

## October 31<sup>st</sup> Lee Behel Celebration Of Life



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By now you have heard that on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 11- 3 P.M. at Lee's Hangar, most commonly referred to as Shane, Wayne, and Allan's hangar, Lee's sons, Jay and Henry, will be holding a celebration of their father's life. The time for the services is tentatively set for 11:30-12:30 P.M., but subject to change. Given good weather, around four hundred are expected to attend. There will be flying, missing man, and parachuting activities. They will be setting up the hangar in an amphitheater configuration...mostly chairs. They will set that up themselves. The PMLAA organization will help with the clean-up.

The Craig's (962-6757) and the Handley's (962-7868) will be handling the details that follow. Please call them if you can volunteer any of the following:

- **Housing:** Some of Lee's friends will be arriving from out of state depending on weather. If you have bedrooms, cabins, etc., where you can put up one or more folks, please call. Let them know how many couples or singles you can handle, and whether you can provide transportation for them, as well.
- **Aircraft parking,** if our transient parking overflows.
- **Golf carts:** Folks will need transportation from wherever they park to event, back, etc.
- **Drivers:** We may need drivers to shuttle some folks to housing off field.

We will also need volunteers to:

- Park Airplanes
- Drive golf carts in a few cases.

If you can think of any other way you would like to help, please call the Craig's or Handley's.

## *President's Monthly Squawk*

*By Lynne Orloff*

If you could put in a request for weather for an Airport Day, you would undoubtedly describe the very day we had this October 4th. It was so clear that every leaf in the trees demanded our notice. But, it also meant pilots had to look harder to find all those other aircraft/parachutes up there with them. It was a great day with lots going on for a small airport community. The children (and their parents) enjoyed the Young Eagles event with cameras and photo phones burning through batteries. The coloring table was a wonderful addition for the young ones who had to wait for their flights or were too young to join in on the flights. The EAA volunteers have the paper trail portion down so well now. That's the hardest part! I noted more than one child or parent balancing the stack of giveaways, certificates and logbooks as they left for the day. Smiles prevailed!

The Community Airport Day portion was active with parachute jumps, car/ go-cart/plane races, radio-controlled aircraft, contests, and aerial displays, thanks in a large part to Wayne Handley who organizes and orchestrates this moving display (and even flies in it). Mike Gustafson had a large crew of "ramp jockeys" and I think this was the best handling of all the comings and goings of aircraft I have seen. Thanks go to Paul Purifoy and Jim Mead for directing eyes and inspiring the audience. What was especially fun is that the public got to see a lot of the airplanes on display fly; they didn't have to just speculate on the performance characteristics, but got to hear and see them doing what they each do so well. Thank you, all, for sharing your hangar occupants with the public. Catherine SantaMaria, VP of Airport Affairs, had the job of organizing the day in its total, with much help from all her committee heads and volunteers. Cathy McConnell organized and worked the entire day to feed everyone on the field with her very able crew. It takes most of our active organization to pull off this event. As usual, everyone here just says, "where do you need me?" Thank you, everyone! The day was topped off with a chicken, brats, and salad dinner provided while a constant stream of hors d'oeuvres and desserts came through the doors of Kay Meerman's wonderful hangar. Thank you, Kay! Dian Martin and her barbeque crew worked before, during, and after the dinner to make it all come together. Another safe and successful Airport Day under our belts. Whew!

Our next meeting **was** going to be November 1st at Toni and Silvano Gai's hangar but the board has decided to **cancel** the meeting. We felt that it would be better to concentrate our efforts on supporting

Lee Behel's Celebration of Life. Please see the article on the needs for volunteers on the front page of this newsletter. Dr. Landon Noll is unavailable the rest of the year so we will reschedule his visit in 2015. When we can do so, I can promise you a very fascinating and informative talk with a revelation in his research in the Antarctic that will cause much conversation. We will definitely look forward to it.

## *Social Column*

*By Dian Martin*

We would like to thank all our hard working volunteers for another successful Airport Day and dinner, and I am sure everyone really slept well Sunday night after the final cleanup was completed.

We had a great turnout for dinner Saturday night and I'd like to thank those patient members who had to wait for more chicken to be cooked. Unfortunately, not enough time was allowed for the thawing process and the "grillers" were faced with cooking the chicken longer than they had planned to serve the hottest and juiciest chicken possible. Have you ever seen so many delicious desserts and appetizers? And thanks again to Mike Gustafson for bringing his popular Margarita machine.

Please join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Tuolumne Trails for our annual Holiday Party.

## *2015 Calendars For Sale*

The PMLAA 2015 Calendars are available for purchase. The price is \$15 each, with the price dropping to \$12.50/each if you purchase 4 or more. Please contact Kay Smith ([hugskay4@gmail.com](mailto:hugskay4@gmail.com) or 303-5385) to pick up yours! We can also mail your order if you include postage.





*Airport Day In Pictures!*  
*Photos by Janet Gregory, Silvano Gai, and Susie Williams*



**Pilots' Briefing for Young Eagles Flights**



**The PHI Helicopter joined in on the fun**



**Gabe Coelho with happy Young Eagles**



**Sky Diver coming in for a landing**



**West Coast Ravens take to the sky**



**Go Kart vs Airplane race**



## 2014 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
October 31	Celebration of Life for Lee Behel	11AM-3PM Wayne, Shane and Al's Hangar
November 1	<del>Dr. Landen Nell</del>	(Canceled)
December 6	Holiday Party	6:00PM location Tuolumne Trails

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