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Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Meeting

Saturday, September 7, 2019

6:00 PM

Brittane Lincoln

Recreational Aviation Foundation



Do you fly a Carbon Cub? Super STOL? Amphib? Are you interested in visiting great places in your airplane, or just want to learn more? On September 7, you will get your chance. Our meeting speaker will be Brittane Lincoln, here to tell us about the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). See theraf.org for a sneak preview. Britt is also the president of the Livermore chapter of the International Aerobatic Club, and participates in numerous aerobatic competitions. We will be welcoming Britt, and YOU, in my hangar for our monthly PMLAA meeting. See you there!

Joe Sobczak



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

I want to lead with a plea for pictures of your aircraft for the 2020 PMLAA Calendar.

Susie Williams (swissmissusie@gmail.com) is our calendar coordinator and needs photos of your pride and joy THIS MONTH to be included in the calendar. The PMLAA calendar is a fun tradition because we can't do it without YOU! Thanks in advance.



It has been a busy period since our last newsletter. Several of our members made the annual Oshkosh pilgrimage, including Vicky Benzing who performed there in her Stearman. We purchased the SayWeather Pro advisory system for E45 (www.sayweather.com) and reflectors for the taxiways. We funded previously awarded PMLAA scholarships, and partially repaid Steve Nash for our defibrillators. Last, but not least, we had a great taxiway party, Hot August Nights! Special thanks to Norm and Patty Peebles for hosting the dinner, catered by Carl and his Dickie's Barbeque staff, in their beautiful hangar and to Bonnie Ritchey for all the planning.

How do we fund all this stuff? Mostly from your donations, membership dues, and fundraisers. For example, between dinner tickets, drink tickets, donations, the silent auction, and the live auction (thank you to Paul Purifoy for a GREAT job as auctioneer and to our auction item donors, especially Wayne Handley and Pat Helling!) we took in almost \$6000.00. In addition, we collected donations for the Back to School fundraiser for school supplies set up by Virginia Richmond and promoted Operation Care in support of military members around the world. Behind all that are the volunteers who plan, set up, and clean up after our monthly meetings. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who help out and donate.

Speaking of our volunteers, I want to add my wishes for a speedy recovery to our long time volunteer, "Mr. Audio", Phil Hickerson. Phil took ill during setup last week and was admitted to the hospital. I am pleased to note that Phil is back home and recovering. As always, Phil, thank you for all you do every month to make our meetings so enjoyable with a professional audio-visual setup.

Joe

PML Community Airport Day Is October 5th - Virginia Richmond

The Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association is again inviting the greater Groveland community to Community Airport Day on October 5th from 12:00 – 3:00pm. This fun and free event is one of the ways we ensure appreciation and support from the local community for our airport.



Air boss Bonnie Ritchey is developing a great line-up, including radio controlled model airplane demonstrations, fly-overs, flying demonstrations, formation flying and some unique aircraft. There will also be pilot skills contests featuring flour bombing and precision landing.

Ramp boss Mike Gustafson is arranging great displays and exciting races between airplanes and cars. We will offer a yummy refreshment stand as well.

Mark your calendars and plan to get involved! This is an all-hands event for PMLAA members. Get involved; see where you can help! You can sell refreshments, display your aircraft, participate in the flying contests, race a plane or car, recruit performers, help with set-up, traffic control and safety, and much more.

- To perform or participate in the flour bombing and spot landing contests, contact Bonnie Ritchey at bonnie.ritchey@gmail.com. Note there are only ten slots available for each contest.
- Please contact Danielle Coelho by email at ciaochilla@earthlink.net if you can help in the refreshment booth or at the dinner in the evening. We also need a team to prepare condiments on Friday afternoon. Contact Danielle.



Invite your friends and neighbors and let them see what a great asset our airport is to the whole community!

Tenaya Elementary thanks PMLAA for the generous donations to our "Stuff the Bus" project to ensure that students have the school supplies they need to be ready to learn.



Karen Handley with Stuff the Bus supplies

Social Article – Danielle Coelho, Social VP

Hello PMLAA Friends.

I hope everyone enjoyed our Hot August Nights event. A big Thank You to everyone who volunteered their hangars, set up tables, broke down tables, and gave a helping hand to make it all happen. I'd also like to thank those who showed their toys off and participated in the auction.



photo by John Romano

Now onto September we go.... Our pot luck in September will be an easy one! Bring your favorite dish to make.

***If your last name starts with A-K, Bring main dish or salad**

***If your last name starts with L-Z, Bring dessert or appetizer**

Our meeting will be at our President **Joe Sobczak's hangar on Saturday September 7, 2019 at 6 pm**. Please see last page of this newsletter for directions to Joe's hangar. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Airport Fund Raising at Hot August Nights

Thank you for a fun, entertaining, and successful Hot August Nights. One aspect of the fun evening was to raise money for several important PML Airport projects:

- Advisory weather information for in-flight and flight-planning
- Taxiway reflectors for safe night movement
- Two AED Defibrillators to improve cardiac event response time
- PMLAA Scholarships to encourage the next generation of aviators

We conducted both a silent-auction and live-auction. Paul Purifoy was an incredible and entertaining live auctioneer. Between the two auctions we raised over \$2,500! Thank you to everyone that donated items for auction and those got to take them home. With this fantastic start, we are confident that we will be able to raise the money needed.

Also, a big thanks to everyone on the Northeast taxiway that opened their hangar and to everyone that brought their wonderful airplanes, cars, trucks, jeeps, and moving toys for display.

Aviation Calendar

AUGUST	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
OCTOBER	5 – PML Community Airport Day, 11:30 – 3:00 5 – PMLAA Meeting 5-6 - E45 Airport Display Day, 8:00-4:00, sign off at 12:00 5-6 – Vicky Benzing @ California Capital Airshow, Sacramento 12-13 – Vicky Benzing @ Central Coast Airfest, Santa Maria 12-13 – Patriots Jet Team @ Fleet Week, San Francisco

Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **Looking to Rent Hangar Space:** If you have hangar space available for rent at E45 please contact Doug White at 707-386-6911; he’s looking for a spot.
- **Reno Air Race Box Seats:** Two box seat tickets are available for Reno Air Races, Sept 11-15. For \$743 get two tickets for air racing, air shows, VIP parking, pit passes, and a cooler pass. If interested, contact Janet Gregory at 962-5061 or janetg@kickstartall.com.
- **First Place Neighbor (but not aviation):** Hanna Bodle wrote her autobiography “Hanna’s Story” in 2018; you can find it at the Groveland Library and on Amazon. Hanna, a 38-year PML resident and founder of Helping Hands, won a First Place Award from the Wyoming State Historical Society for her book. <https://www.amazon.com/Hannas-Story-Perseverance-Escaping-Homesteading/dp/1985730634>
- **Fun Finds at Oshkosh for the Gals:** Aviation jewelry and clothing (and more) from Rachel. She is 17 years old, earning money to pay for college and to build her own airplane, a BushCat. Find photos and products [facebook.com/RachelsJewelryLLC](https://www.facebook.com/RachelsJewelryLLC) and www.rachelsjewelryllc.com. Another fun clothing find was www.aviationsoul.com; use coupon code OSH19 to get 10% off and free shipping until 12/31/19.
- **Fun Find at Oshkosh for Aviation and Auto Mechanics:** The flexible Grypmat keeps tools in one place on nearly any shaped surface. Non-magnetic, non-damaging, protects any surface from scratches. We first saw them 4-years ago as a start-up and bought the prototype. They are in full production with a great product. www.grypmat.com.
- **First Solo Flight Bragging Rights:** Big congratulations to Jules Thoben who achieved first solo on July 24th! She is learning to fly at E45 with CFI Tristan Duplan.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Airport Facts about Vegetation Management:** Vegetation management is important for airport aesthetics and safety. In 2017 there were 14,400 reported wildlife strikes at 700 US airports. Wildlife strikes include birds, mammals, and reptiles. Chicago O’Hare Airport (ORD) has employed grazing animals for 6-years to manage vegetation; in 2019 they have a herd of 30 goat, sheep and donkey. Primary methods of airport vegetation management are:
 - Annual removal:* disking, prescribed burning, and herbicides
 - Landscaping:* planting food plots and hardscape (such as concrete, asphalt, and rock)
 - Vegetation height control:* mowing, thatching, and grazing animals
- **Aviation Decoder Ring:** Required pre-flight information for cross-country: RAW FAT

<p><u>R</u>nway lengths</p> <p><u>A</u>lternatives</p> <p><u>W</u>eather</p> <p><u>F</u>uel requirements</p> <p><u>A</u>TC delays</p> <p><u>T</u>akeoff/landing distance data</p>

Full Throttle Ahead

Patriots Jet Team 7th annual gala “Full Throttle Ahead” on Saturday October 5, 2019. It will be an evening to remember at the Patriots Jet Center at Byron Airport. The fun begins at 5:00 with a champagne and cocktail reception. The evening program includes, dinner, live music, Jet Flybys, and keynote speaker Scott “Intake” Kartvedt. Seats are \$175 for this tax-deductible donation or sponsor a table to help further support the Patriots Jet Team aviation and STEM education goals.

Keynote speaker, Scott, was selected as a member of the Navy’s Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, in 1999. He flew as the #7 VIP pilot, opposing solo #6, and lead solo #5. He retired from the Navy in 2013 as the Navy’s first Commanding Officer of the only F-35C Stealth Strike Fighter Squadron in the US inventory; Strike fighter Squadron ONE ZERO ONE. They would love to see you!

[Registration link](#)



**PATRIOTS JET TEAM FOUNDATION
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US**

OCTOBER 5, 2019
AT THE PATRIOTS JET CENTER
BYRON AIRPORT

5:00 PM COCKTAIL RECEPTION
5:30 PM - 10:00 PM EVENING PROGRAM

7TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GALA

FULL THROTTLE AHEAD

The poster features a central image of an F-35C Stealth Strike Fighter in flight against a dark blue sky with a bright light source behind it. The text is arranged in a structured layout with a dark blue background and gold and white accents.

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
September 7	Brittanee Lincoln	6pm - Sobczak hangar
October 5	Airport Day Recovery	6pm – Meerma hangar
November 2	Tom Morgenfeld	6pm – Gaudenti hangar

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Meeting will be at Joe Sobczak's hangar in September. Corner of Jimmersall and the "back taxiway"...between Hemlock Street and Iris Court.



Map to Sobczak hangar



Sobczak hangar