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Aviation Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3rd – 5:30 pm

Hello PMLAA Friends and Happy Thanksgiving to All. I hope everyone enjoyed the November meeting.

Next month is our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 3, at 5:30 pm. The party is being hosted by Connie and Alan Buchner in their hangar at the end of taxiway on 9er. Invitations went out so if you did not receive one and would like to join in the fun, please call me. The dinner will be catered, members can bring appetizers. We will be dancing to the music of Home Grown. Seating is limited to 150 so don't wait!

Also let's not forget we will be collecting toys for local children between the ages of 1-17. See article in this newsletter by Virginia Richmond for more details. Please help us make a child's Christmas merry.

January there is no meeting so we will kick off 2017 with our February Valentine's pot luck dinner and meeting.

Danielle Coelho, VP, Social Affairs

Acting President's Message – by Steve DeRodeff

As the year draws to a close I want to thank all the great volunteers we have who make our events possible. Special thanks to Jane and Duane for their many years of tending bar at our meetings. They've finally decided to retire and get to sit back and be served. Also many thanks to the McGowen's for allowing us to host events at their hangar. And we can't get away without thanking Ed Peters for all his logistics help, Phil Hickerson for all his work in A/V setup, Kathy McConnell for another great airport day lunch event, Kay Meermans for use of her hangar and Marie Barber, for organizing the neighbors on the outer taxiway for the wonderful block party. That's a lot of work and coordination!

You should have all received your invites to the Holiday Party by now so get signed up and enjoy a festive event with all your fellow aviators. The decorations are shaping up nicely with lots of help and it should be fun event. Remember to bring a gift for the kids at Christmas Basket.

Now that winter is almost upon us with some helpful early rains in October its also a good time to make sure those IFR skills are current, ready for possible weather conditions during holiday travel.

Looking forward to a great holiday season.

Bring a Gift for a Local Child – by Virginia Richmond

At our December 3rd holiday party, PMLAA will collect new, unwrapped presents for local children; the gifts are distributed to qualified families through the Christmas Basket project. This program makes Christmas possible for area families in need, with donations of food and gifts.

Please note: no books (provided by Friends of the Groveland Library), no clothes (except socks, hoodies or gloves), and no watches. They especially need items for teens.

Here are some useful shopping guidelines:



Pre-school Girl: puzzles, dolls, Elmo, Duplos, learning toys, princess items, Little Pet Shop toys, Disney Frozen, PlaySkool items, Paw Patrol, Disney, blocks

Pre-school Boy: puzzles, Bob the Builder, Thomas the Train, Duplos, learning toys, trains, PlaySkool items, toy cars, Disney, Paw Patrol

Elementary school Girl: puzzles, board games, horse items, Dora The Explorer, princess/Disney Princess items/Frozen, current movie merchandise, Little Pet Shop toys, Monster High, Doc McStuffins, Ever After High, jewelry, art supplies/crafts, 'Twilight' merchandise

Elementary school Boy: Super hero action figures, Star Wars, Legos, Tonka, dinosaurs, arts and craft supplies, board games, trains, cars, remote control vehicles (with batteries), current movie merchandise; Transformers; Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Despicable Me, building sets, Robot themed items

Teen Girl: jewelry (pierced earrings), bath sets, arts and craft supplies, grooming supplies, purses, Twilight/Hunger Games series merchandise

Teen Boy: Legos, sports equipment, art supplies/craft kits, wallets, flashlight, hoodie, binoculars, tools.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make Christmas special for local families! By the way, if you aren't attending the PMLAA party, you can still drop off gifts at the Buchner hangar on December 3.



Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- Offer of free E45 parking lot material declined: Yes, the rumor is true. Decision was made to use new, standard roadbed material for quality and extended useful life. Various materials were offered by Pine Mountain Lake and the County in hopes of reducing cost of E45 parking lot improvements. Offered materials are inconsistent in composition and physical size, thus not as dependable for grading, compacting, as well as long-term wear and drainage.
- **Lost & Found:** Contact Janet Gregory 962-5061, janetg@kickstartall.com to reconnect you're your lost item. Unclaimed lost-and-found will be donated to Helping Hands December 15th.
 - Round glass plate, 8"
 - Round cream color Dansk plate, 11" tan trim
 - Round cut glass serving dish 12"
 - Large white oval plastic serving dish
 - *Other items:*
 - Houston Astro MLB ball cap (Airport Day)
 - 1 pair men's sunglasses (Airport Day)
 - 2 pairs of women's sunglasses (Oct & Aug)

EXPERIENCE ICONIC 1920s AVIATION WITH THE EAA FORD TRI-MOTOR AT PML AIRPORT

Re-live the beginnings of airline travel with “The Tin Goose”

PMLAA members and friends have a unique opportunity to take a ride in a very special aircraft! EAA's Ford Tri-Motor, aka “The Tin Goose,” is coming to our airport December 15-18.

Rides will be available all weekend, Dec. 16-18. Thursday afternoon (December 15) will be an open house at “the toy box” hangar where you can see and explore the plane.

The Ford Tri-Motors were first built by the Ford Motor Company in the late 1920s. The plane that is visiting PML was constructed in 1928 and has an intriguing history. Its roles ranged from TWA's earliest routes, to sightseeing flights over the Grand Canyon in the 1930s and later commercial flights in Honduras, to being part of the legendary Harrah's auto and aircraft collection in Nevada. Later it lived at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon, until it was purchased and restored and then leased to EAA.

This Tri-Motor can carry up to 10 passengers, and every seat is a window seat. Be sure to bring your camera. Tickets can be purchased in advance: \$70 for adults and \$50 for children ages 2-17 years old; walk up tickets will be \$75. Rides last about 30 minutes, including 15 minutes in the air.



Select your date and book your seat at www.FlytheFord.org, EAA's Tri-Motor tour website. You can also pre-book a flight by calling 1-800-843-3612.

Please spread the word and invite fellow aviation enthusiasts from throughout northern California. What a great Christmas gift!

Check out the poster at the end of this newsletter!

E45 Work in Progress – by Ed Gregory

Broken runway lights have been reported to Benny Stuth, Airports Manager. This is a priority repair as E45 has daily commuters and sunset is at 5:00pm. Airport office responded immediately, sending Jarrett to repair two of the three lights. One was broken beyond repair and will be replaced. Three lights were broken off at the threaded base, smashing bulbs and colored lenses. Damage was likely done by a contractor or their help, since we allow "fill" material to be dumped off that end of the runway. No, they didn't leave a "sorry note" with their name and a check. Additional note on permitted "fill" material from the Airport Office: Fill should be 4x4x4 inch or smaller. Larger fill material will not compact well. Continued dumping of inappropriate fill material may result in restrictions or even closing this dump site. If you know of individuals dumping material here please advise them.

Parking lot improvements are underway. Owners of vehicles have been notified to remove vehicles from the E45 parking lot and any remaining vehicles will be towed so that work can progress. Tuolumne County Airports are under the Roads Department, so the decision was made to use County road services for repair. Repair will be accomplished using recycled, ground-up cement which has a longer expected useful life. Expect completion before the end of this year.

Airport office improvements are being planned. Exterior improvements include removal of planter boxes (complete) and repainting. New color selection has been made. You can see a sample on the outside of the building. Interior improvements include new carpet, paint and bathroom updates for ADA compliance. Budget is under review, no estimated timeframe for completion has been established ... but hopefully this work will occur early next year.

Inoperative white light on the beacon has been reported.

Tuolumne County Airports Advisory Meeting – by Janet Gregory

Tuolumne County Airport Advisory (TCAA) Committee meeting took place Monday, November 14th, 2016. Committee members present were: Karl Dambacher, John Gray, Ed Gregory, Karl Rodefer and Jim Stenger, representing a quorum. Also, present were Benny Stuth, Airport Manager, Daniel Richardson, Deputy County Administrator, and Kalah Beckman, Administrative Assistant. PML representatives on the committee are: Steve Martin and Ed Gregory.

Airport Committee Agenda package can be viewed at:

<http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/Index.aspx?NID=371> Scroll down to "Announcements" and look for 11/10/2016. Public Forum: Brief review of upcoming EAA Ford Tri-Motor appearance at E45, December 16-18. Thank you for fast response to runway-9 end light outage.

Amendment to language in the appeals provision of the hangar, tie-down and waiting list policy: Reviewed discussed and approved. Amendment allows for exceptions to a violation to be made with "good cause" provided it does not involve failure to pay a fee or does not violate any local, state or federal law. Staff Report: E45 parking lot improvement expected before year end, equipment has been scheduled. O22 taxiway B/C are mostly complete, finalization underway. O22 alleyway D/E improvements may be delayed for several years to review higher priority project of runway replacement. Other funding options for hangar construction and alleyway improvements were discussed. Next TCAA Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 7th at 6:00p to review O22 Master Plan.

Flying Tigers (Over The Hump) Update – By Larry Jobe

Hello to all,

Dated Friday, November 4, 2016:

Well this long saga may be close to ending.

The engine has been picked up by the shipper in Los Angeles and is hopefully on a plane headed our way right now. If all goes well we should have the engine in our possession by next Tuesday November 8th. We could be ready to fly to Guilin as soon as the 11th. Then it will be a matter of good weather and this time of year the weather is supposed to be dry and reasonably clear.

When we landed in Kunming we had accomplished our main goal of flying and recreating a hump in a C47 to honor the men and women who gave so much in WWII, spotlighting that period of history and creating friendships along the way. All that was accomplished, now all that remains is to get the plane to Guilin and on display at the museum.

Our long term goal is to create a buzz about the Flying Tiger Heritage Park and museum in Guilin in hopes that we can raise the rest of the money we promised to complete the restoration of General Chennault's Command and Operations cave.

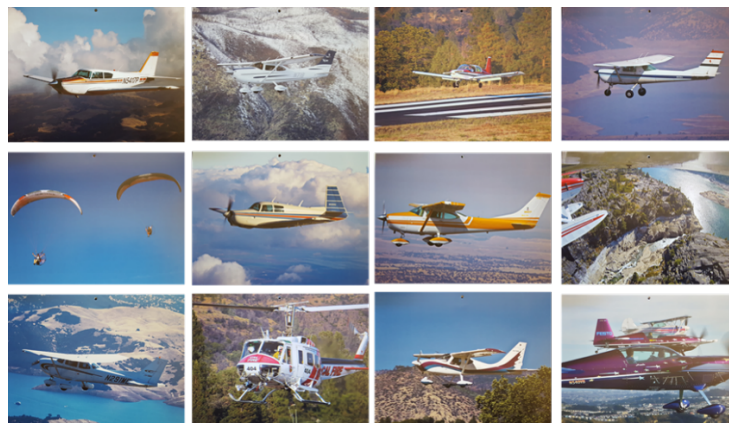
Thank you all for your moral and financial support throughout this epic flight and saga. This is the first time in over 70 years a C47 has been flown across the hump in honor of those who went before us and it will, without a doubt, be the last time. As an organization we can be proud of what we accomplished and to Florence Fang we must say thank you for making it possible.

Please visit the excellent web page created by Tom Claytor which chronicles the flight to this point www.FlyingTheHump.com

Larry Jobe, President, Flying Tiger Historical Organization
11/18/16 UPDATE: Buzz Buggy flying to Guilin tomorrow!

2017 Calendar Available for Purchase!

There is still time to pick up your 2017 PMLAA Aviation calendar. We will be selling them at the Holiday Party or you can contact Janet Gregory (phone number listed below in the Officers listing). All proceeds go to PMLAA for worthwhile causes.



Area Aviation Events

November

19 – E45 Airport Display Day

24 – Happy Thanksgiving

December

3 – PMLAA Holiday Party – Dinner, Music & Dancing

17 – E45 Airport Display Day

25 – Merry Christmas & Happy Chankuah

2016-17 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
December 3rd	Holiday Party	5:30pm Buchner's Hangar
January	(no meeting)	
February 4th	TBD	TBD

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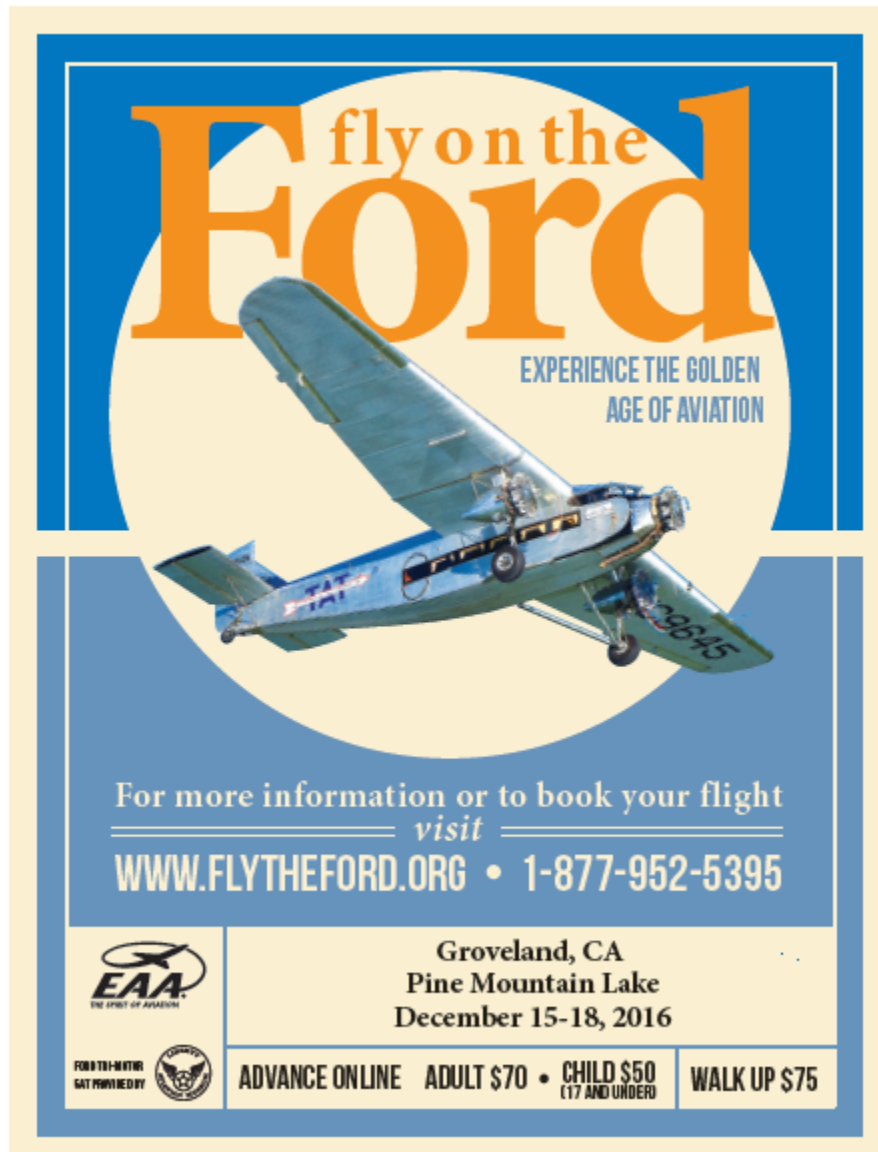
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