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Saturday, October 5, 2019

Airport Day: noon to 3pm

Airport Day Recovery Dinner: 6:00 PM



Social Article – Daniel Coelho

Hello PMLAA Friends,

October 5 is our Airport Day dinner. Please check your email. You were sent an E-vite from the PMLAA Board to reserve your steak dinners. We need a head count for ordering from the butcher. **Please RSVP and reserve your steak dinners.** If your invitation did not arrive, please contact any board member to RSVP.

Dinner is \$10 per person.

Dinner consists of BBQ NY Steak, three bean salad, potato salad, green garden salad with several choices of dressing, and ice cream cups.

As always, the bar will be open with both non-alcohol drinks and spirits for the over 21 crowd.

The Airport Day dinner will be at Kay Meerman's hangar starting at 6 pm. Directions to Kay's hangar are on the last page of newsletter.

We look forward to seeing everyone after a very fun day!

PML Community Airport Day Is Oct. 5th - Virginia Richmond

PMLAA 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 key to ensuring appreciation and support from the local community for our airport.

Air boss Bonnie Ritchey has developed a great line-up, including radio controlled model airplane demonstrations, fly-overs, flying demonstrations, and amazing formation flying. There will also be pilot skills contests featuring a new chicken bombing event and precision landing.



This is an all-hands event for PMLAA members. Get involved. Everyone can do something! You can cook hotdogs, display your aircraft, participate in the flying contests, help with set-up and traffic control, and much more.



- To help with set-up, safety, traffic control, airplane movements, airplane displays, etc. contact Mike Gustafson, 962-6336.
- To perform or to participate in the bombing or spot landing contests, contact Bonnie Ritchey at 650.996.6274 or bonnie.ritchey@gmail.com. Note there are only three slots left for each contest.
- Danielle reports she has a full complement of food tent helpers! Thanks to a great volunteer team.

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

Here's the overall schedule:

Friday, Oct. 4

3:00pm Set-up tables, chairs, audio, etc. at Kay Meermans' hangar for Saturday dinner.

Saturday, Oct. 5

8:30am Set-up Food Tent, traffic barricades, airplane displays, EAA information tent, etc. on the ramp

10:30am Pilot (all performers and contestants) and Ramp Staff briefing in Hangar 4. No brief = no fly!

11:30am Gates open for visitors.
Food sales start.

12:00-3:00pm Airport Fun!

3:00pm Ramp clean-up and put away

6:00pm Steak dinner at Kay Meermans' hangar; \$10. Reservations required by Sept. 20 (See Danielle's article.)

Sunday, Oct. 6

10:00am Clean-up at Kay's



The Prez Sez.... – Joe Sobczak, President, PMLAA

Great job submitting your airplane photos for the 2020 PMLAA Calendar! This collector's dream edition will be available at Airport Day for the paltry sum of \$15. To help kick start your holiday shopping, we are offering them at 5 for \$60 (buy 4, get one FREE!). While you're at it, pick up your exclusive PMLAA coffee cup, new for 2019. Not available in stores!



The SayWeather Pro automated Unicom advisory system for E45 (www.sayweather.com) is installed and operational. Three clicks of the mike on 122.9 for winds, four for weather, and five for runway lights. Your contributions largely paid for this system which will be a great benefit to everyone flying into Pine Mountain Lake. Check out the video at (https://youtu.be/2OH_uotGdml). There are several user configurable features, and your feedback is welcome. The station can be found here: <https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KCAGROVE82>



I was privileged to host the September PMLAA membership meeting in my hangar. A heartfelt thanks to all who helped with setup and cleanup. The hangar looks even better than it did before the meeting, a testimony to the terrific volunteers who pitched in to help. Our speaker, PMLAA

member Britt Lincoln, enlightened us with the work of the Recreational Aviation Foundation, a remarkable organization that protects, preserves, and creates recreational airfields around the world. You can be a part of it, too. Visit www.theraf.org.

Be sure to join your fellow PMLAA members and the greater Groveland community on October 5th when we host PML Airport Day from noon to 3, and admission is absolutely FREE. Great fun for everyone, followed by our annual member appreciation steak dinner at Kay's hangar. Get your dinner reservations in now, just \$10 per person. Bonnie, Rob, and the Airport Day team have been working hard on what promises to be another outstanding PMLAA event.



Do plan to participate as a pilot or ground crew for Young Eagles on the following Saturday, October 12th. Contact Ed Gregory to volunteer. Unfortunately I will be out over the Bay all weekend flying the mighty Boeing 777-300ER in the 2019 Fleet Week Airshow. If you are in the SF area the 11th, 12th, or 13th, come on out and join in the fun.

Finally, I would like to add a special note of congratulations to PMLAA members Kym and Paul Purifoy who were chosen to be Grand Marshalls at this year's 49er Festival Parade on September 21. Come on out and cheer them on!

Celebrating Jane Hansen

PMLAA honored Jane Hansen at the September PMLAA Meeting. There are many things to celebrate! Jane celebrated her 100th birthday in August. We had to join in the party with more than 100 PMLAA members putting their hands together in applause. Jane has been a vital member of the PML community for many years, including 20+ years of volunteer effort to PMLAA and receiving PMLAA's annual prop award in 2003.



Jane Hansen

A 100-year celebration is typically called the “centennial” or “centenary” or “platinum jubilee”. To add some perspective, in addition to the birth of Jane Hansen in 1919, think of other great things that happened ... the Grand Canyon was designated as a National Park, UCLA was established as a university, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was approved guaranteeing women’s right to vote, the Treaty of Versailles is signed ending WWI, the Green Bay Packers (Wisconsin’s first NFL team) is created, prohibition begins, and inventions include the pop-up toaster.

Jane thank you for helping make PML that great place it is today and for being part of our world.

Young Eagles Need You! - Virginia Richmond

On October 12th, EAA and PMLAA members can make unforgettable memories for area children in the Young Eagles program. Many of these kids will be taking their first airplane ride. Remember that thrill?!

Call Ed Gregory at 962-5061 to sign up as a volunteer pilot or ground support crew. Not a pilot? Don't worry, you can help too! We need people to help with registration, get kids safely in and out of airplanes, and supervise the simulator. Lunch will be provided for volunteers after the event.

This is one of the important ways we give back to the community while we promote aviation and our local airport. Contact Ed Gregory today, email edward.gregory@sbcglobal.net or call 962-5061 to volunteer.



PMLAA Women in Aviation

There are 31 women pilots at PML! Twenty-five are licensed pilots (16 in photo) and six solos (5 in photo, as well as four wanna-be pilots (all in the photo). This is an amazing contribution to aviation, considering that less than 7% of licensed pilots world-wide are women. Among these amazing PML women are also three CFIs, one DPE, and one air racer/airshow performer. Thank you, Jeremy Zawodny for taking this amazing photograph!



Back row, left to right:

Martha Pearson, Vicky Benzing, Susie Williams, Leigh Curry, Lynne Orloff, Andrea Hake, Trudy Reid, Bonnie Ritchey, Chloe Fitzmyers, and Catherine Santa Maria

Front row left to right:

Jo Buchanan, Roxie Compton, Danielle Coelho, Judy Collier, Allie Johanson, Krystall Johanson, Dianne Cole, Patricia Price, Jules Thoben, Nina Jobe, Kathleen Morse, Charleen Beam, Janet Gregory, Kathryn Meermans, and Dawn Howerton.

Not in the photo:

Leanne Anderson, Sandy DeRodeff, Mary Fairbanks, Denise Lundquist, Suzanne McGowan, Linda Monahan, Paula Sandling, Beth Stanton, Laura Stengel, and Pat Thomas.

**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

Includes Champagne Reception, Dinner, Live Music and JET Flybys!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SCOTT "INTAKE" KARTVEDT

In 1999 Scott was selected as a member of the Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, where 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.

PLEASE RSVP BY **SEPTEMBER 27, 2019** BY GOING TO: OR RETURN THE ENCLOSED RSVP CARD TO:

<http://bit.ly/2019PJTFGala>

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BYRON CA 94514

We Look Forward To Seeing You At Our Fabulous Event And Supporting
The Patriots Jet Team Foundation And The Community's Youth.

Thank You for Funding E45 Airport Projects

We have multiple important projects underway at Pine Mountain Lake Airport. Thank you for your generous contributions to make them all happen. It began in May with PMLAA's Kentucky Derby, continued In August at the Hot August Nights Auction, and is coming to fulfillment with pilot donations. Thank you for contributing to our important Airport and community 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

Thank you to our many recent pilot and community contributors (as of 9/6):

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Radio Rumors “Say Again”

- **New Paint Job:** A beautiful new Vans RV has arrived at E45. Built by Leon Liebster, this RV-12 has a stunning new paint job of blue and pearlescent white.
- **New Toy:** Rumors have been confirmed that a stock 1943 P-51 Mustang has now joined the Benzing stable of amazing flying machines!
- **First Solo Flight Bragging Rights:** Big congratulations to Laura Stengle who achieved first solo on August 30th! She is learning to fly at E45 with CFI Tristan Duplan.
- **Interesting (and Useless) Airport Facts about Air Racing:** The multi-class air racing in the US is NCAR (National Championship Air Races) in Reno, NV. There are six classes of aircraft: Formula One, Bi-plane, T-6, Sport, Jet, and Unlimited. It is the world’s fastest motor sport, with speed up to 500 MPH. There are three courses marked by pylons, 50-foot telephone poles with 55-gallon drums on top. Amazing experience. Not to be missed. Races include many PML pilots including Vicky Benzing in 2019 and others in past years.

2019 Meeting Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time & Location</u>
October 5	Airport Day Recovery	6pm – Meerman hangar
November 2	Tom Morgenfeld, test pilot	6pm – Gaudenti hangar
December 7	Holiday Party	Johanson hangar

Aviation Calendar

SEPTEMBER	11-15 – Reno Air Races (Vicky Benzing is 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 – 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 <i>31 - 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 <i>3 – Daylight Savings Time (Fall back 1 hour)</i> 9 – Vicky Benzing @ French Valley Airshow, Temecula <i>11 – Veterans Day</i> 16-17 Vicky Benzing @ Aviation Nation, Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV <i>28 - Thanksgiving</i>

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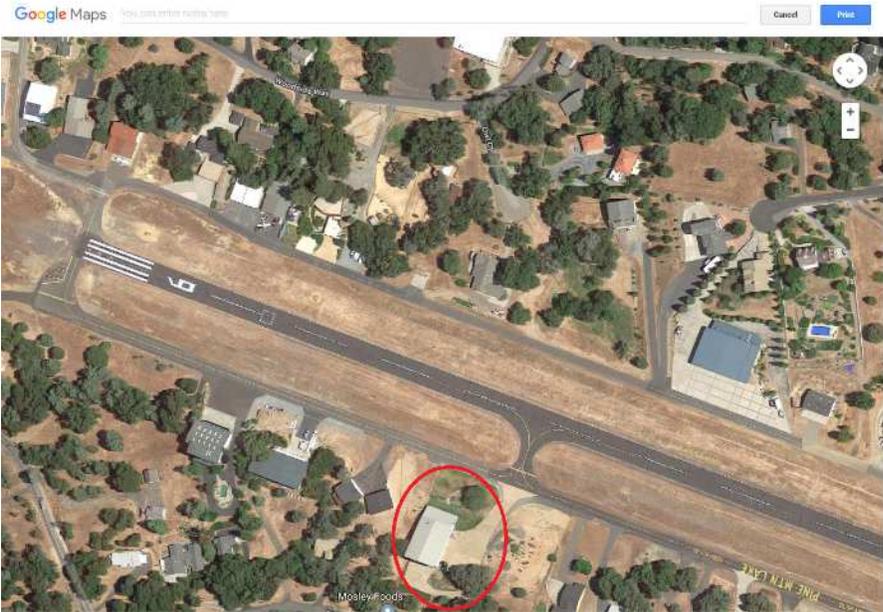
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Meeting will be at the Meerman hangar in October. The hangar is on the south taxiway between the parking ramp and runway 9.



Meerman hangar



map to Meerman hangar