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It's Christmas Party Time!

It's that time of year again; time to celebrate our heritage, our beliefs, our faith. As has become our custom, Alan and Conni Buchner will host our Christmas party in their hangar on the evening of December 1st.

An old-fashioned Christmas dinner/dance is planned along with a contest for best Christmas attire and a few donated gifts. Festivities will begin at 6:00 PM and include our usual social hour followed by a turkey dinner and dancing to "Home Grown" a local three-piece band.

You can bring unwrapped gifts for needy children which we will forward to Helping Hands for distribution. We will not be wrapping the gifts at the party. Party details are included in a separate flyer mailed with this newsletter or via e-mail. The price of admission has been reduced this year so you have no excuses! Please come and help us celebrate the holiday season.

Another Successful Aviation Day



The President's Corner

Marle Hewett

Life is back to normal for Judy and me now that the Red Bull Stratos team has completed its "Mission to the Edge of Space" with Felix Baumgartner's successful skydive from 128,100 feet reaching a record 833 miles per hour (Mach 1.24), AND our return from Sicily and our 50th wedding anniversary sojourn. That included a side trip for me to beautiful Salzburg, Austria (Felix's hometown and Red Bull's "Hangar 7" headquarters) for a three-day party celebrating the project's success with what seemed like the entire town.

I'm told airport day was a huge success; lots of great comments on the air events, particularly the races, and the skydive events. We seem to have established a winning recipe for our annual airport days, starting with a Young Eagle's event in the morning and a combination of fly-bys, skydives and air/ground vehicle races in the afternoon. Congratulations to all, but especially to our incomparable air boss, Wayne Handley, the recipient of our 2012 Prop Appreciation Award.

There was one major addition to this year's airport day - we obtained a \$1M liability insurance policy to cover the event. Nothing bad happened, but I'm convinced it was money well spent.

Our annual Christmas party is coming up. We've reduced the price this year and hired a live band, so we're counting on a good turnout. We'll devour turkey (donated by Diestal) dinners, imbibe a little and dance the night away. Join us!

Check out Ken Codeglia's article on his VHS library of PMLAA speaker tapes on the next page. VHS is history, but before you bury that VHS player, you might want to view some of these tapes before they, in turn, get buried.

My term as PMLAA president is about to expire. I would like to thank all of my team members for their dedicated service. As most of you know, I had a major work commitment this year that severely limited my time on the job as your president. Several members of the team really stepped up and deserve special thanks, including Kathy McConnell (VP Social), Kay Smith (treasurer), Ed Peters (property) and Eric Henderson (VP Airport). I'd also like to thank Lee Behel for offering his hangar twice. Kay Meermans opened her hangar to us for Aviation Day and the Peebles jumped in when we needed them. We thank all our generous hangar hosts!!!

Check out our on-line "store" for PMLAA items: hats, shirts, fleece tops, and other neat memorabilia at www.companycasuals.com/pm/aa/start.jsp.

From the Airports Manager

by Jim Thomas

Gate Maintenance – We Need Your Observations

Often the gate system at the Pine Mountain Lake Airport malfunctions. This can be anything from the ground loop detector not working to the gate being completely inoperative. Because we do not have full time maintenance at the airport we depend on input from the users to bring problems with the gate to our attention. Often PML Security calls in a gate problem and sometimes a tenant calls in a problem. Usually within a day or two after receiving notification we have investigated and resolved the issue. Sometimes the problem is with the electronics which is something we cannot fix ourselves so we must rely on others to help with the repair. This can take anywhere from a couple of days to a couple of weeks. Sometimes the problem with the gate is intermittent which makes troubleshooting difficult. If our maintenance technician finds the gate working properly all he can do is look for a loose wire or bad connection. So, the more information we have on the problem the easier it is to target and fix the problem. If you encounter a problem opening the gate you should try both your clicker and card before calling in a problem and please be as specific as possible. Telling us "The gate doesn't work" does not provide much information that can be used for troubleshooting. Here are some specific observations that will help us out:

1. My card #xxx doesn't open the gate.
2. My clicker #xxx doesn't open the gate.
3. Neither my card #xxx nor my clicker #xxx will open the gate.
4. My clicker #xxx won't open the gate but my card does open the gate.
5. My card #xx won't open the gate but my clicker does open the gate.
6. The ground loop detector doesn't open the gate when I leave.
7. The gate is stuck open.

Providing the information above helps the maintenance person target the card reader, radio receiver, ground loop detector, control board, relays, proximity switches, belts, motor, battery, etc. Any issue you find with the gate should be reported via phone to the Airport Administration office at 533-5685. Since there is a message system on this phone it can be called 24/7 but if you wish to speak to a real person, then you should try and call between 8 AM and 12 PM Monday through Friday.

VHS Tapes Ready for Burial by Ken Codeglia

There was a time when VHS was king. It was in every home, and even though the time clock was always blinking 12:00AM, the technology allowed is to “time shift” our favorite TV shows, watch rented movies, and see the grandkids’ latest football game.

Today pretty much everyone has shifted to digital technologies. We’re using Digital Video Recorders and satellites to record and playback our favorite TV shows. And DVDs are the best way to store home movies. If more of us had better connections to the internet, we’d be streaming Hollywood movies when we’re in need of a little entertainment. About all VHS is good for is “performance art” by some deranged creative type.



And so with the changing times, your Multimedia Team has migrated all of our PML Aviation Association guest speaker recordings to DVD. Conni Buchner holds the collection at

her house at the airport, and you can borrow a copy of any presentation you would like to see.

We have 70 recordings to date, going back to 2002. Here’s a sampling of some of our most memorable guest speakers:

- Captain Ray Alcorn, Unites States Navy (Retired), “Surviving the Hanoi Hilton”
- Robert Goebel, LCol USAF (Ret), “Mustang Ace”
- Major Brian Shul, “Piloting the SR-71 and Other Adventures”
- Captain Leon “Woodie” Spears, “Adventures of a Tuskegee Airman”
- Ken Rowe, a.k.a. No Kum-Sok, “A MiG-15 to Freedom”
- Aviation's Living Legend - Bob Hoover
- Sean D. Tucker- Aerobatics Master
- Test Pilot Brian Binnie- “Making History with SpaceShipOne”
- Dick Rutan, “Voyager: One World, One Flight “

We didn’t get every speaker recorded. We had some camera or DVD recorder difficulties, or staff scheduling issues. Today we’re doing a better job when we borrow a better camera and do dual recordings.

So, see Conni if you want to borrow a copy, or contact Ken Codeglia if you want a copy for your own library. Ken can be reached at KenCodeglia@gmail.com.

To All EAA Young Eagle Volunteers Thanks by Michael Thoben

On Behalf of EAA, especially our local chapter EAA1337, I want to sincerely thank all the volunteers that helped make this year’s EAA Young Eagles event on the morning of PMLAA’s



Airport Day such a success. In addition to the volunteer pilots, we had a fantastic team of ground volunteers who kept everything running smoothly and

safely. With 20 EAA member pilots offering Young Eagle rides we set a PML record of 58 Young Eagles flown

Saturday morning! This level of enthusiasm sure is contrary to what we all generally hear with all the dismal talk of General Aviation



being in the tank these days. Great job to all the pilots who donated their time and planes!

In addition to offering the kids traditional introductory flights, this year we were able to make arrangements to borrow a full motion simulator from the EAA chapter in

Mariposa. The simulator brought tremendous educational value to the kids as they were taught how the control surfaces influenced flight before they climbed into their awaiting aircraft.



I would like to recognize a few individuals who worked hard behind the scenes. First, Ed and



Diane Sunday for their help keeping us compliant again this year and Al Craig for all he does every year to make this event so seamless. Lastly a special welcome and thanks to our

three first-time volunteer pilots, Rex Pemberton, Bonnie Ritchey and Jerry Linn. All three made several flights and from what I saw they enjoyed themselves as much as the ever-smiling Young Eagles! Thanks everyone!!



2012 Meeting Calendar

Date	Program	Time & Location
December 1	Christmas Party	6:00 PM at Alan and Conni Buchner's Hangar

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