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## **Triple Hot August Nights Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> McGowans' Hangar @6PM**

Join us for an evening of socializing, food, and fun as we enjoy the long summer evening and celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year of PMLAA.

Bring along your airplane, car, motorcycle, or other vehicle to display for all to see. Contact Dale Mueller before the event for special VIP display parking for your vehicle. His phone number is (209) 962-6308 and cell/text is 217-855-3880. Look for Ed Gregory and Dale directing traffic to the display area.

Please bring along your favorite salad or appetizer. A donation jar will be on hand for the *surprise* meat dish, and dessert will be provided.

### **Displays from past Aviation Association events**



## *President's Message*

*By Catherine Santa Maria*

Our June meeting speakers did a great job in updating us on the issues the Forest Service is facing in order to recover from the Rim fire destruction. Frank Podesta, Air Attack Officer in Columbia, and Pat Laeng who normally supervises the hotshot crew in Groveland answered our many questions concerning the operations during the Rim fire and the risks the firefighters take every time there is a major fire. We owe each and every firefighter a debt of gratitude for the dangers they face in these fires to protect us and our property.

The following week we had a visit from Rand Siegfried with the famous EAA Ford Tri-Motor. Many of us got to go for a ride and some even got to sit in the co-pilot seat. Many thanks to Rand for thinking of us and giving us a presentation, and to Wayne and Allen for letting Rand use their hangar, and of course Linda and company for arranging the social event.

Our August theme is "Triple Hot August Nights." We would love to have you bring your cars, motorcycles or planes; just let Dale Mueller know so he can arrange the parking for the event. You can reach Dale at 962-6308 or 217-855-3880. Kym has further information in her article this month so be sure to check it out.

Did you know that PMLAA is 30 years old this year? Can you name all of the Presidents?

**Well here you go:** 1985, John Wilbur, 1986-87 Frank Miller, 1988, Jeannie Tasker, 1989, Mike Davis, 1990-91, Jack Slocombe, 1992, Donna Hockett, 1993, Geoff Ryan, 1994, Bruce Rossio, 1995-96, Dick Collier, 1997, Kay Smith, 1998, Paul Price, 1999, Hugh Smith, 2000, Rich McGlashan, 2001 Mick Hopson, 2002-03, Keith Zenobia, 2004, Jerry Baker, 2005, Mike Gustafson, 2006, Rand Siegfried, 2007, Allen Craig, 2008, Norm Peebles, 2009-10, Mike Lella, 2011, Wayne Handley, 2012, Marle Hewitt, 2013 Eric Henderson, 2014 Lynne Orloff, 2015, Catherine Santa Maria.

Many thanks to all of our Presidents for volunteering to be our leader over the years and many thanks to Kay Smith who did all of the research in gathering up all of their names. We choose the name "Triple Hot August Nights" for this month's event to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year. We will have music by our very own DJ, Phil Hickerson, along with food, margaritas, and fellowship.

## *Social Column*

*By Kym Purifoy*

Hard to believe August is almost here. Please bring along your favorite salad or appetizer for the exciting August meeting. A donation jar will be on hand for the *surprise* meat dish, and dessert will be provided by a celebrious member. A big thank you to Kathy McConnell & Kay Meermans for stepping in while I was AWOL in June.

Once again we will need help setting up and taking down so see you all at the hangar around 10:00AM on the day of the event and 10:00AM on the day after the event. We would love to see new faces.

## *Local Aviation News and Activities*

*By Janet Gregory*

### JULY

- **20-26** Pemberton Aerosports at EAA AirVenture, OSH, Oshkosh, WI
- **25-26** Patriots Jet Team Performance at Tri-City Water Follies, PSC, Pasco, WA

### AUGUST

- **23-24** Vicky Benzing Aerosports at Wings over Camarillo, CMA, Camarillo, CA
- **30** Patriots Jet Team Performance at Go-Pro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma, Sonoma, CA

### SEPTEMBER

- **16-20** Vicky Benzing Aerosports at National Championship Air Races, RTS, Reno, NV
- **19-21** Vicky Benzing Aerosports at Oregon International Airshow, HIO, Hillsboro, OR
- **26-27** Patriots Jet Team & Vicky Benzing Aerosports at California Int'l Airshow, SNS, Salinas, CA

### OCTOBER

- **3** Airport Appreciation Day, E45, Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland, CA
- **4** Vicky Benzing Aerosports at Livermore Airshow, LVK, Livermore, CA
- **10 Young Eagles Rally, E45, Pine Mountain Lake, Groveland, CA**
- **24** Patriots Jet Team Annual Gala, C83, Byron, CA

## *Airport Safety*

*By Mike Gustafson*

This missive is brought to you by the many pilots who have almost landed on or taxied into cars, animals or pedestrians while operating at Pine Mountain Lake Airport!

One of the joys of being based at an airpark, which Pine Mountain Lake is, is the freedom to come and go as you please, with no pesky control tower to crimp our style. Enjoy the occasional high speed low pass, just to check for deer mind you, and the opportunity to wander around in your car, bike, golf cart or walking, checking on the various hangars and the projects there-in.

While most of us understand "airport etiquette" such as: airplanes always have the right-of-way, stay off the runway, etc. there is an increasing number of folks who just want to use the airport for the occasional walk or bike ride with the family and do not understand anything about airport or aircraft operations, and there-in lies the trouble – and the danger. This note is addressed to them!

The airport is for the safe operation of aircraft, period! No exceptions. The FAA considers any activity not involving an aircraft on our airport as a violation of the "restricted access" agreement that the County signed as part of historical funding. In fact, we have been found in violation of the "Grant Assurances" as a result of all the non-aircraft operations. It is possible that the FAA could come to the County and demand the return of the funds that are in dispute as a result of the violation.

The County has a set of Ordances that address these same extraneous activities, Section 18.06 and Section 18.08. Section 18.06 speaks to pedestrians on any part of the airport environment and 18.08 speaks to Motor Vehicles on the airport environment. Violation of either Ordinance is a misdemeanor.

Both Sections speak about customary and normal activity that is considered acceptable, dropping off passengers and crew at their airplane, walking out to view their take-off, etc. Other non-aircraft activity requires the express permission of the Airport Manager.

We all know that one of the charms of our airport is in fact wandering around the airport; so how do we do that without creating a flight or taxi hazard? We want the local non-pilots to view our airport as a good thing, just not too much of a good thing.

I suggest that when we see folks on the airport that we gently and firmly let them know that airplanes have the right-of-way. Tell them airplanes don't have reverse so yes, cars have to back out of their way, and walkers have to get far off the taxiway as the plane passes.

If you see anyone who is not from the County or involved in some sort of emergency on the runway, then a stronger "suggestion" would be in order. There is no reason anyone should be walking their dog, or riding their bicycle or driving any motor vehicle across or on the runway. At PML airport we should all cross the runway at the "9" end of the runway and we should all avoid as much as possible crossing at mid-field. Yes, I know, it is a long way around and lord knows I have transgressed, but non-pilots see that activity and then think it is ok. Then it is only a matter of time until a car pulls out in front of a landing aircraft and we have a major accident. We have already had a couple of airplane go-arounds as a result of folks walking their dogs the length of the runway!

The bottom line is we want everyone, pilots and non-pilots alike to view the PML airport as their airport, but airport safety must be uppermost on all our minds.

Enjoy the summer and get out there and fly!



## *Airport Day News* *By Dale Mueller*

It's the middle of summer, so just like the department stores, you can't get summer stuff, everybody is stocked for fall/back-to-school. For your PMLAA Veep and Airport Day Coordinator, that means time to kick our October 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Airport Day setup into high gear (or at least a higher gear). I will be contacting past committee chairs/members, but I'm also officially giving a shout-out to anybody interested in helping at the event. There are roughly a dozen committees where helping hands/back/brains are needed.

This year, the EAA Young Eagles flights will be flown on the Saturday after Airport Day, so we will be able to focus all our attention on our traditional events. Speaking of which, your always-open-to-innovation coordinator is looking for new, yet easy-to-implement events to add. A recent suggestion was a High-Speed Pass contest. Categories could be Fastest, Slowest, Loudest, Best-Sounding, and Shiniest (Note that I front-loaded those last two for local Cessna 195 owners). Highest and Lowest are right out. Ideas, anybody? I can't promise we'll use 'em, but they'll at least get mentioned at the after-event gathering.

## *Ford TriMotor Visit to E45* *By Janet Gregory*

PMLAA traveled back in time when EAA's Ford TriMotor stopped at E45 in June. PMLAA's Rand Siegfried was pilot and historical expertise. It was a full day of excited passengers and co-pilots that got to experience the golden age of aviation. Passengers got to experience the early days of "luxurious" commercial flight as they took an aerial tour of Groveland and surrounding communities. A number of pilots logged flight time as Rand's co-pilot. Thanks to Wayne Handley and Rand for coordinating the visit. Thanks to Larry Struck for technical support. Thanks to Linda Craig for the Hawaiian reception, along with Karen Handley, Allen Craig and others for their gracious hospitality. The Ford TriMotor, also nicknamed "The Tin Goose", was produced between 1925-1933.

## *New Policy For Tables and Chairs* *By The PMLAA Board*

In recent months, there have been several requests by PMLAA members and non-member groups to use the PMLAA equipment from the property trailer. These requests have so far been granted. However in at least one case, the tables and chairs were returned in dire need of cleaning, which had to be done at the time of setup for the next meeting. In addition, the supplies other than the tables and chairs have been found in some amount of disarray.

Because of these situations, your PMLAA Board has adopted the following guidelines for any non-PMLAA meeting use of trailer contents: Tables and chairs are available for use by individuals and/or groups for a \$100 deposit, refunded if they are returned without need of cleaning or repair/replacement. Individuals or groups will be asked for a non-refundable donation for table and chair usage, with the amount set as \$25 for PMLAA members and \$100 for non-members. All other contents of the trailer are not available for non-PMLAA use. Ad-hoc membership dues for new or non-current members will be accepted at the time of equipment request (in other words, join or renew your PMLAA dues to get the cheaper rental rate).

## *Father's Day Fly In Report* *By Janet Gregory*

Columbia Airport Father's Day Fly In, June 201-21, was well attended and staffed by PML. Thanks to everyone that participated. Here are a few of the PMLAA FDFI fun seekers (sorry if we missed anyone):

- *Plane vs auto race*: Michael Thoben
- *EAA booth*: Mike Gustafson, Pat Price, Joe Riley, Bonnie Ritchey, Allen and Linda Craig
- *Hot ramp*: Leon Liebster, Dale Mueller and Ed Gregory
- *Information booth*: Khandis Mueller and Janet Gregory
- *More EAA fans*: Greg & Debbie Triplett, Gabe & Danielle Coehlo, Dan & Nikki Grimes and Rob Compton
- *B-25 rides*: Paul Price, Ed & Janet Gregory and John Simikahl

## *PMLAA 2016 Calendars Call for Aircraft Photos*

If you are interested in having your aircraft photographed for the 2016 calendar, please contact the PMLAA editor by emailing [newsletter@pmlaa.org](mailto:newsletter@pmlaa.org). We will accept photos of aircraft, but you must have the rights to the photo or make sure the photographer has granted permission to use the image in the calendar. We will also take photos of your aircraft for you. Photos should be high-resolution JPEG files (the higher the resolution the better). The deadline for photo submissions is Labor Day (September 7<sup>th</sup>). All calendar sale proceeds go towards the association's budget to help support Airport Day, our scholarships, and other community projects.

## *Guess The Airport By Susie Williams*

Flying northwest from Pine Mountain Lake, you'll find this airport serves as a nice stop to fill up both plane and stomach. The famous airport café has pictures lining the walls, capturing its lengthy history of the airport as a community fixture. Jimmy Doolittle even used the airport for final training of his B-25 crews prior to his famous bombing raid on Japan in WWII. These days you'll find no military planes in the pattern, just the occasional Ag pilot. Besides hungry fliers, the restaurant attracts diners exiting the busy interstate, as well as race fans coming to the nearby raceway.

So, where are we?





## 2015 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time &amp; Location</u>
July	No Meeting	
August 8	Triple Hot August Nights	5:30PM location McGowans' Hangar
September 5th	Flying the B-52 Bomber	6:00PM location McGowans' Hangar

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