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6:00 PM

Speaker: Tom Morgenfeld



Tom Morgenfeld

Don't miss our November meeting. We will commemorate Veteran's Day with a presentation from a longtime friend and colleague, Mr. Tom Morgenfeld from Camarillo, CA. Arranged and hosted by member Bill Thomas, Tom will tell us about his fascinating experiences as a Navy and civilian test pilot, flying some of America's most exotic and advanced experimental and developmental aircraft. Thanks to Alan and Yuni Gaudenti for the use of their beautiful hangar for our November meeting.

Here is a link to more information about our next speaker:

http://www.epnaao.com/BIOS_files/REGULARS/Morgenfeld-%20Thomas%20A%20copy.pdf

The Prez sez....

Joe Sobczak, President, Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Short message this month as I am in San Francisco flying the 777-300ER in the SF Fleet Week Airshow. Just had dinner with my old fighter pilot friend and roommate Dr. Bill Clifford from Bitburg, Germany, and was able to relive the glory days of the Cold War. Learn about my buddy, Cliff, and support his bid for Congress if you can at www.cliffordforcongress.com.



Great, great, great Airport Appreciation Day this month. I hope you were able to participate. Congratulations to our contest winners, Randy Barber for spot landings and Wayne Handley for precision chicken bombing. Clearly pleased with his impressive performance, Wayne has been spotted numerous times since proudly displaying his coveted Cock for all to see. Be sure to catch all the details in Virginia's article in this newsletter and thanks to the many hard working volunteers who made it happen.



Congratulations are also in order for two of our newest PML aviators. Roxie Compton recently passed her check ride and is our newest Private Pilot, the 10th for our Aero Club which is in its 10th year of operation. Close on her heels, Laura Stengel Corominas completed her first solo.

Congratulations to you both, and best wishes for many safe and enjoyable flights. Congratulations, too, to their instructors Larry Jobe and Tristan Duplan.



By the way, the PML Aero Club has a promotion going on. Your first 3 months of dues are waived, and all you pay for is your flight time. In addition, your initiation fee will not be due until the end of the 3 months which gives you plenty of time to decide if you want to join the group. Check out their website at www.pmlaeroclub.com or call Dennis Smith at 962-4950. It is never too late to learn to fly!

Fly Safe,

Joe

Social Article – Danielle Coelho

With a very fun airport day and evening behind us we are quickly moving into fall/winter. I hope everyone enjoyed the Airport Day show, food stand, and evening BBQ. I want to thank all my volunteers who helped me run the hotdog and hamburger stand and who helped me with the evening dinner and BBQ.

The November meeting will be Saturday November 2, 2019 at 6 pm at the Gaudenti's hangar.



Bring your favorite fall/winter dish ... And Wear Cowboy Boots! I know we usually make the theme about food but this year it's about cowboy boots. So look in your closets and dust them off.

Remember December 7, 2019 is our Holiday party and will be held at the Johanson's hangar. It will be a delicious catered meal along with a fabulous band. Invitations will be sent. Reservations are required. Be sure to RSVP early to ensure your spot.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact me if you would like to help decorate the hangar for the Holiday party. Danielle Coelho 831-601-7328

I hope everyone has a wonderful month. I look forward as always to seeing everyone at the November meeting.

Directions to Gaudenti hangar on last page of newsletter.



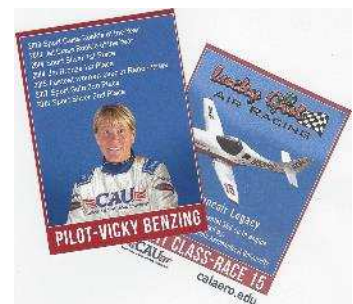
You Know You've Made It When...

by Janet Gregory

With the passage into September, my thoughts turn to MLB, football season, and the Reno Air Races.

You know you've made it when ... as a pilot ... you have made it to the Reno Air Races and have stepped on the podium to accept a well-deserved trophy. Vicky Benzing has made it! This year she raced Lancair Legacy "Lucky Girl" #15, stepping up on the podium to receive 2nd Place in Sport Class Silver. During race week, she ran laps at 299.729 MPH (brushing shoulders with 300!). Vicky also qualified in L-39 "Athena" for Jet Class at 450 MPH!

You know you've made it when ... as a baseball player ... your team makes the playoffs and your face is on a baseball card. Well, Vicky Benzing has made it! Her "baseball card" was a hot collectable item at this year's Air Races! Wahoo! You go girl! Check out "Radio Rumors" #7 for more interesting Vicky facts!



Community Airport Day A Big Success! - Virginia Richmond



October 5 was a special day for PMLAA and our Groveland neighbors. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy an afternoon of aviation magic and gain an appreciation of the benefits our airport brings to the local community. Many, many volunteers helped make the day a success. Thank you all!

Air boss Bonnie Ritchey put together an exciting program featuring local and visiting performers, and precisely managed the airspace for everyone's safety.



Special thanks to all the performers, especially the visiting Beech Boys and Lighting Formation RVs who really wowed the crowd.



Our local pilots did a great job in the pilot skills contests. Congratulations to Randy Barber who won the spot landing contest and Wayne Handley who defeated all comers in the "chicken bomb."

Social VP Danielle Coelho organized the food booth as well as the wonderful steak dinner at Kay Meermans' hangar. Her "crew" managed to keep up with demand for hotdogs and hamburgers.

Ramp boss Mike Gustafson had an excellent team to ensure that everything went smoothly and safely on the ground. Mike also organized three fun plane vs. car races, including his own "grudge match" with Michael Thoben.



Music master Phil Hickerson provided great accompaniment to both the afternoon event and our evening dinner.

Announcers Catherine Santa Maria, Jim Miede and Paul Purifoy informed the audience about each event.




Airport Affairs VP Rob Compton kept us all organized and moving in the same direction.

We also appreciate Groveland 4-H, CHP, CalFire and PHI's participation and everyone who displayed cars or planes. Events like this go a long way to earn the important support from our local community.



Photos by Susie Williams, Kathy Brown, and Virginia Richmond

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- Google’s Eyes in Skies at E45:** Google first introduced a 3D view on Google Earth in 2011 over select areas. That has continued to grow and expand with popularity. On September 19th a helicopter was capturing images over E45. Aerial imagery is done by companies that specialize in it; Google doesn’t have its own helicopters or airplanes. Photo from my phone isn’t the best but if you look carefully at the “nose” of the helicopter, you’ll see the mounted 3D camera.
 
- Why does the word aardvark have two As?** If pilots ate ants and had long noses, they would be call aaviators and moved up to the front of the dictionary! If the people that designed buildings were burrowing mammals with stocky hairy bodies, large ears, and powerful digging claws, they would be called architects! ... I don’t know! ... What does this have to do with PMLAA anyway?
- New Pilot:** Roxie Compton successfully passed her checkride on Thursday, September 19th. She is a member of the PML Aero Club, learned to fly with Larry Jobe, and now is a member of the exclusive “women in aviation” club. Congratulations to both Roxie and Larry!
- 7 Interesting (and Useless) Facts about The Reno Air Races:**
 - 1964 was the first year of the Reno Air Races. It featured a 3-mile course for biplanes and an 8-mile course for unlimited category aircraft.
 - The first Reno Air Races took place at Sky Ranch Airfield, a 2000-foot dirt strip, until 1966 when it moved to Stead Air Force Base, where it has been ever since.
 - Over 200,000 people attend the races each year. You need to put it on your bucket list.
 - Unlimited class planes are typically WWII fighter planes, which often exceed 400 MPH.
 - Dago Red, a P-51D Mustang, hold the all-time unlimited class speed record of 507 MPH
 - The jet speed record is 538 MPH, set by an L-29 in 2009.
 - Saving the best for last...* PML’s Vicky Benzing holds the record as “The Fastest Woman in Reno Air Racing” in L-39 Darkstar, qualifying at 469.8 mph in 2015!
- Aviation Acronym Decoder Ring:** Memory aid to assist with correction for magnetic compass errors – ANDS or UNOS.

ANDS (Rule for compass dip)	UNOS (Rule for magnetic compass turn errors)
Accelerate	Undershoot
North	North
Decelerate	Overshoot
South	South
<i>Translation ... in the Northern hemisphere heading east or west, your aircraft will have a tendency to <u>dip</u> to the north when you accelerate and <u>dip</u> to the south when you decelerate.</i>	<i>Translation ... in the Northern hemisphere heading on north or south, you have to either undershoot or overshoot your heading.</i>

Groveland Young Eagles Capture the Sky

By Ed Gregory

On Saturday, October 12th forty-one Young Eagles took to the sky out of E45 Pine Mountain Lake. It was a great day! Winds were calm, the smoke cleared, and the smiles were blazing!

HUGE THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers.

Pilots & Planes: Armin Abusaidi, Gabe Coelho, Allen Craig, Janet Gregory, Mike Gustafson, Wayne Handley, Bonnie Ritchey, Larry Roessler, and Jeremy Zawodny. *Photo credit to Virginia Richmond for Armin with one of his delighted YE flights.*



Armin with three Young Eagles

Amazing Ground Crew: Peggy Abusaidi, Danielle Coelho, Rob Compton, Laura Stengel & Luis Corominas, Linda Craig, Leon Liebster, Rich McLashen, Kathleen Morse, Robert & Martha Pearson, Virginia Richmond (terrific marketer), Dennis Smith, Ed & Diana Sunday, Greg Triplett, Susie Williams, and me.

Our local EAA Chapter 1337 has knocked it out of the park this year! We are building a KOLB Firestar Ultralight. We have flown 106 Young Eagles this year (a record breaker for us)! Our chapter has generously contributed to PMLAA weather and reflector projects as well as to EAA Ford TriMotor wing repair. We'd love to have you join our chapter, contact me if you are interested: Ed at 962-5061 or jagegg@sbcglobal.net.

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Thank You for Improving PML Airport

A BIG thank you to pilots using E45 and donating to important improvements. The projects that PMLAA has undertaken are:

- Advisory weather information for in-flight and flight-planning (up & working)
- Taxiway reflectors for safe night movement (in process)
- Two AED Defibrillators to improve cardiac event response time (installed)
- PMLAA Scholarships to encourage the next generation of aviators (3 awarded in 2019)

Thank you to our many pilot and community contributors (as of 10/11):

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BEST of PMLAA (Buy-Exchange-Sell-Trade)

- **Need a tow?** Airport resident has a working gas-powered airplane tug for sale. Make aircraft movement easy. \$450 OBO. Contact Karen Appleby at (209)962-4549 or kboundpml@aol.com.
- **Lots of Cool Aviation and Motorcycle Stuff.** Looking for something? Airport resident has lots of tools, parts, and interesting aviation & motorcycle stuff, including 2 Lightspeed 3G headsets, a Garmin 496 GPS, wing jacks, gas-powered tow, tools (power and hand tools), women's Harley Davidson Motorcycle boots, and more. All reasonable offers accepted. For information or a hangar tour, contact Pat Helling (209)352-7572.
- **Looking for hangar rafter space.** Airport resident looking to rent hangar rafter space to store a rowing shell. It's a beautiful wood rowing shell, 57' long and 2' wide (weight ~300 lbs). Need the space beginning in March or April of 2020 for 12-18 months. Grant will install pulleys with hangar owner approval. Contact Grant Krueger at (760)920-7657 or tinnemaha@hotmail.com.
- **2020 PMLAA Calendars.** Marvelous monthly aviation photos to enliven your busy schedule. Enjoy 12 great photos ... no, make that 13 with the T-34 over T-Canyon cover. \$15 each or 5 for \$60 (B4G1F – buy 4 get one free). Enjoy PML Aviation every month of the year! Profit goes to PMLAA Scholarship fund.
- **PML Airport 50th Anniversary Mugs.** Make morning your favorite time of day. Wake up to a hot cup of coffee or tea in a beautiful PML Airport mug. \$10 each or 6 for \$50 (B5G1F - buy 5 get 1 free). Start celebrating early, January 7, 2020 is the 50th birthday of E45! Profit goes to PMLAA Scholarship fund.



2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
November 2	Tom Morgenfeld	6pm – Gaudenti hangar
December 7	Holiday Party	6pm – Johanson's hangar
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Aviation Calendar

OCTOBER	12 – Young Eagles @ PML Airport (E45) 9:00- Noon 12-13 – Vicky Benzing @ Central Coast Airfest, Santa Maria 12-13 – Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week, San Francisco 31 - <i>Halloween</i>
NOVEMBER	2 – PMLAA Meeting 2-3 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 2-3 – Patriots Jet Team @ San Bernardino Air Fest 3 – <i>Daylight Savings Time (Fall back 1 hour)</i> 9 – Vicky Benzing @ French Valley Airshow, Temecula 11 – <i>Veterans Day</i> 16-17 Vicky Benzing @ Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV 28 - <i>Thanksgiving</i>
DECEMBER	7 – PMLAA Holiday Party (reservations required) 7-8 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 16 – <i>Chocolate covered Anything Day (my favorite holiday!)</i> 22 – <i>Beginning of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights</i> 25 – <i>Christmas</i> 31 – <i>New Years Eve!</i>

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Gaudenti hangar:

The hangar is on the south taxiway at the 27 end of the runway.



Gaudenti hangar



map to Gaudenti hangar