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Saturday, November 3, 2018

Ed Peters - Soldier's Stories, Vietnam

The speaker at the November meeting will be PML member Ed Peters. He has given us stories of his life in Vietnam previously. Here are hints as to what we will hear this time:

“My tour in Viet Nam was Nov. 1967-68. I was a crew chief on Armed Helicopters with both the 92nd and the 189th Assault Helicopter Companies. In the air, I was left door gunner. On the ground, it was lots of cleaning and maintenance.

This meeting I will recap an early tour, then finish the end of tour and coming home.”



Vicky Benzing, PML's Fastest Woman in the Sky



Jet race start at 2018 Reno Air Show

Vicky Benzing is an amazing airshow pilot at Oshkosh and air racer at the Reno National Championship Air Races. Vicky raced in two classes this year: Sport and Jet.

The Jet Class was first introduced at the Reno Air Races in 2002. It is truly “the fastest motor sport”. Aircraft racing include L-39 “Albatros”, Provost, Iskra, L-29, and DeHavilland Vampires. Vicky flew “Darkstar II”, an L139. Her fastest time was qualifying at a speed of 467.7 MPH (.61 mach). Vicky finished 5th in the Jet Gold race.

The Sport Class highlights new and innovative work being done with high performance kit-built aircraft. The goal of the class is to promote new aircraft ideas; thus the eligibility is very relaxed compared to the other classes. *“Sport aircraft shall be any kit or amateur-built aircraft that is certificated by the FAA and has completed a phase 1 flight test. Aircraft are to be powered by an internal combustion engine or engines totaling no more than 1000 cu in. and capable of a 200 MPH minimum qualification lap speed.”*

Vicky was flying “Lucky Girl”, a Lancair Legacy in Sport Class. Her fastest time was qualifying at a blistering 300.5 MPH! It was an exciting photo finish for the Silver race, Vicky finished second with the crowd on its feet cheering for her.

The Patriots Jet Team also performed at the Reno Air Races this year with a spectacular show.



Patriots Jet Team at 2018 Reno Air Show

Groveland Young Eagles Take to the Sky

On Saturday, October 6th forty-five Young Eagles took to the sky out of E45 Pine Mountain Lake. It was exciting to see all the smiles and excitement from both Young Eagles and their parents.



HUGE THANK YOU to all our many volunteers.

Pilots & Planes: Gabe Coelho, Allen Craig, Janet Gregory, Mike Gustafson, Wayne Handley, Bonnie Ritchey, Greg Triplett, and Jeremy Zawodny

Amazing Ground Crew: Danielle Coelho, Rob Compton, Linda Craig, Chloe Fitzmyers, Jim Goodrich, Ed Gregory, Leon Liebster, Andy Mankus, Rich McGlashen, Robert & Martha Pearson, Sterling Price, Virginia Richmond (incredible marketing), Joe Riley, Larry Roessler, Dennis Smith, Ed & Diana Sunday, Susie Williams (prop-arazzi), and Eddie (didn't get his last name).



Janet Gregory with two potential pilots



Wayne Handley gave this guy a huge grin



Bonnie Ritchey gets an all-around thumbs up

2019 Is Around the Corner...

so it is time to nominate/volunteer for the PMLAA Board of Directors. We have had a great Board this year but new blood is needed. No, you don't really have to GIVE blood but we do need some fresh faces and ideas for next year. Please consider helping out in 2019. Contact Bonnie Ritchey before the November meeting with nominations or to let her know YOU want to help. Her number: 650-996-6274 She can also give you an idea of what the responsibilities are for the various positions.

Social Corner – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends. What a fabulous Airport Day and evening it was! I hope everyone enjoyed the dinner.

I can't believe the next meeting is our Thanksgiving theme November meeting. Please bring your favorite **Thanksgiving appetizer, main dish, side dish or dessert**. The meeting will be at the McGowan hangar on Saturday Nov. 3 at 6 pm.

Please note pot luck instructions. If your last name begins with

- **A-K bring appetizer or dessert**
- **L-Z bring main dish, side dish, or salad**



December is our Holiday Party, being held at the Johanson's hangar, on Saturday December 1. Invitations will be sent out. Reservations will be required as seating is limited. You will get more information on all of that soon.

I hope everyone has a wonderful month and I look forward to seeing you at **the McGowan Hangar, 6 pm on Saturday, November 3, 2018**. Directions to the hangar on the last page of newsletter.

President's Message – by Joe Sobczak

A very busy month is behind us: Airport Appreciation Day at E45; Young Eagles flights; Fleet Week; Patriots Jet Team Foundation Gala; check rides, solos, and a Fly-out to Harris Ranch. And every one of those events has one thing in common: a great community of aviation enthusiasts willing to give their time to make Pine Mountain Lake Airport a truly wonderful place to be.

President's Message – by Joe Sobczak continued

To the dozens of volunteers who made it all happen, my helmet and goggles are off to you... THANK YOU!

November marks our tribute to veterans. Last Year, you heard Marle, Wayne, and Ed recount their experiences as veterans of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. At next month's meeting you will hear "The Rest of the Story" from Ed Peters. I can hardly wait – we heard about him being left behind when his Huey took off without him to avoid incoming fire. But time limitations prevented Ed from telling the whole story. So come on by the McGowan's hangar on November 3rd and prepare to be blown away by the adventures of our very own war hero, Ed Peters.



The calendars are here and sales are brisk. The November meeting will be a great opportunity to stock up for Christmas.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the November meeting!

Joe

2019 PMLAA Calendars

The 2019 PMLAA calendars have arrived! They are selling fast, so get yours before they're gone. Available at the November PMLAA meeting at the back table where you buy your drink tickets.



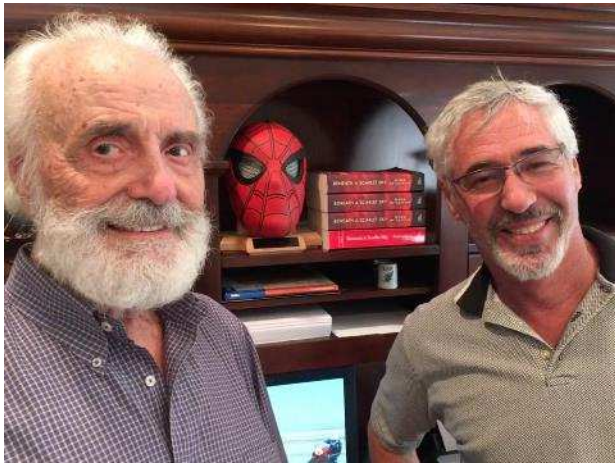
Danielle Coelho & Linda Craig – calendars for sale at Young Eagle's Rally

Mike Lella Presents *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* – by Virginia Richmond

If you missed Mike Lella's presentation to PMLAA about his father's WWII story as depicted in *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, you're in luck!

Mike will be speaking again on October 30 at 4:00pm, downstairs at the Groveland Library. His presentation covers his dad Pino's exploits as a young man leading Jews to safety over the Alps and fighting the Nazis from his position as a chauffeur for a high Nazi officer. Mike will also tell how the bestseller book came about and the plans to make it into a TV mini-series.

All PMLAA members and friends are invited – 4:00pm on October 30, at the Groveland Library.



Pino Lella and Mike Lella

PML Airport Day 2018 – by Janet Gregory

WOW! The 2018 Community Airport Day at E45 was the best ever! The fun and excitement was non-stop from noon until 3:00!

Launching the event was the local Boy Scout troop presenting colors, the Beech Boys 8-ship formation fly-overs, with Rex Pemberton and Jason Johanson flying PPGs (Powered Para Gliders) mid field.

Three **airplane-versus-car** races were highly competitive and edged with bragging. Bonnie Ritchey in her Pitts Special blew by Norm Peebles in his 1931 Ford Pickup. Ken Talovich and Mike Terpstra flying RV-8 formation left Ed Gregory's 1965 Cobra replica wondering what just happened. There was a highly contested race between Michael Thoben's Waco and Mike Gustafson's hand-built hot rod. It was a grudge match that started and ended with each kicking a little smoke in the others face.

High performance fly-bys WOWed the crowd. Alan Gaudenti's Cessna Mustang jet with its quiet speed, Michael Thoben's screamin' Lancair Legacy, and Armin Abusaidi's aerobatic Extra displayed their elegance and speed. Jim McCloud's Cessna 182 Amphibian was quite a contrast looking like a row boat that would rather be fishing.

PML Airport Day 2018 continued...

Slow **performance demonstrations** by STOL (**Short Take-Off and Landing**) aircraft amazed everyone. Jeremy Zawodny in his Just Super STOL, Dan Grimes in the ZenAir, and Steve Nash in his Carbon Cub looked as though they didn't even need a runway to take-off or land.

Our **announcers**, Jim Meide and Catharine Santa Maria, kept us on edge and informed of all the action. Jim Meide, a 30-year professional airshow announcer, joined us from Boise, Idaho. He has announced 14 out of 15 PML Community Airport Day events! Catherine Santa Maria was co-announcer, our solo announcer in 2017 when Jim wasn't able to join us. The magic of Phil Hickerson's technology projected the Jim and Catherine team to the crowd. Paul Purifoy, past announcer, added highlights both on mic and behind the scenes.



Phil Hickerson, Jim Meide, Catherine Santa Maria, Paul Purifoy

Was it a planned **parachute jump**? Or did Jason Johanson throw Rex Pemberton out of his airplane? Oh ... maybe it really was planned.

Precision at its best in Flour Bombing and Spot Landing contests. Veteran pilot Bonnie Ritchey with co-pilot Susie Williams kicked chalk dust in the face of all the competitors in spot landing. 19-year old new pilot and college student Trevor Tepstra and his mom, Barbara, are PPFB extraordinaire (Precision-Pillsbury-Flour-Bombers). It was a great line-up of family flying in two highly contested heats: Gabe Coelho (w/son Trent), Steve DeRodeff (w/wife Sandy), Jason Johanson (w/son Jonas), Steve Nash (w/wife Jodi), Rex Pemberton (w/fiancé Emily), Michael Thoben (w/wife Jules), and Jeremy Zawodny (solo).

Big thanks to **PHI Cares** for a great helicopter demo. Bigger thanks for their air ambulance service that saves lives and preserves health. If you are not already a member, consider becoming one. Check out the PML Association special invitation <http://www.pinemountainlake.com/phi-helicopter-service/>.

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Patriots Jet Team Afterburner Party:** We hear that the Afterburner Party was a blast. Several PMLAA members attended including Steve & Dian Martin who got to sit at Table 5 with Sean D. Tucker, the featured speaker! It was great night of *aerial demonstrations, music, cocktails, dinner, and more*. *The evening supports the Patriots Jet Team Foundation promoting aviation education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).*
- **Fine Art Find at the Reno Air Races and Oshkosh AirVenture:** Fine art for the aviation enthusiast. Christopher Cross, who lives in Oakdale, spends more than 50-hours perfecting each large format photographic image. You can find his amazing art at www.crossimages.net.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Firsts:** The first around-the-world commercial flight was made by Pan American Airlines in January 1942. The first person to break the sound barrier by flying faster than the speed of sound was Chuck Yeager, who flew a Bell X-1 rocket at 670 MPH on October 14, 1947. The first woman to fly faster than the speed of sound was Jacqueline Cochrane in 1953 in an F-86 Sabre Jet at 652 MPH.
- **Aviation Decoder Ring:** Sail the Seven Cs - memory aid for Lost Procedures.
 - Crossing VOR radials
 - Climb (for better visibility & NAV reception)
 - Circle (don't get more lost)
 - Conserve (slow down, lower fuel consumption)
 - Communicate (Norcal/ATC/FSS)
 - Confess (admit you're lost)
 - Comply (follow instructions)



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Aviation Calendar

OCTOBER	13 – Vicky Benzing @ Apple Valley Airshow 27-28 – Vicky Benzing @ Hangar 24 Lake Havasu Air Fest 31 - Halloween
NOVEMBER	2 – Ninety-Nines Founded (1929) 3 – PMLAA Meeting – 6:00 Potluck & Speaker 3-4 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 3-4 – Patriots Jet Team @ San Bernardino Airfest 4 – Daylight Savings Time Ends 11 – Veterans Day 22- Thanksgiving Day
DECEMBER	1 – PMLAA Holiday Party Meeting – Reservations required 1-2 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 2 – Hanukkah Begins 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 21 – Winter Solstice (Full Moon on the 22 nd !) 25 – Christmas Day

2018 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
November 3	Ed Peters	6pm – McGowan’s hangar
December 1	Holiday party	6pm – Johanson’s hangar

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McGowan's hangar is on the north taxiway about half way between the intersection crossing the runway and runway 9



McGowan's Hangar