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No July Meeting

Next Regular Meeting is August

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Hot August Nights / Catered Dinner

Time: 5:00 pm – until late evening

*Place: Joe & Anne Sobczak Hangar
Located at 21110 Jimmersall Lane*

The Presidents Message

Bob Mackey

It's that time of year again, when PMLAA takes a break from monthly meetings. We are not taking a break from all activities, though. PMLAA has acquired a permanent owned storage container to replace the rented storage space for supplies and records. The cost of the container offsets two years worth of storage fees, so in the long run, we have secure storage at a much lower cost.

Catherine Santa Maria has completed the corporate registration with the State of California so that PMLAA can now register with the IRS as a tax-exempt organization. If I were to explain that process, this newsletter would be at least five times longer than it is. Suffice it to say that Catherine has done an amazing job working through a challenging set of state beaurocratic logjams. Please share your thanks for her hard work and diligence.

Another thing we can't take a break from is fire safety. The Aero Fire near Copperopolis started on June 17 around 3:30pm. Within an hour, it burned 500 acres, almost a square mile. By morning it was 5000 acres, and fortunately was rapidly controlled. Think about what is within one mile of your home and what if all of that burned in an hour. Have a plan and have your Go Bags ready. Cut your weeds and brush before the next fire. Remember to check the TFRs before you fly.

We are also making plans for the September general meeting. Paul Marshall will lead us through a discussion of CalDART (<https://caldart.org/>), the California Disaster Airlift

Response Team. CalDART is a team of volunteers that fly supplies into emergency stricken areas. On Saturday at the meeting, we will talk about how to organize an emergency response, then Sunday we will have a practice exercise to apply what we've learned. I will be sending out additional information so each of you can consider how to participate. In the meantime, check the CalDART website to learn more.

For those going to Oshkosh, have an excellent and safe journey.

VP Social

Gabe Coelho

Hello PMI AA members. We had a nice turn out for our June meeting, nice weather and an interesting speaker helps. I would like to thank Kurt & Dawn Howerton for the use of their hangar for the meeting.

There is no meeting for July and for the August meeting we will be doing our annual "Hot August Nights" event on August 3rd. Dinner will be held at Joe Sobczak's hangar, 21110 Jimmersall Lane.

Things are still in progress for the evening and a flyer will be sent out in a few weeks with information and to purchase dinner tickets. It is a catered dinner, tickets will be \$50 a plate, chicken and Tri Tip for the main course. Display cars are needed and separate parking will be set aside for them. Stay tuned for further information.



“Stuff the Bus” with school supplies for Tenaya Elementary students

PMLAA is again helping provide school supplies for Groveland’s elementary school students. We’ll have a “Stuff the Bus” donation table at the August 3rd event.

Please bring a box of pens or pencils, a stack of notebooks, binder paper, glue sticks, crayons, scotch tape, pocket folders, or a check/cash. Staples and Walmart both currently have great deals on school supplies.

Many local parents can't afford to buy the basic supplies that their kids need, so the school collects donations to outfit each student appropriately. Cash donations help the school “fill-in” needed supplies beyond the donations.

We can make a difference. Let’s pitch in and help our kids be ready to learn!

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