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Block Party!
Saturday, August 6th – Outer Taxiway Loop
5:30PM



Outer Taxiway Loop @ 5:30PM

Join us for an evening of fun! Stroll around the taxiway, check out the open hangars and airplanes on display, and participate in the “poker run” to collect your winning hand. We’ll have raffle tickets with prizes donated by local businesses, including Dori’s Tea Cottage, Fork & Love, Groveland Hotel, Mountain Sage, PML Golf & Cart, PML Hardware, Priest Station, Red Rossio, and more. Dickey’s Barbeque is catering the main part of the meal; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Fine display of aircraft at a previous year’s Block Party event

President's Message – by Dale Mueller

Hope everyone is ready for the mostly annual PMLAA Back Taxiway Hangar Block Party, Poker Run, and Watermelon Eating Contest. OK, so I threw that one in myself. What can I say? I like watermelon. I can pretty much promise that it won't rain, and it'll be short-sleeve weather.

Social Corner – by Danielle Coelho

Hello Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association friends. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. As always July had no meeting so I am looking forward to seeing everyone on August 6th for our block party/poker run with Marie Barber and our members with the hangars on the back taxiway - west end of the runway. That's the 9er end of the runway.

Dickey's barbecue will be catering turkey and ribs for the main course so we ask members to bring side dishes to accompany that and desserts. The poker run begins at 5:30 and dinner will follow up. For anyone who wants to display cars, motorcycles or airplanes, please bring over your vehicles between 3:30 and 4:30pm.

Safety Corner – by Dale Mueller

Temporary Flight Restrictions or TFRs

It's the middle of summer and also the height of fire season. That means wildfire-related TFRs can pop up anywhere, any time, and can have a real impact on the aviation activities at Pine Mountain Lake. However, fire TFRs are only one kind of TFR, and are usually only in effect during daylight hours. So what are the kinds of TFRs, and how do we deal with them?

TFRs can be issued for dozens of different reasons, but generally fall into the following categories here in the continental US: disaster/hazard areas, VIP, space flight operations, aerial demonstrations/major sporting events, and special security instructions. The first of the above is the one we are most familiar with here at PML. TFRs are put up around wildfires to enable fire-fighting aircraft to operate without having airborne gawkers in the way. With the recent presidential family visit to Yosemite National Park, we got to experience a typical VIP TFR.

So what are TFRs for? They are, in effect, portable restricted areas that have an expiration date. They are intended to keep out non-participating aircraft, or any aircraft that doesn't have a legitimate reason to be there. Some, like fire TFRs, are actually pretty laid back. They are defined by relatively simple geometry, shut down at certain times, allow several types of operations while they are active, and are generally easy to get permission to transit with the proper prior communication. In that spirit of cooperation, the consequences of an improper entry are usually light. Others, like the recent presidential TFR, restrict all aircraft from the inner, or 10-mile, rings. They are complicated, with multiple small rings having multiple effective times and altitudes, and one large ring having different rules than the smaller rings. They are hard to read and understand, and can be initiated, modified, or cancelled at a moment's notice. Correspondingly, consequences for violation of a presidential TFR are severe.

Airshow TFRs have been around for a long time, and aside from the embarrassment of being told to go away by tower or the air boss, are usually pretty easy to avoid getting in trouble with. Sporting event

TFRs are relatively recent (since 9-11), and can be easy to stumble across, especially if a pilot isn't talking to ATC.

TFRs are published in the US NOTAM file and can be accessed through several sources. Be cautious, however, of any NOTAM information obtained online, even on the FAA or DOD NOTAM sites. TFR data, indeed any NOTAM information, is only "official" if obtained from a Flight Service briefing. If a pilot relies on information from any other source, and it differs from that disseminated by Flight Service or is misinterpreted or misunderstood by the pilot, any resulting airspace violation will be considered lack of proper flight planning by the FAA.

It's pretty easy here in the forests of the West to avoid temporary airspace restrictions. Just remember: where there's smoke, there's probably a TFR.

Deadline for 2017 Calendar Photos – by Susie Williams

If you would like to have your airplane featured in the 2017 PMLAA calendar, please contact Susie Williams (swissmisssusie@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The deadline for submitting photos, or for having your plane's photo taken by one of the volunteer photographers, is fast approaching. Join in the fun and show off your plane!

PMLAA Newsletter Editor – by Janet Gregory

Keeping PMLAA communications informative and fun is the role of the Newsletter Editor. Susie Williams has been a great editor for the past 4+ years. Susie wants to spend more time behind the lens of her camera, behind the yoke of her airplane, and maybe more time with that pesky thing called work. So, we are looking for a new editor. Interested? Contact Susie at swissmisssusie@gmail.com. She can answer any questions you may have. The newsletter also welcomes articles and photos of interest to PMLAA, so please share yours with Susie.

Tuolumne County Airports Advisory – by Ed Gregory

Please join us for the next Tuolumne County Airports Advisory (TCAA) Committee, Monday August 8th, 6:00pm. This meeting will focus on Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Thanks to Wayne Handley and Allen Craig for offering to hold the meeting at their hangar, off Elderberry Way.

An official agenda will be made public prior to the meeting. Meeting topics are expected to be specific to E45 and include: parking lot resurfacing, apron & taxiway rehab, airport building upgrades, signage (recent petition), and RTTF (Residential-Through-The-Fence). For more information on RTTF, go to www.faa.gov.

The meeting begins with "Public Comment", which allows 5 minutes for anyone in attendance to talk about Airport issues of their choice. Comments are recorded for the record, though no response will be made by committee members. Your E45 representatives on TCAA are Steve Martin and Ed Gregory.

Airplane Display Day – By Janet Gregory

Pine Mountain Lake Airplane Display Day is an opportunity for airplanes based at E45 or other airports to exhibit. All airplanes are welcome. Everyone is welcome to stop by, enjoy the airplanes on display, and talk with their owners.

Airplane Display Day takes place every 3rd Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 1:00. Food and refreshments are available, on a limited basis. September is the 4th Saturday because the 49er Festival is the 3rd Saturday and weather permitting in rain/snow months. Thanks to our Airport Display Day coordinator Ken Helling.

Saturday, July 16th, we had a great turn out and lots of takeoff and landing fun. We also had a special guest, Stacy Harris, a journalist and radio show host from the Seattle Area. She is featuring small towns in America and will be including Pine Mountain Lake, our airport community, and Airplane Display Day in an upcoming story. Her husband is working on his pilot's license which made our residential airport all the more intriguing.

Antique airplanes and airplanes manufactured before 1981, more than 35 years old, may also be eligible for tax exemption sign off. Aircraft do not have to be based at E45 to display or receive tax exemption sign off. Find more information tax exemption for Aircraft of Historical Interest or for Display at: <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/exempt.htm#2>.



Charlie Black's Piper Cub on display



Airplanes on display at PML

50th Anniversary Father's Day Fly In – By Ed & Janet Gregory

This year was Columbia Airport's (O22) Golden Jubilee of the Father's Day Fly-In (FDFI). There were over 100 airplanes fly in and 4000 airport visitors. The B-25 flew quite a few people, the Yak team had fun, and Springfield Aviation was busy with riders both days.

Big thanks go out to PML volunteers who helped make FDFI a success. The event ran smoothly and was safe. It was tightly run event, operation with only had half of the volunteers as compared to previous years. Take a bow! Kudos to Allen Craig, Bob Hornauer, Leon Liebster, Mike Lella, Steve Martin, Ken Orloff, Lynn Orloff, Ed Sunday, Jim Thomas, and Greg Triplett who joined us to keep the event safe, running smoothly, well informed, and looking good! We hope we didn't miss someone.

Thanks to all the volunteers and the many other PML people who came to Columbia Airport to enjoy the fun. FDFI was a success. We look forward to seeing you at FDFI next year and PML Airport Day, this year Saturday, October 1st.

Area Aviation Events

- July** **21-29** – Pemberton @ Extreme Sports Week Voss, Norway
 25-31 – V.Benzing @ EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI
 29-31 – Patriots Jet Team @ Tri-City Water Follies, Pasco, WA
- August** **6** – PMLAA Back-Taxiway Block Party
 20-28 – Pemberton @ European National Aerobatic Championships, Czech Republic
 20 – E45 Airport Display Day
 20-21 – V.Benzing @ Wings over Camarillo, Camarillo, CA
- September** **3** – PMLAA Meeting
 5 – *Labor Day*
 24 – Young Eagles Rally at PML, E45
 24 – E45 Airport Display Day

2016 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
August 6 th	Block Party	5:30PM Location Outer Taxiway Loop
September 3 rd	TBD	
October 1 st	Airport Day	All Day at E45

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