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Saturday, August 3, 2019

5:00 PM

PMLAA Hot August Nights

Our PMLAA **Hot August Nights** is coming up on Saturday, August 3, 2019, on the Northeast Taxiway. The party starts at 5 pm. The surrounding hangars will have snacks, drinks and games along with a catered meal from Dickey's BBQ for \$10 per person.

The party starts at the Benzing's hangar and goes down to the Mora's. Also, no need to bring an appetizer or dessert **but if you would like to help out at one of the hangars or have something to donate to our silent auction, contact Bonnie.** bonnie.ritchey@gmail.com or 650 996-6274

Head on over to the Northeast Taxiway for an evening including Cars, Planes, Motorcycles, Live Auction, Friends, Fun & Games!

Cars, planes, and motorcycles to be displayed can set up between 4-4:30 pm.

Also, Tenaya Elementary School will be collecting school supplies (or money to buy school supplies) for their students on August 3. Many families in our area cannot afford these items for their children. Since it happens to be the same day as our August PMLAA event, you can bring your donations to the party and we will deliver to the school for you.



A few of the toys on display from past Hot August Nights

Please take note: The Northeast taxiway is being repaved July 15-18 and no vehicles (cars, airplanes, golf carts, ebikes, RVs, etc) can drive on it during that time.

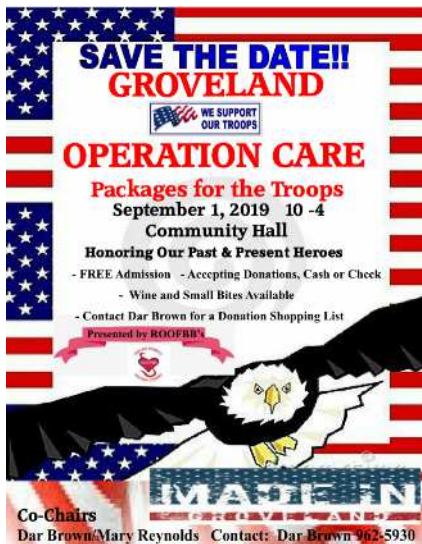
The Prez Sez... - by Joe Sobczak, President PMLAA

Thank you Jeff and Vicky Benzing for hosting our June meeting in your beautiful hangar. Congratulations, Vicky, on your new airplane! Hope to see it gracing the skies of PML real soon. Our guest speaker in June was Bob Turney, founder and CEO of the Turnkey Construction Management Institute. If you were able to attend his presentation, you enjoyed a fascinating look at his enterprise that helps returning and disabled veterans get a start in the field of construction management. Stop by and say hi to Bob at his place of business, Yosemite Adventure Supplies.



Next month there is no regular meeting, but we will all gather on the northeast corner of the airport to christen the newly refurbished taxiway for our Hot August Nights block party. Special thanks to Bonnie and our members who are hosting the party and to Dickie's Barbeque, again providing the victuals. This is the highlight of the PMLAA year. There will be some great items up for auction to help support PMLAA and the Scholarship fund. Look for details in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to pass along a couple community service messages:



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On September 1st, Operation Care will be accepting donations for our troops. PMLAA members Dar and Mal Brown will be at Hot August Nights and can answer any questions you may have including a shopping list of most needed donations.

Our neighbor, the PML Equestrian Center, is hosting a concert on July 20th, "A Night in the Country." Looks like fun (if you're not on your way to Oshkosh!).



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For questions, please call Melissa at the Equestrian Center (209) 962-8667

It's time to submit photos of your plane for our 2020 PMLAA calendar. Susie Williams is looking for great shots and needs your help. She can assist with photo chase efforts for air-to-air shots. Talk to Susie and get your candidate shots in as soon as possible! swissmissusie@gmail.com or (408) 483-7462

Fly Safe – See you in Oshkosh and at Hot August Nights!

Joe

Visit with JT

On July 6, folks from Groveland Airport flew to Placerville to see Jim Thomas. Jim, or JT, was our neighbor and friend. He was also the airport manager for Tuolumne County for several years. JT moved away from E45 recently so when his brother sent an invitation to surprise JT at the Placerville EAA chapter 512 monthly breakfast, many from our tribe showed up. It was nice to see JT and JT seemed very pleased to see us. Good food, good friends, good life!



Wings & Wheels at Columbia (O22) – by Ed Gregory

The 53rd Father's Day Fly-In at Columbia Airport June 15 & 16 was a big success. The event was rebranded to Wings & Wheels as they featured warbirds, show planes, motorcycles, and show cars. Our local EAA Chapter was a major contributor.

- Airshow performer Ken Talovitch and the Crosswinds WOWed the crowds on Saturday with expert formation flying.
- Hot ramp crew Gabe Coelho, Rob Compton, Bob Horneaur, Mike Lella, Larry Roessler, Ed Sunday (ramp boss for GA and show planes) and me (ramp boss for warbirds and airshow performers).
- Information booth was staffed by Laura Stengel, Diana Sunday, and Janet Gregory (Miss Information).
- Ham radio operator Greg Triplett was at their booth.
- EAA booth was covered by Dennis Smith.
- PML Aero Club Cessna 172 flew in Saturday with Scott Rexwinkle, and his whole family was spotted on Sunday along with Andy Mankus and Lydia Loera.

Thank you EAA Chapter 1337 for making Wings & Wheels (aka FDFI) a safe and fun weekend.



Help “Stuff the Bus” with school supplies for Tenaya Elementary students

On Saturday morning, August 3, Tenaya Elementary School will be collecting school supplies (or money to buy school supplies) for their students. There are many parents in our district who can't afford to buy the notebooks, pencils, folders, etc. that the kids need, so the school raises money and collects donations of supplies in order to outfit each student appropriately. “Stuff the Bus” will be at the park in Groveland from 8am-noon, August 3. You can drop off a box of pencils, a stack of notebooks, crayons, a check or cash.

We'll make it even easier: since it happens to be the same day as our August PMLAA event, you can bring your donations to the party, and we will deliver to the school.

Let's pitch in and help our kids be ready to learn!



More fun at past Hot August Nights

I'm Disappointed – by Janet Gregory



Pilots are a cut above ... or so I thought. Pilots have a deep sense of accountability, responsibility, and integrity ... or so I thought.

We returned home and were fueling our airplane at E45's Mother Lode Aviation Fuel Pits. In the process of grounding the airplane and turning on the pump I found a credit card. Someone must have purchased fuel and left their card behind. I slipped the card in my back pocket, not wanting to leave it at the fuel pit.

The options were to return the card or destroy it. Once at home I first checked the PMLAA roster. Darn, not a member; that would have been too easy. I got online, did a search, and found a Groveland resident with a matching name. Wahoo!

I called the number. Asked for the person by name and if they had purchased fuel at the airport. Yes and yes. Wahoo again! We met by the stables and I returned the credit card, exclaiming that "99.9% of pilots are a cut above." I left feeling quite satisfied. The card was safely returned to its owner. And little ol' me, a new pilot of only seven years, kept the "cut above" image of pilots alive and well.

The next day, I received the following email from the card owner: "Let me thank you again for getting my card back to me. Turns out you were the 3rd person to find the card. The other two allowed me to top off their tanks. Not all aviators share your sense of human kindness, ethics, and honesty. If not for you, (it) might have been even more exploited. Thanks again."

Really? **REALLY!** It popped my "cut above" bubble. Not once, but **TWICE** exploited! POP! POW! I just couldn't believe it.

As an eternal optimist, I still believe that 95% of the people in the world are good people. Maybe I am a bit naïve. I didn't expect this behavior from a pilot ... *especially* a PML pilot. To make it worse ... not just one pilot, but TWO! It hurt to have my "cut above" pilot bubble burst. I still don't want to believe it. Maybe pilots are just part of the average and aren't a cut above, but I really don't want to believe that.

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Attitude Indicator:** It’s important to have a good attitude. The attitude indicator in an airplane helps pilots keep the blue-side UP. An avid boater pointed out that it was good to keep the blue-side DOWN. Aerobatic pilots like to put the blue-side wherever they want it. Up, down, or looping around, it’s important to have a good attitude!
- **Reno Air Race Box Seats:** The National Championship Air Races in Reno are taking place September 11-15. Two box seat tickets are available for \$743. They include two tickets for 5 days of air racing and air shows, VIP parking, pit passes, and a cooler pass. USAF Thunderbirds, Aerobatic pilot Rob Holland in his MX2, the immortal Red Baron and some reenactments, plus more. If interested, contact Janet Gregory at 962-5061 or janetg@kickstartall.com.
- **PML Air Ambulance Service:** PHI Cares provides air ambulance helicopter service to Pine Mountain Lake Airport (E45). PHI Cares is a national organization and has helicopters based nearby at Columbia (O22), Modesto (MOD) and Redding (RDD) Airports. A trip to Sonora hospital takes 6-minutes (not 45-minutes) and Modesto Hospital is just 12-minutes away (not 2-hours). Minutes matter in a stroke, heart attack, serious accident, or other trauma. Don’t worry about air transportation costs in an emergency. Our \$30 annual group rate is cheap insurance for peace of mind. Go to <http://www.pinemountainlake.com/phi-helicopter-service/> for more information and PML group registration form. Or go to the PML website, click “Resources”, scroll to the bottom of the page and find the PHI Air Medical logo.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Airport Facts:** The U.S. has 33% of all the airports on planet Earth; more than any other single country. There are 15,095 U.S. airports. 5,194 airports have paved runways (34%). About 600 airports have control towers in operation. There are 37 Class Bravo airports (like SFO), 122 Class Charlie (like SMF, SJC, and OAK), and unconfirmed about 450 Class Delta (like PAO, SQL, and LVK). 5,014 airports are public use and do not require prior approval of the owner or operator.
- **Aviation Decoder Ring:** NTSB Notification is required for these 8 events: P-FACTION



Property damage more than \$25,000
Fire, in flight
Accident
Collision, in flight
Turbine failure
Illness of crew member
Overdue aircraft
No control (control failure of any sort)

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
August 3	PMLAA Hot August Nights	5pm – northeast taxiway
September 7	Brittanee Lincoln	6pm – Sobczak hangar
October 5	Airport Day Recovery	6pm – Meerman hangar

Aviation Calendar

JULY	13 - Vicky Benzing @ Qualicum Beach Airshow, BC Canada 20 - Vicky Benzing @ Boundary Bay Airshow, BC Canada 22-28 - Vicky Benzing @ EAA AirVenture (We will see you there!!!) 22-29 - EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI
AUGUST	3 – PMLAA “Hot August Nights” 3-4 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 17-18 – Vicky Benzing @ Wings over Camarillo Airshow
SEPTEMBER	2 – <i>Labor Day</i> 7 – PMLAA Meeting 7-8 - E45 Airport Display Day , 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 11-15 – Reno Air Races (Vicky Benzing will be racing!!) 21 – 49er Festival 21-22 – Vicky Benzing & Patriots Jet Team @ Lemoore Airshow 28-29 – Vicky Benzing @ MCAS Miramar Airshow, San Diego

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