology department.



In San Jose he and his wife purchased a 1967 T210 that they kept for 10 years. Later he built a kitplane which he keeps at Frazier Lake Airpark (1C9), a 2500' grass strip airport, approximately 40 miles southeast of San Jose.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this important presentation on May 5th at the lovely new Gai hangar. New start time: 5:30pm.

President's Message -- Allen Craig

A couple of weeks ago, I walked into the Jobes' hangar/hangout for coffee, and there was Mr. Bob Hoover sharing aviation stories with the "boys." What a gentlemen and true aviation legend. I loved his stories about his test pilot days with Chuck Yeager and he told us some stories about Pancho Barnes that I know are not in his autobiography, "Forever Flying." I've watched Mr. Hoover fly at Reno for many, many years. His aerobatic performances there are almost as famous as his "Gentlemen, You Have a Race" call that began every Unlimited race. What really impresses me about him is not his flying but his courage in escaping multiple times from a German prison camp. Read the book!

The Jobes missed Mr. Hoover's visit as they were somewhere in China. Their China tours are always well attended by pilots as part of their tour is an emphasis on the Flying Tigers and visits to historical sites including airports and command posts that they used during WWII. Several of the few remaining Flying Tigers have accompanied the Jobes on previous trips. Larry and Nina have been working with the Chinese to establish a museum to preserve some of the Flying Tigers' history, and as of the last email I received from Nina, it looks like their making progress. I'll ask them to give us an update at one of our future meetings.

Our 2007 membership roster is enclosed. Many thanks to Diane Harrison for all her work preparing this document. Please remember that the roster is for our members' personal use only – nothing commercial.

As Rand mentioned at our meeting, he's planning another Idaho flyout in July. Stay tuned for more details.

The May meeting will be great. Our speaker is Ed Rosiak, President of the California Pilots' Association and the Gais have graciously allowed us to meet in their beautiful new hangar, on the corner of Woodside Way and the north taxiway. One of the issues our speaker will address is the importance of an airport having a positive relationship with its neighbors and its local politicians. So, our June Community Airport Day will be timely.

My wife Linda is still looking for a few rooms for visiting air show performers. Please call her at 962-6757 if you can host a pilot or a crazy parachute jumper (sorry, just a personal observation). Please plan on attending the event and bring your friends, but also plan on helping. We really need everybody to volunteer. Take a look at the form on page 4 and see how you can contribute. Note that dinner reservations are required.

The Central Sierra Helicopter Meet is May 4 - 6. Check the information on page 5 for all the fun details.

Thanks again to Marle Hewett for his entertaining and inspiring April presentation. Isn't it fun to find we have such amazing neighbors and heroes in our own backyard.



Allen thanks Marle Hewett for his wonderful TINS talk.

Is the Cost of Flying Going Up? -- Norm Pebbles

Yes, BIG TIME, if the current FAA funding proposal from the Bush administration is approved later this year! The proposal includes increasing the current Avgas tax from 19.1 to 70.1 cents a gallon, a 267% increase!! It also envisions adding and increasing FAA user fees for GA aircraft, such as a fee for flying into class B airspace, a fee for weather briefings, for IFR control, and other services. The details are not out yet, but you can bet they will cost us more.

What can we do now? Contact your representatives in Washington and let them know how this proposal will affect your future flying and the impact it will have on the current GA infrastructure and services that GA provide currently.

AOPA has a strategic plan and is working very hard to help defeat this proposal. Go to their website at www.aopa.org for details and steps we can all take to help keep our costs of flying down. Your current Board supports AOPA's efforts and will send letters, on behalf of PMLAA's 393 members, that we support AOPA's efforts in defeating this proposal. Thanks for your support.



EAA Airventure Oshkosh 2007
July 23 - 29, 2007
"World's Greatest Aviation Celebration"
www.airventure.org

PMLAA thanks the Property Committee

Thanks to the Property Committee who set up and tear down for every monthly meeting. They make all the chairs and tables appear and disappear for each event. Our meetings wouldn't be the same without them.

A big thanks to Paul Sperry, Bob Bangs, Bob Cowley, Mike Millard, Sean Brady, and Buck Buchanan and of course to Allen Craig and Norm Pebbles who are always around to help.

FROM THE DIRECTOR
-- Jim Thomas, Airport Director

Video Surveillance & Residents Patrol

Earlier this year I wrote about the theft and vandalism problem at the airport, indicating that we have experienced a significant increase in the number of incidents of gasoline siphoning from and forced entry into cars parked both in the long term parking and on the ramp. In spite of increased patrolling by PMLA security and the Sheriff, there has been no reduction in the number of incidences. This has led to the pursuit of additional methods of surveillance.

Everyone knows that video surveillance is now commonplace. It is in most stores to prevent theft by both shoppers and employees, in buildings for security, at businesses to protect against liability lawsuits, and at numerous other locations including our roads to monitor traffic congestion and red light runners. Video surveillance not only helps catch thieves, but also has been shown to be effective at deterring vandalism and theft at the outset.

The effort to install deterrent devices at the airport has already been initiated. One airport resident has taken the initiative to purchase and install a deterrent video camera on the Pilot's Lounge. This type of involvement and commitment is greatly appreciated. The Airports Department supports any initiative by airport residents to enhance security at the airport. Another generous resident has worked with our EAA Chapter to donate four video surveillance cameras, which have low light capability. Initially, the cameras will be installed to monitor the ramp, parking lot, entry gate, and the Pilot's Lounge. Hopefully, this system will be enough to make the vandals stay away from the airport. If not, then it will certainly help catch and prosecute them.

Security at the airport can also be improved with cooperation of the residents. When you come home at night, drive through the parking lot or around the ramp. Look for suspicious vehicles or activity and report any to PMLA Security or to the Sheriff. Surveillance, both by video and by alert residents, will do a lot to reduce vandalism and theft at the airport and make our neighborhood safer.

On a more positive note, this year's Father's Day Fly-In will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Columbia Air Attack Base, which was opened in 1957. Our plan is to have flying examples of the various air attack aircraft that have been based at Columbia over the years. We are starting to sign up volunteers to help with this year's Fly-In.

If you are able to help please contact the Airports Department at 533-5685 or download the Volunteer Registration Form from our website:
www.fathersdayflyin.com.

Cinco de Mayo Meeting Menu



The May 5 meeting is on Cinco de Mayo, so plan your potluck accordingly. Please bring a Mexican style dish to share. Margaritas will be available too!

See you at the Gai hangar, starting at 5:30pm. Enter the airport on Hemlock Street; turn right onto Woodside Way, then make your first right.

Civil Air Patrol Seeks New Members

The Civil Air Patrol was chartered in 1946 with three missions: 1.) promote aviation education, 2) provide youth training, and 3.) provide emergency services. It is now an auxiliary branch of the US Air Force.

Best known for its work in search and rescue and disaster relief, CAP now also includes a number of homeland security operations and exercises. The CAP uses modern satellite based technology to find downed aircraft and secure their rescue. CAP also performs drug reconnaissance missions and damage assessment.

The Yosemite team is looking for volunteers interested in local search and rescue missions, as well as learning about aviation, electronic communications and civil service.

Our local chapter meets every Thursday evening in Twain Harte elementary school. Check their website for more information: www.yosemiticap.us or call Carrie Ashe, Flight Commander, at 209-928-5882. You can also email her at cmashe@yosemiticap.us.

Camp Tuolumne Trails Site Director Arrives

Opening day is just weeks away for Camp Tuolumne Trails, the camp for children with special medical needs being built by the Jerry and Paula Baker Foundation on Ferretti Road. The first campers, children with neurological disabilities, arrive on June 11.



The site director, John Infelise, has arrived from Minnesota and taken up residence in one of the staff cabins. His family will follow when school is out.

Technology has arrived to help you help the camp! The camp website www.tuolumnetrails.org now accepts online donations. You can use Paypal or a major credit card to make a tax-deductible contribution. It's just a couple of clicks to make a valuable donation to help finish building and equipping the camp or to provide a campership.

June 2 Airport Day Plans

The PMLAA Community Airport Day and Air Show on June 2 will be a spectacular event—even better than last year. Here are just some of the scheduled activities:

- airplanes on display
- the Blankenburg Museum will be open (12:00-3:00pm)
- skydivers start the show at 3:00
- the “Beech Boys” Bonanza formation flying group
- the aerobatic show from 3:00-5:00pm
- hotdogs, sodas and PMLAA shirts for sale
- barbeque dinner for the air show performers, PMLAA members and guests only. Note reservations and pre-payment is required; please use the form below.

June 2 PML Community Airport Day and Air Show

Volunteers Needed – please sign-up and be part of the fun!

Help make PML Community Airport Day special!

To volunteer, call Norm Pebbles at 962-1990 or mail this form to PMLAA, Box 131, Groveland.

Name _____ Phone number _____

_____ I can host a visiting pilot. My guest room has a _____ bed and a (private/semi-private) bath.

_____ I'll help at the event:

- _____ What ever you need
- _____ Fly my plane past spectators before the air show starts
- _____ Park airplanes
- _____ Sell hotdogs, sodas and PMLAA shirts
- _____ Direct pedestrian traffic
- _____ Set up tables, barriers, etc.

_____ Display my airplane on the ramp; Type _____

June 2, 2007

6:00pm

At the Meermans-Henley Hangar

**The Famous Diestal Family Turkey Ranch Barbecue for PMLAA Members and Guests
Meet the Air Show performers
Music by “Chris and Lori”**

Seating is limited; Pre-paid reservations required!

Your name _____

Number of seats: _____ @ \$12 each = _____ enclosed.

Make your check payable to PMLAA and mail to:
PMLAA, Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321

Member News and Announcements

Can you help run sound equipment at PMLAA meetings?

Multimedia guru Phil Hickerson may be moving soon, so we need more help running the AV equipment. The goal is to train 2 or 3 people so each can take a turn and have back-up. Ken and Phil will train.

Give Ken Codeglia a call at 962-6270. Start training today!



PMLAA Member Doug Curry passed his private pilot check ride with Linda Monahan, DE, on March 24th. Congratulations, Doug!



Carol Simpson celebrates receiving the County's "final sign-off" on her PML hangar.

Remember:

You can bring your beverages to PMLAA meetings, or you can purchase ours.



PMLAA friends gathered to celebrate past-president Rand Siegfried's 50th (surprise) birthday party.

Central Sierra Helicopter Meet

May 4-6 at the Miller Ranch
12850 Cherry Lake Road, Groveland



Hap, Nancy, Les and Craig Miller invite all interested helicopter pilots and friends to their second annual Helicopter Meet on their ranch outside Groveland. This is the only all helicopter meet in the west that is focused on Experimental and Home Built Helicopters. Factory built helicopters are also very welcome.

Bring your ships or your photos and share your ideas. They were happy to have Helicycles, Safari, Scorpion II, Ultrasports, a heli-chair, Schweizers and a Bell 47 attend last year.

Take 120 east to Cherry Lake Road, go 2.6 miles and watch for signs!

Free camping onsite.

Ranch coordinates: 37.51'11.15N 120'00'06.60W.

Questions: call the Millers at tel: 707-833-5905



Mark your calendar:

May 5	Ed Rosiak, President California Pilots' Association "Keeping your Airport Open"	5:30pm Mexican style Potluck Dinner at the Gai Hangar, Woodside Way
June 2	Community Aviation Day and Air Show	12:00-5:00pm at PML Airport; 6:00pm barbecue at the Meermans-Henley Hangar, Elderberry Way <i>NOTE: pre-paid reservations required</i>
July	No Meeting See you in Oshkosh, July 23-29	

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2007 Roster Enclosed



**"Cinco de Mayo"
 May 5th meeting
 at the Gai hangar
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