

***Our Forest Service Presents –  
A Rim Fire Recovery Update  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
McGowans' Hangar @6PM***



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Pat Laeng has a diversified background in fire management that spans 28 years of service and encompasses time spent on engines and various hotshot crews. Though he is temporarily filling in as the Stanislaus Forest Fuels Planner, he normally supervises the hotshot crew in Groveland, CA. Prior to becoming the hotshot superintendent, Pat served as the Battalion Chief in Groveland and on the Black Hills National Forest in SD. In 2008, he also served as the Assistant to the Regional Fire Director in Lakewood, CO.

Georgia Dempsey, who is currently serving as the Public Affairs Officer for the Rim Fire, has a diverse background in public service. She has 20 years of experience with the National Park Service with a strong emphasis in interpretive services. Georgia has maintained a red card (certification for working on a wildfire fire line) for nearly 2 decades wherein she served in a variety of capacities on the fire line. As part of the resource management staff for the parks, she also ran the fire effects crew in Sequoia and Kings Canyon and supervised the Emergency Operations Center as well. Once she segued to the U.S. Forest Service, 6 years ago, her primary responsibilities have been in the realm of fire training.



## *President's Message*

*By Catherine Santa Maria*

We had a great meeting in May. Larry Jobe gave us an update on the Flying Tiger Heritage Park Museum and his latest trip to China. His presentation was very well done and Larry told all of us that Janet Gregory helped him put the presentation together. Larry has been working on this project for 9 years and is President of the Flying Tiger Historical Organization. Thank you Larry for sharing your wonderful project with us.

Hope you all enjoyed our "Breakfast for Dinner" theme and many thanks to all of you who brought those wonderful breakfast dishes to share, and to Norm and Patty Peebles for making us waffles. If you missed the meeting you missed out on a great meal. Next month we will have the Margarita Man back with his awesome machine so Kym's theme is Hot "N" Spicy. Check out the social column in this newsletter. Many thanks to Sally Smikahi for taking the tablecloths home and washing and folding them. In addition, thanks to Janet Gregory for jumping in there and selling our 50/50 tickets- she does an amazing job. The set up and take down went very smoothly and as usual there are so many members that jump in there to get the hangar ready every month. Please know that without all of your support and volunteerism spirit this just would not happen. Thank you all for your continued efforts.

Our June meeting is coming up quickly! We will be having two representatives from the Forest Service Pat Laeng and Georgia Dempsey. Please see their Bios on the front page.

The San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the 99s, which I happen to be the Chapter Chair of, would like to know if our membership would have any interest in co-sponsoring a Flying Companion Seminar. Please let me know if there is any interest in putting a program like this together. We would not have the seminar on a meeting night; it would be probably held in the day at a hangar with a luncheon. If you have any interest in pursuing this idea, let me know and I will get to work on it.

## *Social Column*

*By Kym Purifoy*

Thank you for a fabulous feast in May. A special thank you to the Peebles for the delicious waffle bar. The theme for June will be Hot & Spicy Fiesta. The Margarita bar will be open. Thank you Mike.

<http://www.epicurious.com/tools/searchresults?search=spicy+potluck>

This is so darling, I had to share with my crafty friends. Recycling idea: use old tires, paint them, put fun outdoor fabric on them and voila! Artsy outdoor seating! Airplane tires make a great child's seat.



## *Local Aviation News and Activities*

*By Janet Gregory*

**ATTENTION** renters or occupants of County hangars, tie downs or waiting lists at PML (E45) or Columbia (O22). Please be sure to read and comment on the proposed policies and procedures. They are under review by the TCAA Committee and Airports Manager. Any new policy will affect both airports. More info at [www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov](http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov)

**EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour** is coming to PML Airport (E45) Tuesday & Wednesday, June 9 & 10. Rides are \$70 adult (advance), \$75 adult (walk-in), \$50 children (17 & under) or \$125 co-pilot. Rides from 1:00-6:00p. Go to: [EAAbookJune9](#) or [EAAbookJune10](#).

**Patriots Jet Team Foundation Golf Classic** Monday, June 15 at Discovery Bay Golf & Country Club. Flying in? Ground transportation provided from Byron Airport (C83). More info at [www.pjtf.org](http://www.pjtf.org)

**Father's Day Fly-in** at Columbia Airport (O22). Drive or fly in Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21. 7:00-10:00a Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast. 9:00a-4:00p Aircraft and aerial displays including B25 on display and available for rides. Visit our EAA booth. More info at: [www.fathersdayflyin.com](http://www.fathersdayflyin.com). Volunteers needed.

## *How To Survive a Ramp Check*

*By Mike Gustafson*

I bet if you asked around you would discover that no one you know has ever been ramp checked. The typical FAA Part 91 ramp check is a no big deal event but seems to bring out the worse in all of us. One pilot friend of mine has been ramp checked three times and has never had any outstanding issues discovered as a result of the few minutes spent with the friendly FAA Inspector. When I discovered that he had been inspected three times I also asked him if he ever bought any Lotto tickets, and he doesn't, more's the pity!

The ramp check is not a big deal and generally does not result in an enforcement action if a discrepancy is found. There are some basic parts of a ramp check which have confused a few folks so here are the fundamentals:

First, the details of a typical ramp check can be found under, [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov), then search for Flight Standards 8700.1, then look for "How to conduct a Part 91 ramp check."

I am sure you are aware of the basic requirements that include AROW, airworthiness certificate, registration, aircraft handbook, and weight and balance, current medical and BFR. If you fly IFR, you also need a current 30 day VOR check and a current Instrument Proficiency check. All of these items can be requested during a ramp check. While you are not required to carry your pilot's log book or the aircraft log books, you can be asked to present them at a later time at your local FSDO.

All GPS and display data basis must be up-to-date as well as all charts and navigational paper work. There is some confusion about whether the GPS database needs to be current if you have current charts on board. The simple answer is if you use the GPS as a primary navigational aid, like an IFR approved GPS, then yes, the database must be current and your charts should also be current.

In order for the inspector to do his job he needs to have access to your aircraft, but he is not allowed to go inside unless you are present. With your permission the inspector can enter your aircraft to confirm certain items are properly displayed such as the airworthiness certificate, and while he is there he can look around for other possible violations. Some of the big ones are not having all baggage properly tied down, out-of-date charts stuffed behind seats, magnetic compass with no fluid, wires hanging down in plain view, etc. If the inspector notices something that is a possible airworthiness item, he can request

that you seek help from an A&P to fix the problem. You can bet that you will get a letter from the inspector asking what the resolution was with the A&P.

It is not possible to fail a ramp check. As a result of the ramp check you could have a list of outstanding items that should be rectified before attempting flight. If you are silly enough to blast off without seeing to those items, that is when enforcement starts.

In all of my interactions with the FAA, I have always found that gritting my teeth, smiling and saying yes sir results in a positive resolution with whatever I may or may not have done. It also works in the case of a ramp check.

The moral of the story is keep your flight stuff updated or out of the airplane!

Let's fly legal out there!

## *Young Eagles Rally*

*By Janet Gregory*

We had a record breaking EAA Young Eagles Rally at Columbia Airport (O22) Saturday, April 18. We flew 49 Young Eagle flights! There were 9 awesome volunteers from PML & 7 from Columbia. PML pilots and airplanes: Wayne Handley, Dale Mueller & Greg Triplett. Ramp Support: Ed Gregory, Mike Lella & Leon Liebster. Registration: Jim Thomas, Dennis Smith & Janet Gregory. Joel Avery & his simulator were a big hit too! Lots of smiles and appreciation for a well-run event!



**Young Eagle Event Volunteers**



## 2015 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
June 6	Rim Fire Recovery Update	6:00PM location McGowans' Hangar
July	No Meeting	
August 8	Block Party	5:30PM location McGowans' Hangar

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