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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting

*Saturday, March 2, 2019
6:00 PM
Tristan Duplan's Hangar*

speaker:

Mike Busch

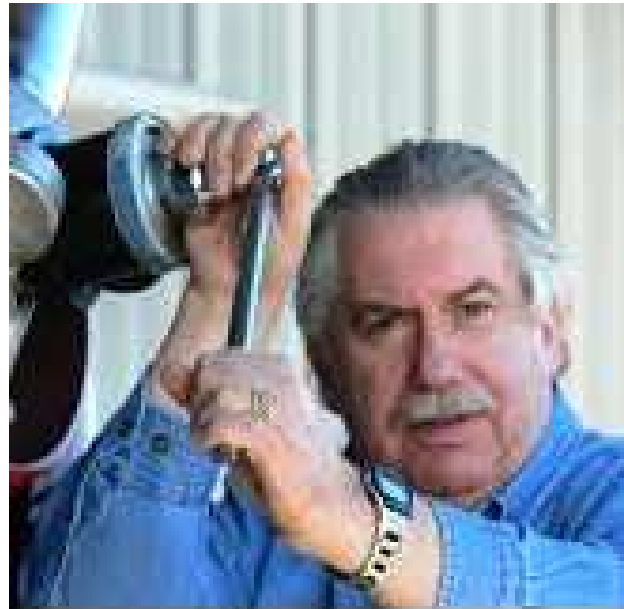
President of Savvy Aircraft Management

I am super excited and can't wait to meet our March guest speaker, Mr. Mike Busch, president of Savvy Aircraft Management. Mike is the author of two outstanding aircraft maintenance books, "Manifesto" and "Mike Busch on Engines".

You can get them both from Amazon in time for Mike to autograph them at the meeting.

I don't know what the exact topic of Mike's presentation will be, but I guarantee that it will be, er, riveting.

If you own an airplane, fly an airplane, or, heck, if you have seen an airplane, you need to meet Mike Busch. Thanks to PMLAA member Jim Mason for arranging Mr. Busch's appearance at E45. See you at Tristan's hangar on March 2nd. – Joe Sobczak



Mike Busch

SAVE THE DATES:

October 5, 2019	E45 Community Airport Day
October 12, 2019	EAA Young Eagles @ E45

From the Flight Deck

Joe Sobczak, President PMLAA

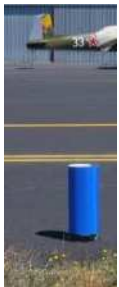
If you missed PMLAA “BS night”, you missed an exciting and entertaining meeting. Beth Stanton gave a dynamic and inspirational account of her aviation exploits, and kept us all on the edge of our seats. Yes, that’s her on the right, showing us her Pitts. Thank you, Beth! Nice Pitts!!



Benny Stuth, Tuolumne County Airports Manager was on hand to present the County plan for mitigation of tree incursions into the airport surface plane. Thanks to Jeff Benzing for offering an alternative to the county plan, and to Larry Struck for researching more regulations than I ever imagined existed.



This newsletter goes to all of our members thanks in large part to Jeremy Zawodny, our web guru. Jeremy was on hand to receive the coveted PMLAA Outstanding Volunteer coffee mug for his ongoing work for our association. Thanks, Jeremy!



We also announced that Sean Sunday is the lucky recipient of a \$500 PMLAA aviation scholarship. I hope to have Sean join us at an upcoming meeting and tell us all about his plans to be a career pilot. And thanks to all of you for supporting the scholarship fund through your donations and participation at PMLAA events.

Larry Jobe has done some research on the subject, and we are looking into installing retro-reflective runway and taxiway markers. Hope to have more information for you at the meeting. Meanwhile, just reflect on how nice it will be to see the edge of the taxiway at night and have a backup for the runway lights when the power goes out!

Last chance to update your membership! - Bonnie Ritchey

Hi Members! The board will be sending out the roster to all members via email at the beginning of March. If you would like to change what information is shared with the other members, please be sure to contact Bonnie Ritchey, 650 996-6274, to update your information before it goes out.

Also, if you have not paid your dues for 2019, this February newsletter is the last you will receive. Membership dues pay for supplies and equipment like tables and A/V equipment and we rely on them to keep PMLAA running! You can renew with any board member or mail this online form:

http://pmlaa.org/newsletters/renewal_form.pdf to PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321

Thanks!

Social Article – by Danielle Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends,

It was wonderful to see everyone as we reconvened in February to start our 2019 year together. I want to thank everyone for bringing some fabulous and plentiful food dishes.

Our March meeting will be on Saturday, March 2 @ 6:00 pm at Tristan Duplan's hangar. We will continue our tradition of a St.Paddy's Day theme. Some food ideas are corned beef and cabbage, Shepherd's pie, Irish soda bread, and, of course, hearty Irish stew.

You can also visit the web for more ideas. www.foodnetwork.com/holidays-and-parties/.../favorite-st-patricks-dayrecipes.html Desserts: allrecipes.com/recipes/1451/holidays-and-events/st-patricks-day/desserts

Food guidelines:

If your last name starts with A-L please bring appetizer or dessert

If your last name starts with M-Z please bring main course, side dish, or salad

Don't forget to wear green or you might get pinched!

Directions to the Duplan hangar are on the last page of this newsletter.

Happy Landings,
Danielle
Wife, Mother, Cosmetologist, Pilot



PMLAA Scholarship Awarded to Sean Sunday – Janet Gregory

Sean Sunday of Sonora was awarded a \$500 PMLAA Scholarship to continue his flight training. Sean attends Sonora High School and is interested in a career in aviation, possibly with CalFire. Sean has been an active Young Eagles volunteer and flier. He has helped with Young Eagle registration at both Columbia (O22) and PML (E45) Airports. Sean has flown with our Young Eagle volunteer pilots, and within a month of flying with Wayne Handley took his first flying lesson.

Sean's grandparents, Ed & Diana Sunday are both pilots. Ed Sunday is an active member of our local EAA Chapter 1337 and is the Young Eagles coordinator. Ed Gregory is Sean's PMLAA member sponsor.

PMLAA Scholarships are awarded quarterly to qualified applicants with educational interests in aviation or STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Applicants must be sponsored by a PMLAA member, but do not need to be a PMLAA member. Applicants can be of any age. Amounts vary up to \$500. See any PMLAA Board member for details.



A KOLB Firestar II – appearing soon at an airport near you! See article on Jim Thomas.

Jim Thomas Offers Gift to Local EAA Chapter – Ed Gregory

Jim Thomas, or “JT” as many of us know him, lived at PML for nearly 20 years. For eleven years, from 2003 to 2014, he was Tuolumne County Airports Manager, overseeing both PML (E45) and Columbia (O22) Airports. Moving here, after calling Alaska home for 25 years, PML was the perfect location with good flying weather, a great community, and closer to family. JT was active in many aspects for aviation: racing airplanes, building aircraft, crewing for air racers, and volunteering with our local EAA Chapter.

The KOLB Firestar II was JT’s most recent aircraft construction project. It’s an open-cockpit, high wing, ultralight pusher, with conventional landing gear. Being an ultralight means it is lightweight, cruises at 80-MPH, stalls at 25-MPH, can take-off in about 200-feet, and subject to significantly less regulations.

JT was well into this estimated 300-hour construction project. He had completed much of the aluminum fuselage and wing structure, and was just beginning to work on the fabric covering. Life’s priorities changed as JT met, married, and moved out of PML. He offered his Firestar project as a gift to our local EAA chapter to complete.

The local EAA Chapter 1337 was excited to accept the gift and is enthusiastic about beginning work. Bob Horneaur has offered to organize and lead the building project. Want to fly it? Contributors to the project can be “qualified” to fly it. Contributions can be in construction time, monetary donations, or both. The money will go toward construction supplies and a power source; electric will cost about \$9k and gas will cost about \$7k – there are some trade-offs to consider.

JT was born and raised in Orinda, CA and attended Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. After college he worked for Boeing as a structural engineer on the 747. A kayak trip from Wrangell to Sitka, in southeast Alaska, hooked him. He spent the next 25 years living in Alaska and working on the Alyeska Pipeline. He lived in Barrow, above the Arctic Circle, and was a field and project engineer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System that stretches 800 frozen miles from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

A big thank you to JT for his PML friendship over the years and for his generosity in donating the KOLB Firestar II project to EAA Chapter 1337. We will finish the project with pride.

Our local EAA Chapter sponsors Young Eagles Rallies at both Columbia (O22) and PML (E45) Airports. Chapter members volunteer for many local aviation projects, such as painting the airport office, windsock, and transient parking area, along with a wide variety of other projects. Members actively support area aviation activities including Father’s Day Fly-In / Auto Show and PML Airport Appreciation Day.



Jim "JT" Thomas

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Interesting (and Useless) Aviation Facts:** The Boeing 747 family has flown more than 5.6 billion people – equivalent to 80% of the world’s population. The global 747 fleet has logged more than 48 billion miles, equivalent to 101,500 trips to the moon. Total electric capacity of a single 747-8 can power up to 480,000 32-inch flat screen TVs. PanAm debuted the airliner in 1970; KLM and Quantas announced they will retire the last ones from passenger service in 2020. 747s will continue to fly air cargo around the globe.



- **Aviation Decoder Ring:** CRAFT – Memory aid for what can help improve situational awareness.
 - C – Clearance
 - R – Routing
 - A – Altitude and ADSB
 - F – Frequency and Flight-Following
 - T – Transponder

Aviation Calendar

FEBRUARY	14 – Valentine’s Day 18 – Presidents Day
MARCH	2 - PMLAA Meeting 2-3 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 10 – Daylight Savings Time Begins (spring forward 1 hour) 16 – Vicky Benzing @ NAF El Centro AirShow 17 – Saint Patrick’s Day 23-24 – Vicky Benzing @ Thunder & Lightening over Arizona, Tucson 30-31 – Patriots Jet Team @ Travis AFB Show 30-31 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings Over Solano AirShow, Fairfield
APRIL	6 - PMLAA Meeting 6-7 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 22 – Earth Day 27 – Young Eagles at Columbia Airport (O22)

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
March 2	Mike Busch	6pm – Duplan’s hangar
April 6	TBA	TBA
May 4	TBA	TBA

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March meeting is at Tristan Duplan's hangar. The hangar is on the north taxiway near Runway 9 off Woodside Way.

