



Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

*Next meeting June 6, 2026
Potluck Social 5 pm / Dinner 6 pm
Connie Bucher's hangar 20885 Hemlock St.*

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Membership Drive Your PMLAA Board of Directors met on May 26th. One of the items discussed and approved was a membership drive for PMLAA. Our participation has languished since the onslaught of COVID, and we would like to be sure everyone has the opportunity to join and participate in the social organization that sets the standard at PML for fun, camaraderie, and overall excellence. Yes, PMLAA activities are the gold standard, the place to see and be seen at Pine Mountain Lake. Details will be coming soon but expect a media campaign and discounts on membership dues for new, renewing, and referring members. We also are planning a contest to see who can refer the most new members and a drawing with exciting prizes for anyone who refers a new member.



Airport Day We also had an update on plans for Airport Appreciation Day from our Vice President of Airport Affairs, Catherine Santa Maria. Planning is well underway and your help is most welcome! See Catherine's article in this newsletter for more information and please volunteer to help with this fun, exciting, and important event.

Hot August Nights We are starting to plan for our annual "Hot August Nights" taxiway party. If you have any ideas, questions, or want to help, talk to Cheryl Fisher, our VP of Social Affairs. We are also looking for a venue for this year's event, and your ideas are welcome and encouraged. cherylfisher3@comcast.net

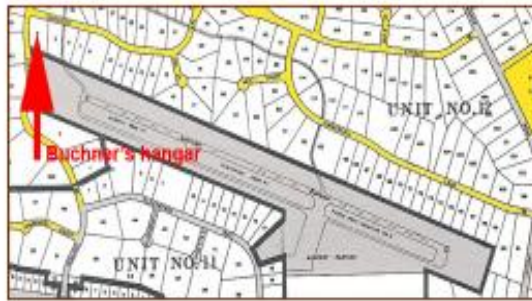
June 6th meeting We have a "bye" in July. There is no July meeting so you can enjoy all the Independence Day festivities. Our **June 6th** meeting will be held in Connie Buchner's hangar at 20885 Hemlock Street.

20885 Hemlock St.
Unit 12, Lot 4
Groveland, CA 95321
(southwest corner of Hemlock and Woodside Way)

Plenty of parking at the Buchners'

It is absolutely forbidden to park on the taxiway.

Please read our [Safety Page](#)



NOTE THE START TIME OF 5:00. It will be the usual Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. Help us set up at 10:00 AM on Saturday and knock-down at the same time on Sunday. With lots of helping hands it will go pretty quickly. I welcome your comments on the new, earlier, meeting start time. Feedback, so far, has been overwhelmingly positive. Our speaker will be Mr.

Juan Browne, Airline Pilot, Air Force Pilot, mentor, all-around aviation guru and award-winning podcaster and proprietor of the Blancolirio YouTube Channel. You can sample Juan's work [by clicking on THIS LINK](#) or using the QR code next to his picture. If you like Juan's channel, be sure

to support his efforts by subscribing. You can find his Patreon channel [by clicking HERE](#) or flashing the QR code on the right. Thank you, Juan, for coming down from Grass Valley to join us at the Groveland-Yosemite Airport!





GYA As predicted in the April newsletter, Pine Mountain Lake Airport is history (the name anyway). We are now officially Groveland-Yosemite Airport. The new name is already being used in most publications and databases such as ForeFlight and the Airport/Facility Directory. Our SayWeather automated UNICOM has fallen in line as well and Daisy (our SayWeather voice) now begins

each transmission with “Groveland-Yosemite Airport.” [CLICK HERE](#) to hear it for yourself or scan the QR code.



SayWeather Online Speaking of SayWeather, for the past 6 years we have been receiving a complementary subscription to SayWeather Online. To continue to use the service we need to start paying for a subscription. Tonya has offered to ask Tuolumne County to fund this effort for one year and we are waiting to hear their answer. SayWeather Online feeds METAR information to such services as ForeFlight as an aid to flight planning. It also hosts a texting based instant METAR feature. Although E45 may be offline when you read this, you can sample this feature by texting “M FL90” to 727-4SAYWX4 (727-472-9994). We will keep you updated on the outcome of this initiative.

Flyout! Our local EAA Flyout Guru, Orrin Banks, is planning our first flyout of 2026 on Sat June 6th, leaving Columbia (O22) and GYA (E45) at 8AM.

- Stop 1- Breakfast at Hollister (CVH)
- Stop 2- Open Hangar Day at Fraser Lake Airpark (1C9) which is grass. Park in the grass. Sign offs at 2pm for tax exemption if interested in that.
- Alternate is Los Banos (LSN) if Hollister is weathered in.

Contact Orrin Banks at 209-984-4206.

Signs Check out the beautiful new signs at the entrance to the airport, pilot lounge, and on Ferretti Road! Shout-out to our incredible airport manager, Tonya Scheftner, for running this project through in record time! We are currently in the process of trying to get a different CTAF due to congestion on 122.9. Meanwhile, when you are flying around the area, monitor 122.725 and 123.025 and let us know if you think either or both are good candidates for the GYA CTAF.



Airport Maintenance Tuolumne County Airports is contracting for crack repair and sealing on the E45 runway and taxiways. The project is tentatively scheduled for June 22-25, Monday through Thursday, at GYA. Look for information and NOTAMs for specific times, dates, and exact locations. Please be prepared to make alternate arrangements when the runway is closed for maintenance. This work is crucial to the safety of the airport surfaces and longevity of the pavement.

One Year Anniversary All of this is possible through the great work of our Airports Manager, Tonya Scheftner. We are fortunate to have an airport manager who is also a pilot and airplane owner. May 30th marks Tonya's one year anniversary as a Private Pilot! Call, write, or email to congratulate Tonya on first anniversary as a Private Pilot and thank her for her hard work during her first two years as our Airport Manager!



- County of Tuolumne | Department of Public Works
- Airports Division
- 10723 Airport Road
- Columbia, CA 95310
- 209-533-5685 | tscheftner@co.tuolumne.ca.us



FDFI 2026 Planning is well underway for the 57th Annual Father's Day Fly-in on June 20th at Columbia Airport. If you can spare a little time, volunteering to help will get you a front row seat for all the activities and you won't have to pay admission! Give Misty Gamez a call at the TC Airport office, 209-459-9849 if you can help out. Misty LOVES her volunteers!



Public service announcement: The Groveland-Yosemite Museum is having its 25th anniversary! Help them celebrate on June 13th. There will be a premier showing of the 25th anniversary documentary video. Free drinks! (THAT should bring out the pilots!) For an exclusive sneak peek at the video, check out the trailer here. Museum volunteer and curator, Kathy Brown, is looking for remembrances from anyone who was at the museum's opening or involved in its inception. If you were there, give Kathy a call or email her for information. She will greatly appreciate it!

- kathy.brown.1899@gmail.com

Groveland Yosemite Museum



25th Anniversary Celebration
June 13, 2026

I'll see you and Juan Brown Saturday at Connie's hangar!

-Joe

VP message by Catherine Santa Maria

Press Release for PMLAA, May 2026
By Catherine Santa Maria
VP Airport Affairs
209-768-9281

Community Airport Day is coming on October 3, 2026, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm, and plans are already taking off!

Our committee and subcommittees are hard at work preparing an exciting day for the community featuring aviation displays, pilot skills, and more.

We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help with event setup, flour drop, spot landing, food booth, and other committees. Volunteering is a great way to support our local airport, meet new people, and be part of a fun community event.

Even a few hours of help can make a big difference. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible-we would love to have you on the team!

Best Regards, Catherine







Vicky Benzing Aerosports 2026 SCHEDULE

MAR 14, 2026 NAF EL CENTRO AIRSHOW (CANCELLED)
EL CENTRO NAVAL AIRFIELD, EL CENTRO, CA

MAR 21-22, 2026 NAS LEMOORE AIRSHOW (CANCELLED)
LEMOORE NAVAL AIR STATION, LEMOORE, CA

APR 25-26, 2026 WINGS OVER SOLANO AIRSHOW
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, TRAVIS, CA

MAY 6
CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY VISIT

MAY 16-17, 2026 GUNFIGHTER SKIES AIRSHOW
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, MOUNTAIN HOME, ID

JUN 6-7, 2026 FAIRCHILD SKYFEST
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, SPOKANE, WA

JUN 12- 13, 2026 MOSES LAKE AIRSHOW
MOSES LAKE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, MOSES LAKE, WA

JUL 20-26, 2026 EAA AIRVENTURE
WHITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT, OSHKOSH, WI

SEP 12- 13, 2026 CENTRAL COAST AIRSHOW
SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT, SANTA MARIA, CA

SEP 16-20, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AIR RACES
ROSWELL AIR CENTER, ROSWELL, NM

SEP 26-27, 2026 MCAS MIRAMAR AIRSHOW
MCAS MIRAMAR AIRPORT, SAN DIEGO, CA

OCT 3, 2026 WINGS OVER THE WESTSIDE AIRSHOW
NEW COALINGA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, COALINGA, CA

OCT 16-18, 2026 LAS CRUCES SKY FIESTA
LAS CRUCES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LAS CRUCES, NM

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Membership Application, Renewal and Update



- () New Member
() Renewal – no changes
() Renewal – with changes

Date: _____

	Order Badge	Publish on Member List
Name 1: _____	☐ Yes \$15 ea.	☐ Yes
Name 2: _____	☐ Yes \$15 ea.	☐ Yes
Child Name: _____	☐ Yes \$15 ea.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Child Name: _____	☐ Yes \$15 ea.	☐ Yes ☐ No
Mailing Address: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		
Phone 1: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Phone 2: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Email 1: _____ (Required)	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Email 2: _____	☐ Yes ☐ 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	\$ _____

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