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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Next Meeting /Catered Dinner Community Airport Day

Saturday October 7, 2023

Time: 6:00 pm

*Place: Kay Meermans Hangar-Home
Located at the middle of the Southwest Taxiway*

President's Message

By Mike Gustafson

Our September meeting was one of the largest ever gatherings of the PML Aviation Association! Everyone turned out to say good bye to our beloved members, Wayne and Karen Handley. It was both a joyous occasion with much laughter and a sad acknowledgment of the loss our community feels about their move to Monterey.

There was a giant cake with the Monterey runway design and the honored couple made the first cut. Alan Craig, Randy Barber, and Beth Stanton told stories about their aviation adventures with Wayne; Michael Thoben presented a 10 minute slide show capturing hundreds of still photos. A plaque was presented to Wayne and Karen and a champagne toast capped evening.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make this event so special! A special thank you to Virginia Richmond for planning the event and herding all the cats!

I think everyone who was lucky enough to fly with Wayne has their story and I have mine. Wayne asked me, in the very early days of knowing him, to do his Flight Review. Boy was I intimidated, how do I test such a consummate pilot? I did some reading and asked a few other CFI's and hatched a plan. I had seen him do what was called a "rolling 360" so I asked, as part of his flight portion, to show me how a "rolling 360" was done. While I have done some light aerobatics, I was not ready for the "G" forces that ensued! I did not last even half way around the 360 when I called a stop. Needless to say, he passed!

Our next aviation event will be Community Airport Day on October 7th. It will be held at the airport from 12:00 to 3:00pm and the whole community is invited. We will have a Spot Landing contest, Flour Drop contest, formation flights, and maybe car/airplane demonstrations.

As usual we need lots of volunteers: Setup help, food service help, ramp safety help, etc. so if you have some time that day please come out at 9:00am to help us get organized. As they say, many hands make light work. If you wish to participate in any of the pilot skills events, contact Phil Boortz at 805 944-0148 to sign up.

The Aviation Association meeting that night will be a catered steak dinner for \$25.00 and will require pre-purchasing your tickets by Sept 29th. See the flyer in this newsletter for more detail and the sign-up form.

October is a busy month with a Young Eagles flight rally on October 14 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon at our airport. This is a great event for kids to get their first airplane ride and be introduced to the possibilities of aviation. We are looking for ramp support and pilots/airplanes to participate so if you can help, please contact Janet and Ed Gregory at 510 693-7546.

Lastly, we are approaching the end of the year so I am looking for a few good folks who will step up to lead the aviation association in 2024. We need a President (I have done it for 2 years, time for new blood), Treasurer, and V.P. Social.

All these fun events don't happen by chance, it is the hard work of the Board of Directors that makes it all happen. Please step up, it is your turn!



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Message From Vice President-Social

By Gabe Coelho

Hello fellow PMLA members,

We had a nice turnout at our September meeting for Wayne & Karen Handley's farewell party! They will be missed. I would like to thank Jason & Krystall Johanson for the use of their hangar, a BIG thanks to those who brought an amazing amount of food for our Potluck dinner and thanks to those who donated the Champagne.

PMLAA's Airport Day event is October 7th followed by a BBQ NY steak dinner that evening at Kay Meermans hangar, 20850 Elderberry Way, for PMLAA members and their guests. The cost is \$25 per person. See the Flyer and RSVP attached in the newsletter. Please respond no later than "September 30th" with your RSVP. I am looking for Bar Tenders and a couple of volunteers to help with the food for that evening. You can contact me at 209-617-4384 with any questions or to help.



Get Ready for PML Community Airport Day: October 7

- Virginia Richmond

PMLAA is inviting the greater Groveland community to Community Airport Day on **October 7th from noon – 3:00pm**. This fun and free event is key to developing appreciation and support from the local community for our airport.

We aim to put on a special event for our neighbors and encourage them to support our airport. Air boss Kurt Howerton has developed a great line-up including flying demonstrations, high speed and low-speed demos, car and airplane exhibitions, and formation flying. There will also be a spot landing contest and an RC model airplane performance. In addition, we expect lots of cars and planes on display, as well as helicopters and our excellent refreshment stand. PHI and CalFire are adding to the excitement.



**COMMUNITY
AIRPORT DAY**
OCTOBER 7, 2023
FREE ADMISSION!
PML AIRPORT
NOON – 3:00 PM

**FORMATION FLIGHTS • RC PLANES • HELICOPTERS
FLYING SKILLS CONTESTS • SPECIAL AERO SURPRISES!
AIRPLANE/CAR DEMONSTRATIONS
AIRPLANES & CARS DISPLAY • REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Bring a chair and enjoy the entertainment!
At the PML Airport – Our Community Resource!
Organized by Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

This is an all-hands event for PMLAA members. Get involved. Everyone can do something! You can cook hotdogs, display your aircraft, perform, participate in the flying contest, help with set-up and traffic control, and much more. Specifically, here's where help is needed:

1. To help with set-up, safety, traffic control, airplane movements, and car and airplane displays, contact Mike Gustafson, MLGpilot@yahoo.com or 962.6336. Set-up begins at 9:00am on October 7.
2. Set-up for the dinner at Kay Meerman's hangar is at 3:00pm on Friday, October 6.
3. To participate in the spot landing and flour drops or help with the event, contact Phil Boortz at philboortz@hotmail.com or 805.944.0148. Limited spots available.
4. To help at the refreshment stand, please contact Gabe Coelho at Skylaneav8or@gmail.com or 209. 617.4384.

Please invite your PML friends and neighbors and let them see what a great asset our airport is to the whole community! Note this is not a fly-in event.

What's A MOSIAC?

- **Mike Gustafson, CFII**

You should know about the FAA's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, or NPRM, of "Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification" aka MOSAIC. The NPRM seeks to make significant changes to the Sport Pilot certification privileges and definition of what qualifies as a Light Sport Aircraft. This is a really big deal, as it will open up much more capable aircraft to those folks who wish to fly under Sport Pilot rules.

Under the proposal, the aircraft's weight limit is based on its stall speed. If the NPRM is approved, it will change current weight limit for LSAs from 1320 pounds to theoretically a maximum weight of 3000 pounds. The current weight rule is changed from a weight limitation to a clean stalling speed of 54 knots calibrated airspeed (KCAS). It also increases the max speed from 120 Kts to 250 Kts, allows 4 seats, controllable-pitch props, retractable gear, and powerplants like electric and turbine!

The proposal would also expand the type of aircraft sport pilots can operate and allows them to use their aircraft for a wider range of operations such as some aerial work. This rule change will allow a whole lot of common aircraft such as most of the fabric-covered Pipers, Cessna 150/152 and even some C-172s. It will also encourage a whole new series of purpose built aircraft aimed at the expanded rules.

I took a look at some of the Piper Cherokees and noted that some of them, specifically the gross weight of 140s of 1950 Lbs just slip under the stall speed limitation. But most PA-28 140s and 180s do not qualify.

Also just as unfortunate is that certain STC's, STOL kits etc. that might actually reduce the clean stall speed to less than 54 KCAS do not count. The aircraft must be born with a clean stall speed of less than 54 KCAS.

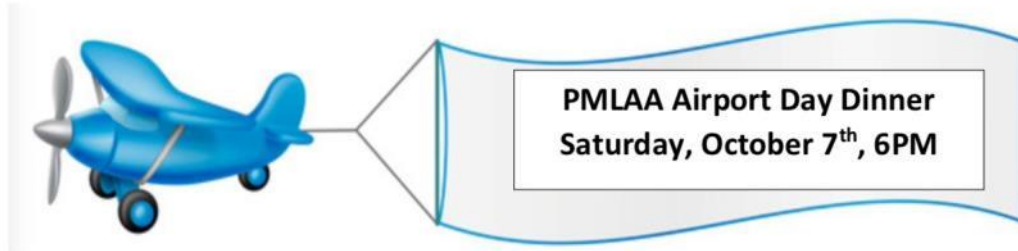
MOSAIC also allows the use of relatively inexpensive, safety-enhancing avionics to be installed in LSA aircraft regardless of whether they're FAA certified, and it allows manufacturer-approved, appropriately equipped LSA airplanes and qualified pilots to fly under IFR in instrument conditions.

Other LSA rules will not be changed such as max altitude of 10,000Ft MSL and only one passenger, however, night flight will be allowed with an endorsement and a FAA medical.

The FAA is seeking input from all of us regarding these proposed new rules so you can send in a comment or suggestion. Having read a few articles on this topic the one common suggestion is to raise the clean stall speed to 60 KCAS so that more Pipers, like mine, will fall into the new LSA category. I am sure raising the clean stall speed will also allow many other simple-to-fly aircraft into the new LSA definitions.

The NPRM is open to comments and suggestions until October 23, 2023, but it often happens that based on the quantity of respondents the FAA will extend the deadline. You can make a comment by going to <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/24/2023-14425/modernization-of-special-airworthiness-certification>

With credit to Scott Kinney of Piper Flyer magazine.



Location: Kay Meerman’s Hangar,
20850 Elderberry Way

Menu: Steak dinner and fixings’

Cost: \$25 PMLAA members only and their guests.

(Must be purchased in advance. RSVP by 9/29/23)

Preferred Payment: Mail Checks: PMLAA

P.O. Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321;

Atten: PMLAA “Airport Day” Dinner Tickets

Number of tickets _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

Names _____

If you’d like to pay by credit card, we will invoice you.

Please send your request to : treasurer@pmlaa.org

PML NOTAM

By Drew Anjirich: Director of Airports
Tuolumne County

All,

I first and foremost want to give the largest thank you possible to everyone who came out and volunteered to help for the very first Columbia Airport Day. This was a short notice event meant to bring the public to the airport in place of of the annual Father's Day Fly In. A few volunteers specifically stepped up to support the hot ramp operations as there was an immediate need for the help. I cannot begin to thank them enough for that. The day itself was great because of the airport community. We had some local vendors who all posted great results and a corn hole tournament that netted almost \$2,000 for a local family in need of medical help. Because of your help the airports indirectly raised money and brought a good amount of revenue and attention to the airports. If with we convinced one child to grow up to be involved in aviation, it was worth it.

As we all know PML Airport Day is quickly coming upon us. In the past it seems there was not a lot of support from the county and the airport staff for this event. This is something that needs to change. This year we are pledging the support of the entire airport staff to participate and help in any way we can to help this special day and every other day moving forward. I personally have received nothing but a warm welcome from all those involved at PML. So let this serve as the ultimate olive branch for a future partnership. We are here for you, and we pledge are support.

Thank you
Drew Njirich

Stuff The Bus



PMLAA Supports Our Elementary School

Many thanks to the generous members of PMLAA. Your donations at Hot August Nights will helped the "Stuff the Bus" campaign buy school supplies for our local children.



EAA Flight Deck

By Armin Abusaidi

Greeting EAA members,

Here are a few items that I like to update you in the upcoming September meeting:

1. We were informed that the county is restarting the Airport Advisory Committee and needs applications from PML. If you are interested to participate, please submit your applications through the link below:

[Board of Supervisors - Board of Supervisors - ViewPoint Cloud](#)

2 Columbia Airport Day - There have been some changes in the format for that day. Thanks to Janet, she spent a lot of time with Traci to make sure the day will go smoothly and will provide the update in the meeting.

3.KOLB project- Progress has been made, Phil and members that are involved will provide the status update.

Armin

Handleys' Farewell Celebration

Karen and Wayne Handley received a rock-star send-off from PMLAA friends as they departed for their new home in Monterey.

Highlights of the evening included reminiscences by Randy Barber, Allen Craig, Beth Stanton and a photo slideshow by Michael Thoben documenting their time at PML. A special cake featuring the runway at Monterey, a champagne toast, flowers, huge potluck buffet, and a commemorative plaque added to the festivities.



The Johanson hangar was festooned with banners from Wayne's aerobatic career. PMLAA members were joined by Wayne's golf buddies totaling over 150 friends and neighbors to bid them a fond farewell.



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Save the Date!

October 7 – our annual Community Airport Day showcases the benefits of our airport to the Groveland community. For more information and to sign-up to help or perform, contact Rob Compton, gt3rob@gmail.com or (925) 989-5186.

PMLAA organizes this special event for the community each fall. Please mark your calendars and plan to get involved! We'll need performers, ground crew, airplane and car displays, and food tent staff.

Airport Manager
Coffee & 
Conversation





Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

Membership Application, Renewal and Update



() New Member Date: _____
 () Renewal – no changes
 () Renewal – with changes

	Order Badge	Publish on <u>Member List</u>
Name 1: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \$15 ea. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
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Email 2: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

PMLAA Mission: To promote aviation interests and ensure the welfare and safety of its members, Pine Mountain Lake Airport, and the general community, through aviation-oriented recreational and educational activities.

Monthly Meetings: Held the first Saturday of each month (no meeting in January or July), usually at 6:00, check the PMLAA Newsletter or website www.pmlaa.org for details.

- Annual membership dues are \$25.00 per household.
- Please make check payable to: **PMLAA.**
- Bring to monthly meeting or remit to: **PMLAA, PO Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321**
- Membership includes:
 - Monthly electronic newsletter.
 - Access to member directory (available *only* to members).
 - Invitation events to monthly meetings and airport events.

Annual dues \$25.00 per year	\$ _____
Badges @ \$15.00 each	\$ _____
Donation (\$25-\$100 suggested)	\$ _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	\$ _____
TOTAL enclosed	\$ _____

2023 Meeting Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Time & Location</i>
October 7, 2023	Airport Day – Catered Dinner	6 pm Meermans Hangar
November 4, 2023	Joe Sobczak – Test Pilot	6 pm Johanson Hangar
December 2, 2023	Christmas Party – Catered Dinner	6 pm Camp Tuolumne Trails

2023 Aviation Calendar

September	<p>2 – PMLAA Meeting</p> <p>2-3 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p> <p><i>4 – Labor Day</i></p> <p>9 – Columbia Airport (O22) Airport Day, 10:00-6:00</p> <p>9-17 – Vicky Benzing Racing and Qualifying at the Reno Air Races</p> <p>14-17 – The Last National Championship Air Races at RTS, Reno, NV</p> <p><i>19 – International Talk Like a Pirate Day – AARRGG!</i></p> <p><i>22 – Autumnal Equinox 11:49pm PT – First Day of Autumn/Fall</i></p> <p>22-24 – Vicky Benzing @ MCAS Miramar Airshow, San Diego, CA</p>
October	<p>7 – PMLAA Airport Appreciation Day, 11:30-3:00</p> <p>7 – PMLAA Meeting</p> <p>7-8 – E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00</p> <p>7-8 – Vicky Benzing @ Salinas Airshow, CA</p> <p>7-8 – Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week, San Francisco, CA</p> <p><i>11 – Columbus Day</i></p> <p><i>13 – International Skeptics Day – Really? I don't think so.</i></p> <p>14 – Annular Solar Eclipse</p> <p>14-15 – Vicky Benzing @ Central Coast Airfest, Santa Maria, CA</p> <p>21-22 – Orionid Meteor Shower</p> <p><i>31 - Halloween</i></p>

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