

A Monthly Publication of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

#### President's Message • by Norm Peebles

he May meeting was a big success and Joe, Ed and I want to thank all of you for your support, even though we were a little long. There were some key elements that made it a success. First, you our members for showing up, 150 est. attended. Next the crew of the UH-1H, EMU 309 (see photo on page 2), for adding some reality to our talks. Finally the Margarita machine from the McGowan's and the excellent food from all of you helped top off a wonderful meeting. Thanks to all.

AIR SHOW. Planning is coming along. We are hoping to have war birds on the ramp this year. Wayne and Mike are also attempting to have one or two Air Force fly bys during the show. You know it's like talking to an eight headed octopus, but they will give it their best. We will sell Hot Dogs and drinks again this year, so please come by and support your association. Please get your dinner reservations (*members and their guests only*) in early as last year we sold out! Call Mike Lella at 962.1822 to contribute your time and talents as a volunteer.

NEXT MEETING. August 2 will be our next scheduled meeting at Carol Simpson hangar 6:00 pm. Eric Henderson has a colleague that is re-energizing the JETPACK. The company is called Thunderbolt Aerospace and they will speak at our August meeting. You may remember the Jetpack from the James Bond movie or the Super Bowl. It is the device that is strapped to the back of the pilot and off he/she goes.

This should be an E ticket meeting with a lot of fun and exciting stories. We could not afford a flight demonstration but there will be plenty of video.

AIRPORT PROJECTS. The property owners (43) that live on the inner taxiway have joined resources to repair the taxiway that connects their property. The taxiway has not been repaired for over 17 years and is in dire need of repair. George Harrison is heading up the project, with support from Larry Jobe and Tom Martin. They have done a lot of work getting bids from ten asphalt contractors and have now selected a contractor to complete the work which hopefully takes place in late summer.

They have also asked the other property owners to also donate funds to help pay the costs of doing some extra work at the north taxiway connections due to the additional vehicular traffic at those locations.

**NORTHEAST TAXIWAY.** Property owners (15) have also been contacted by Roger Sloan in regards to seal coating that taxiway. The taxiway is going on 20 years without maintenance and is starting to show its age.

Both of these projects are in the best interest of the PML airport and PML airpark. PMLAA supports their efforts and if you want to help please contact the above parties.

Let's get ready for a great air show and summer.

Fly safe and have fun.

## Air Show Day Dinner

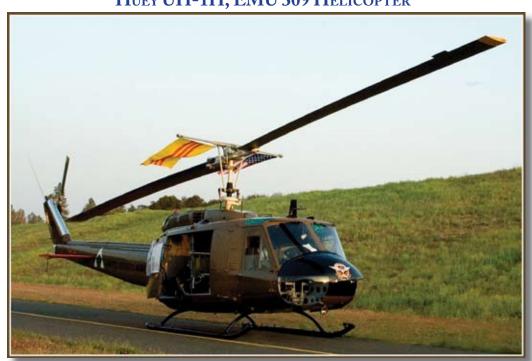
After our fabulous air show, we will gather ar Kay Meermans hangar. The Charlotte Hotel will provide the side dishes. Once again, we will having roasted turkeys provided by the Diestel Family Turkey Ranch. They have an awesome website that you can see at http://www.diestelturkey.com/

COCKTAILS: 6:00PM • EATING: 6:30PM. SEE YOU SOON . . .

# Our May 3 Event Presenters From left to right: Ed Peters, Norm Peebles and Joe Riley.



Huey UH-1H, EMU 309 Helicopter



Photos by Miguel Maldonado

# From the Airports Director – Jim Thomas

PML Airport Day

Once again the airport will be buzzing with activity during the Airport Day. This is a great opportunity for the aviation community to share the excitement of flight with the Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland communities. In order to make this a fun, safe and successful event, help and awareness is needed from everyone attending the show. Both the organizers and I would appreciate your cooperation with the following items.

- Airport tenants with tiedowns on the ramp should relocate their aircraft onto private property for the weekend to free up ramp space for the participating aircraft.
- Visiting transient aircraft should attempt to park on private property or along the north taxiway. Aircraft parked along the north taxiway should make sure they are at least 25' back from the centerline of the taxiway.
- Vehicle access to the airport will be restricted at the private taxiway and ramp gate for safety. Vehicle parking on the airport will be prohibited

so volunteers and attendees should plan to park on the adjacent streets or private property.

- There will be no vehicle, bicycle, motorcycle, pedestrian, etc. crossing of the runway at the ramp/fuel tank. Safety monitors will be stationed on either side of the runway to prevent crossings at this point. Runway crossings will be allowed at the far west end of the runway only.
- As in the past, there will be a people mover available to shuttle people around the airport. Pedestrian traffic at the airport will be restricted to the ramp and air show viewing area.
- The FAA will be at the event and monitoring our safety performance. Everyone's cooperation is needed to assure we don't have any safety issues. Failure to follow our own safety procedures could jeopardize future Airport Days.

Everyone involved with organizing and executing the Airport Day wants this to be a fun and safe event. Your cooperation is appreciated in achieving this goal.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21st – Air show	Airplane Fun and Dinner (for members and guests		
JULY	No Meeting		
August	JetPack Presentation		
September 5	Bill Cox		
October 4	Tom Sweeney		

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### HAWAIIAN LUAU AT TUOLUMNE TRAIL

**BIG News!** Soroptimists International of Groveland and the Hotel Charlotte are combining forces to put on a traditional Hawaiian luau at Camp Tuolumne Trail's Great Hall starting at 5:00pm on Sunday, June 22. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at the Hotel Charlotte 962.6445 or from Amanda Klaashen at 962.5961. The event benefits Groveland Soroptimists.

The fabulous evening includes an open bar, dinner featuring roast suckling pig and live music. There will also be dancing on the deck after dinner. Seats are limited, so please buy your tickets early and come join the party!

