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6:00 PM

McGowan's Hangar

What The Hell Just Happened? How Learning to Fly at 41 Changed Everything.

Beth Stanton woke up one morning with the strangest idea – that it would be fun to learn how to fly. She had no clue what she was about to get into. Making that leap of faith turned out to be an exercise in perseverance, determination, and overcoming perceived limitations. She decided that if she could learn how to fly, she could do *anything*.



After seeking unusual attitude training to conquer her fear of spins, she inadvertently discovered the thrill of aerobatics (blame Wayne Handley!)

She now flies competition aerobatics and is an aviation journalist and speaker. She's flown in 17 west coast contests and is past president and director of the Northern California Chapter 38 of the International Aerobatic Club. She authors feature articles and columns for EAA publications and Aviation for Women magazine.

Beth can't shut up about flying and has conducted FAAST safety seminars promoting unusual attitude and spin recovery training and has spoken for organizations around the country including high schools, women's associations, civic organizations, Women in Aviation National Convention, Sun N Fun and served as a panelist and mentor for high school girls at Women of Aviation Week events at venues in the San Francisco Bay area.

Making up for lost time, she's been drinking out of the aviation firehose: attending Oshkosh, Sun N Fun, AOPA, crewing at Reno, flying aerobatic gliders, seaplane and helicopter lessons and even test piloted a prototype electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicle.

In her presentation, Beth will share how putting yourself out there, getting uncomfortable and saying YES leads to magical synchronicities bordering on the supernatural. She will also discuss how aviation has taught her some important life lessons such as:

- Don't be afraid to suck
- Inspired actions and deeds come back in marvelous ways
- When an angel dances on one shoulder and the devil on the other, which one to pick
- How shocking Bob Hoover led to a new career
- Appropriate behavior is highly overrated



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Wholly astonished at how aviation has rocked her world, she is on a mission to demonstrate how following a crazy impulse can lead to life beyond your wildest imaginings.

Beth lives in Modesto with her man Dan and their 3 ancient cats and comes up the hill regularly to inflict herself on Pine Mountain Lake.

From the Flight Deck

Joe Sobczak, President PMLAA

Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us, it's time to get down to business at the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association. On February 2nd we celebrate Groundhog Day at the McGowan hangar. Our special guest speaker is aerobatic pilot and aviation writer Beth Stanton.



Please join us in February for what will be a great start to the new year for PMLAA. We will also be talking about an exciting new proposal for our airport. Thanks to all of you for trusting me at the helm of PMLAA for another fun-filled and action-packed year. See you at the meeting!

PML Aero Club Celebration



The PML Aero Club is celebrating 10 years of operation this year. The Board of Directors provides great foundational support for the Aero Club: Dennis Smith – President, Steve Martin – Vice President, Catherin Santa Maria – Treasurer, Jim Goodrich – Secretary, Bob Hornauer – Maintenance Director, and Leon Liebster – Member at Large (or maybe medium). The Aero Club flies a Cessna 172 and is discussing the possibility of adding a Light Sport (LSA) if there is ample new membership interest. In 2018 three PML Aero Club members received their Private Pilot's License, Anthony Felts, Josh Skelley, and Danielle Coelho (past member), along with first solo by Roxie Compton. On Saturday, January 6th at the Gregory hangar members and their families showed up to celebrate the new flying year. We had over 40 people! It was a blast with food, music, football, gliders flying, and the movie "Planes" playing.

Social Article – by Danielle Coelho

Hello again my PMLAA friends. Cheers, it's 2019!

First let me give a big Thank You to Krystall and Jason Johansen for hosting our PMLAA Holiday Party at their hanger. The table decorations were beautiful and festive. The personal photo booth was an added bonus. You can view the fun party photos on Google Photos in the [PMLAA Winter Party 2018 album](#).

I am looking forward to another wonderful year filled with good food, fun times and great speakers.

This year's first meeting will be our Valentine's Day meeting in February. Let's start the year off with pasta! What's your favorite pasta? Pasta and chicken, pasta pesto, shrimp scampi, hearty meat sauce, lasagna, garlic bread, vegetables...just to name a few.

Whatever dish you choose to bring, please keep in mind we are feeding a large group and would hate for anyone to go home hungry.

If your last name starts with:

A-L Bring main course, side dish, or salad

M-Z Bring appetizer or dessert



The February meeting will be held at the McGowan's hanger. The location and directions to the hanger will be on the last page of this newsletter.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 6 PM.

Thank You for the Prop Award – Ed & Janet Gregory

We were gob-smacked! Totally unexpected. Thank you for the 2018 PMLAA Prop Award. PMLAA is fueled by volunteer efforts. We don't do anything different or anything more than PMLAA members, so we were very surprised. Thank you for the recognition and we are proud to join a very impressive group of PMLAA Prop Award recipients.

SAVE THE DATES:

October 5, 2019	Community Airport Day
October 12, 2019	EAA Young Eagles

Super Blood Wolf Moon Eclipse – Janet Gregory

The excitement begins on Sunday, January 20th at about 7:30pm Pacific Time (10:30pm ET). The eclipse will be visible across North America. Our South American neighbors as well as parts of western Europe and Africa will also get to see it.

So, what’s all this buzz about a super blood wolf moon eclipse? I got out my secret Google decoder ring and here’s what I found.

We all know what an **eclipse** is, the shadow of the Earth crosses the lunar surface. A total eclipse is the point when the sun, moon, and Earth are perfectly aligned so that the Earth’s shadow covers the entire surface of the moon. The total eclipse will occur at 9:12pm PT (January 21st 12:12am).

A **blood moon** refers to the red color of the moon, which we will see every few years. Sources seem to disagree on how often we will see a blood moon. One source said “twice a year” and another “twice every three years”. The red color is caused by the scattering of sunlight through the Earth’s atmosphere. It’s the same effect that causes sunsets to appear red.

Supermoons occur when the moon is perigee – the closest approach to Earth in a single orbit. The moon appears particularly large because it is closest to the earth and coincides with a full (or new) moon, which will officially be on Monday, January 21st.

The wolf moon is just some weird nickname for the first full moon in January. It is named for the howling of wolves. But, it doesn’t really have anything to do with anything. Maybe we should let out a howl at the moon on January 20th in its honor.



Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Firsts:** You lose out on a third of your taste buds during flights. So, maybe airline food really isn’t as bad as you think. About one-third of your taste buds go numb at altitude. It’s impossible to lock your self in the bathroom on an airliner. Ever notice the flight attendants flipping a little switch on the lavatory door before takeoff and landing? That switch locks the door so it won’t fly open but they can also barge sin if you need help or are getting into mischief.
- **Aviation Decoder Ring:**
 - AA – Air-to-Air (not Alcoholics Anonymous)
 - AAA – Amended Metrological Message (not American Automobile Assn.)
 - FAA – Federal Aviation Administration (not Freakin’ Absurd A\$\$&O!@)
 - TA – Traffic Advisory or Transition Altitude (not Tires & Accessories or whatever else you were thinking)

Aviation Calendar

JANUARY	<i>21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>
FEBRUARY	2 - PMLAA Meeting 2-3 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 <i>14 – Valentine’s Day</i> <i>18 – Presidents Day</i>
MARCH	2 - PMLAA Meeting 2-3 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 16 – Vicky Benzing @ NAF El Centro AirShow <i>17 – Saint Patrick’s Day</i> 23-24 – Vicky Benzing @ Thunder & Lightening over Arizona, Tucson 30-31 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings Over Solano AirShow, Fairfield

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
February 2	TBA	6pm – McGowan’s hangar
March 2	TBA	TBA
April 6	TBA	TBA

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February meeting is at McGowan's hangar. The hangar is on the north taxiway about half way between the intersection crossing the runway and runway 9.

