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### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE • BY NORM PEBBLES

**S**EPTEMBER MEETING - WOW! What a meeting we had at Alan & Yuni Gaudenti’s hangar. The food, drink, view and hospitality were all outstanding. The attendance was over 150 members and guests.

The speaker’s presentation by Carol Ann Garratt was superb. She kept the audience spellbound during the entire presentation. Her cause is great and if there is any way you can contribute to ALS, please do so. We wish her well and thank her very much for coming to PMLAA. Also a big thanks to Al Halluin who coordinated her appearance and stay at PML.

**OCTOBER 3RD MEETING** - There will be TWO EVENTS this day. First we will have our Airport Day and second we will have a meeting that night. Let’s first talk about the daytime events and time-table.

**AIRPORT DAY** - We have scaled back a little this year due to FAA and Insurance reasons, but we won’t get rid of the FUN part. This year we will team up with the EAA Chapter 1337 from Columbia who will put on a Young Eagles program for us. The program will be held between 9:00 am and 11:00am. The program allows children between the ages of 8-18 to take a free ride in a small aircraft. The EAA is fully insured and a parental form is required. Also the pilots flying must be EAA members. Ed Sunday (209-743-6350) is the YE coordinator. We are looking for volunteers to fly these missions. Please call Ed if you can help for an hour or two.

The official Airport Day begins at 12-noon and runs to 3:00 pm. We will have aircraft on display, which will tie into the monthly Aircraft of Historical Significance display dates, Ken Helling (962-7597) coordinator. We will have a display and flying of remote control model airplanes, John Andrews (962-7264) coordinator. We have

scheduled Flour bombing and Spot landing contests and we are looking for some brave pilots to fly these missions. Mike Lella (962-1822) is coordinator for bombing. Joe De Nunzio (962-4425) is coordinating the spot landing contest. Call them to sign-up. During the afternoon we hope to have several fly-bys a various aircraft types including a Jet, Beech 18, Porter, and maybe a Tiger Cat. Formation fly-bys are also a possibility. Wayne Handley (962-7868) will be the air boss for the flying events and is the overall coordinator for Airport Day. Please give him your support and help make this a great day for the community.

PMLAA will be selling hot dogs and drinks (Patty Peebles coordinator); and it is recommended that you bring a folding chair, hat and sun block. Parking will be on Elderberry Way. Please do not block any drive ways or park on private property. The Blankenburg museum will not be open this year, they are moving and we will miss them. Remember this event runs on volunteers; we need you to please sign up and volunteer.

**Call me (962-1990) or any of the team above.**

#### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am..... Airport set up
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am ..... Young Eagles Program
- 11:30 am - 11:45 am ..... Mandatory Pilots Briefing (Flour/Spot contests)
- Noon - 12:30 pm..... R/C flight demo
- 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm..... Flour bombing
- 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm..... Spot landing
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm..... Fly-bys

**MEETING** - That night we will have a regular PMLAA meeting with a guest speaker and a potluck dinner. It will be held at Kay Meermans' hangar at 6:00pm, 20850 Elderberry Way. Our guest speaker will be our own Ken Orloff. Ken is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and has many interesting stories about aircraft mishaps and what went wrong. The dinner theme will be Oktoberfest and there will be some BBQ brats available. Hope to see you there.

**PMLAA ELECTIONS** - It's that time of year again. PMLAA needs people to help run the organization. Several of our current board members will be leaving the team after great service. The workload is not very demanding (especially with a partner like Patty!), and it's a great way to help your organization. We hope to have a list of candidates at the October meeting and we will hold elections on November 7th.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** - The November 7th meeting speaker will be Dennis Wisely. He served in the US Navy for 33 years and flew over 350 combat missions over Vietnam, commanded the Blue Angels and was the captain of the aircraft carrier the USS John F Kennedy. He retired as a Rear Admiral. He then went to work for Motorola in Scottsdale AZ, where he currently lives. He is a close friend of Wayne Handley and as Wayne says, he has plenty of good aviation stories to tell. Please join us at the Mc Gowans' hangar at 6:00 pm on November 7th. See you there.

**DECEMBER 12TH** - Mark your calendar and start buying children's toys. Our annual It's A Wrap party is scheduled for 6:00pm on Dec. 12 at the McGowans' hangar. This is the Aviation community's contribution to Groveland's Christmas basket program for needy families. It's a great cause and a lot of fun too.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Congratulations and happy birthday to Jane Hansen who celebrated her 90th in August with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. About 30 PMLAA members went along to help celebrate.

Congratulations to member and former president Mike Gustafson on his reelection to the PML board.

Best wishes to Mel McGowan, undergoing cancer treatment in Houston. We're thinking of you and hoping for good news.

Best wishes to 50-50 saleslady Rose Heuer recovering

from skin cancer surgery. We know she'll be back in her dancing shoes in no time.

Congratulations to George and Diane Harrison on the new member of the family: a Bonanza V35B.

Congratulations and a lifetime of happiness to member and former speaker Tom Sweeney on his October 10 wedding to the lovely Dr. Brenda Forrest.

Fond farewell to former PMLAA president, Mick and Linda Hopson who are relocating to St. Louis, MO. We'll miss you.

Mark your calendars for October 17, Volunteer Work Day at Camp Tuolumne Trails. Come spend the morning with friends and help get the camp ready for winter.

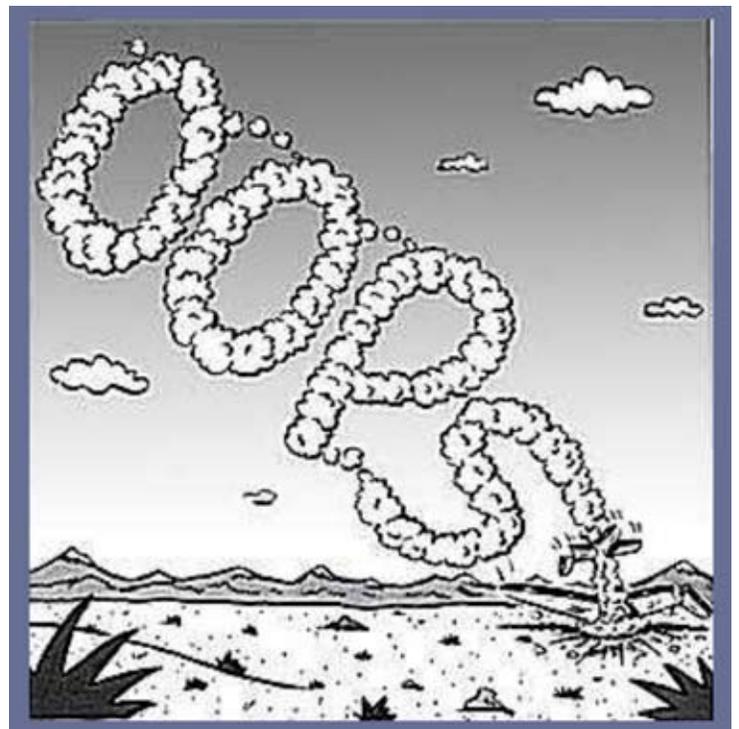
## **FAA SAFETY SEMINAR**

### *Handling In-Flight Emergencies*

Our next safety seminar will take place on Saturday morning, October 17, from 9:00 to 12:00 noon, at the County hangar (the one with the flag pole). If you have any questions, please call Joe De Nunzio at 962.5551 or 962.4425 or via e-mail to [joe@e45flyers.us](mailto:joe@e45flyers.us). Their website is at <http://www.e45flyers.us>

## **FLYING MISTAKES YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE**

by Ken Orloff



## Norm Peebles and Carol Ann Garratt



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### **KEN ORLOFF'S BIO**

Ken has a Master's degree in Physics and a Ph.D. degree in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering from the University of California. From 1971 until 1984 he worked as a research scientist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Ames Research Center where he was involved in the application of laser optical measurement instruments to airplane and helicopter aerodynamics research. Under NASA sponsorship, he has taught physics, engineering, aerodynamics, and aeronautics courses at the university level.

He is a licensed Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic and he holds FAA Inspection Authorization. He holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and has accumulated in excess of 8000 hours of flight time. He is a Certified Flight Instructor for both Airplanes and Helicopters.

For the past 25 years, Ken and his staff have provided consulting services to plaintiffs and defendants in litigation resulting from aircraft accidents. They have analyzed and reconstructed hundreds of fixed-wing and rotary-wing accidents, and have been asked to conduct forensic investigations and render expert opinions.

Ken has testified in Federal and State courts in the Continental US, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and as far-reaching as Guam. He frequently uses multi-media graphics, computer simulation and animation to simplify complex subjects and to help judges and juries understand the foundations of his opinions.

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The best way to keep your data current is to send an email to [silvano@pmlaa.org](mailto:silvano@pmlaa.org)



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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT MEERMANS' HANGAR.**