



A Monthly Publication of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • BY NORM PEEBLES

**M**any thanks go out to Carol Simpson for the use of her hangar and for her hospitality at the August meeting. Nino Amarena's presentation was fun and informative. Remember you can have your own rocket belt for only \$98,000! We also want to thank Eric and Nealy Henderson for flying and housing Nino during his stay at PML.

**NEXT MEETING** is scheduled for September 6th with a start time of 6:00 pm at the **PEEBLES'** hangar. During the summer we need a later start time because of the sunlight as we need it to get darker for the audio visuals. **Remember 6:00 pm is the start time.**

The speaker for our September 6th meeting is Bill Cox. (see his bio on page 3) Bill is a very entertaining writer and speaker. His stories are printed every month in Plane & Pilot and Pilot Journal. My favorites are his descriptions of his ferry flights around the world. Can you imagine how it would feel to depart California and head out to Australia. Yeah, I know they do it all the time, but in a single engine airplane!

In this month P&P Bill has three articles. One is about a ferry flight over water, one about the Robinson R44 helicopter, and the other is about an exterior makeover.

**HONORARY MAYORAL CONTEST** is still continuing for Groveland. Our candidate "Red the Baron Rossio" is running strong, maybe out of town, but he is still running. So please buy your tickets from a PMLAA member.

**OKTOBERFEST** will take place October 4<sup>th</sup> and will be a party. The aviation association will provide the bratwurst, beer and wine, you bring some sides. The speaker will be our own Tom Sweeney who will give us the insight on Satellites and what they can do and see! We are still looking for a heated hangar (TBD).

**PROP FUND RAISER.** On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will have a special meeting that will be a prop fund raiser. We need your help with donations. We will have a Silent and Live auction. Please contact me or Kym Purifoy with any donation. Thank you in advance. More details to follow. The McGowans' heated hangar will be the location.

**IT'S A WRAP.** Our 13<sup>th</sup> annual work day is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Blankenbergs'. It's the area toy drive for needy children. Invite your friends to this meaningful event. Details will be posted in subsequent newsletters.

## BACK TO THE ISLANDS – BY KIM PURIFOY

Our September pot luck will be a Hawaiian Feast. Hawaiian food is an eclectic fusion of many different cuisines including Polynesian, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino and Portuguese. Recipes can be found on-line at sites like <http://www.hawaiian-recipes.com>.

**Looking ahead:** The November meeting will be a fund raiser for our association. We are planning a dinner and auctions. Please start thinking of auction ideas that will entice your friends and neighbors. We are looking at fun items like pool parties for 8, or dinner for 6, perhaps a fly-over. Remember also that one man's junk may be another man's treasure. **Please email me at [kcurran@amdevcomm.com](mailto:kcurran@amdevcomm.com) to join the committee to help.**

**E lauhoe mai na wa`a; i ke kâ, i ka hoe; i ka hoe, i ke kâ; pae aku i ka `âina**  
(Many hands lighten the work. If everybody works together the work will be done quickly)

**COCKTAILS: 6:00PM • EATING: 6:30PM • PROGRAM: 7:30PM AT PEEBLES' HANGAR**

## FROM THE AIRPORTS DIRECTOR – JIM THOMAS

### AVOID EARLY TURNOUTS

**P**ine Mountain Lake Airport is one of the narrowest airports around. What I'm talking about here is the width of the airport property not the runway.

Private property abuts the airport just 200' north and 250' south of the runway centerline. Yes, the airport is only 450' wide excluding the ramp and gravel parking lot. As we all know, there are many homes located near the property line along the runway. Additionally, there are numerous homes in close proximity to the airport. This is a residential airpark so having homes close to the runway is a given.

On either end of the runway is an area called the Runway Protection Zone or RPZ. The purpose of the RPZ is to provide a protected area on the arrival and departure paths in the event that an aircraft either over runs or lands short of the runway. In addition to the RPZ, at Pine Mountain Lake Airport we have ranch land both east and west of the airport.

Every once in a while the Airport Office receives a call from a concerned resident because a plane flew over their house at a very low altitude. This usually occurs on take off

because the resident also complains about the noise, too. These low over-flights typically occur when a pilot is not tracking the centerline of the runway or because the pilot made an "early turn out". Better situational awareness or additional training can correct the problem of a pilot not tracking the centerline of the runway. Early turnouts can and should be avoided.

The Airman's Information Manual defines the departure leg of the flight pattern as: "The flight path which begins after takeoff and continues straight ahead along the extended runway centerline. The departure climb continues until reaching a point at least ½ mile beyond the departure end of the runway and within 300 feet of the traffic pattern altitude."

Our pattern altitude is 3,900' so pilots should climb to 3,600' before turning crosswind. No turn should occur until ½ mile beyond the end of the runway which is past all residences. Following these two procedures will increase the safety of our airport and show courtesy to our neighbors.

**Questions?** Feel free to send me an e-mail to [JThomas@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:JThomas@co.tuolumne.ca.us)

## AIRCRAFT OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE DISPLAY DATES

- Pine Mountain Lake will have its monthly display days on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. The dates for the remainder of 2008 are **August 16, September 27** (it is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday), **October 18, November 15**, and **December 20**. The display times are from 9:00am to 1:00pm for each scheduled day.
- Mariposa County airport schedules its display day on the first Saturday of the month. Many events at Columbia airport also qualify.
- Contact Pat or Ken Helling at 962-7597 or Bob Hornauer at 962-4541 or 402-0005 for more information.

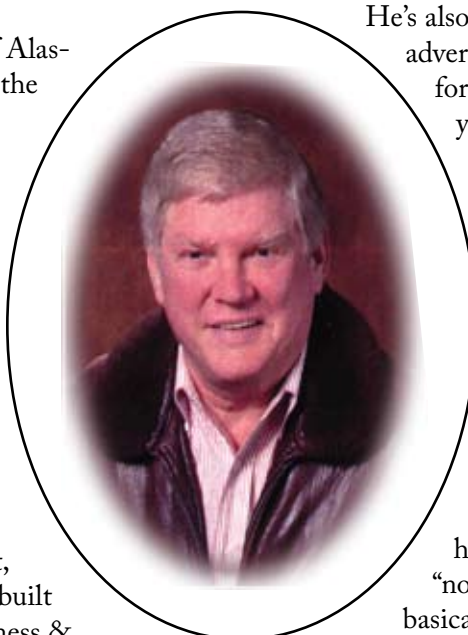
## BILL COX BIO

Aviation writer/photographer and pilot, Bill Cox, has been involved with airplanes since age 13, though he refuses to admit how long ago that was. He survived his first airplane ride as a CAP cadet in a J-3 Cub on skis out of Merrill Field in Anchorage, Alaska, flying as an observer on a search and rescue mission, “all search and no rescue,” he admits.

Bill attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for two years and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for four years, working as a radio announcer, firefighter, driver’s license examiner and jazz trumpet player and eking out what he now acknowledges was “a pair of totally useless Bachelor’s degrees.”

Bill sold his first aviation magazine article in 1971 and has gone on to sell some 2000 stories since then to: *Plane & Pilot*, *Pilot Journal*, *Flying*, *AOPA Pilot*, *Private Pilot*, *Air Progress*, *Homebuilt Aircraft*, *Ultralight Aircraft*, *Business & Commercial Aviation*, *Aviation Convention News*, *Popular Science*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Science & Mechanics*, *Ford Times*, *True*, *Argosy*, *Flight International (UK)*, *Interavia (Switzerland)*, *Flug Revue (Germany)*, *World Air News (South Africa)* and a bunch of other magazines you probably never heard of.

He is currently listed as a senior editor for *Plane & Pilot*, *Pilot Journal* and the *Piper* and *Cessna Owner’s Magazines*. His monthly column, “Cross Country Log,” has run continuously in *Plane & Pilot* magazine for the last 31 years, and his column “Lessons From the Logbook,” has appeared in the *Piper/Cessna* magazines since 1984.



His photo credits include more than 250 magazine covers to the titles above, and he flies 90 percent of formation flights for P&P/PJ.

Between 1985 and 1990, Bill worked with then-ABC senior vice president Phil Boyer (now retiring AOPA president) as an on-camera host, writer/producer and formation pilot for the ABC-TV series, “Wide World of Flying.”

He’s also done contract formation flying for advertising, motion picture and television for 25 years and “hasn’t hit anyone yet.”

Starting in 1977, Bill began ferrying new and used aircraft overseas and has made 200 delivery flights to Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Central/South America, Australia, Japan, Indonesia and “several other places no one else wanted to go.”

In conjunction with 37 years of pilot reports and ferry flying, Bill has flown some 305 types of aircraft, “not all of them very well,” including basically all models of: *Aerostar*, *Beech*, *Bellanca*, *Cessna*, *Cirrus*, *Commander*, *Diamond*, *Extra*, *Grumman-American*, *Lake*, *Luscombe*, *Maule*, *Mooney*, *Navion*, *Piper*, *Pitts/Aviat*, *SOCATA*, *Stinson*, *Swift* and *Taylorcraft*, plus the *F-15/F-16/F4/T-37/T-38/A4/Tudor* and the *Goodyear Blimp*. He has logged about 14,500 hours in 42 years of flying and currently holds a commercial license with multi-engine, instrument, seaplane, glider and helicopter ratings.

Bill lives in San Pedro, California with his girlfriend, Peggy, and two German Shepherds and flies his Lopresti Mooney “far too infrequently” when he’s not flying someone else’s airplane.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS.**

September 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Bill Cox, Plane & Pilot Magazine
October 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Tom Sweeney, Satellites
November 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	Prop Fundraiser



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**OUR SEPTEMBER 6, 2008 MEETING WILL BE AT  
NORM AND PATTI PEEBLES' HANGAR AT 6:00PM**