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By PMLAA President Joe Sobczak
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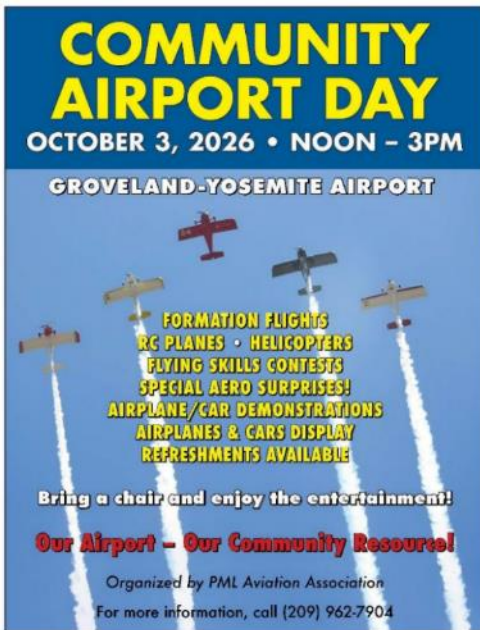
who made it great.

Hot August Nights 2026 is in the can! We had a great turnout, the weather was perfect, and our executive chef, Rich "The Wrench" Crow laid out another masterpiece dinner. Thanks to Cheryl Fisher, our esteemed VP for Social Affairs, for organizing the event and to her army of volunteers and hangar owners



Our September meeting was a huge success as well. Our very own Ken Orloff (not pictured here) once again had us on the edge of our seats as he worked through an analysis of the last 10 seconds of a Hawaiian tour helicopter's last flight. Thank you, Ken, for another incredible presentation. As ever, Reliable Phil, our AV man Phil Hickerson, made it all possible with his professional audio-visual setup and operation. Thank you, Doctor Phil!





Community Airport Day is just around the corner!

Technically, this will be the first ever Airport Day at the recently renamed Groveland-Yosemite Airport! How will YOU help? We still have some important spots to fill:

1. Cooks and servers needed for a shift in the food stand. Contact Cheryl Fisher, 408-410-5920.
2. Pilots, sign up for flour drop and/or spot landing exhibitions. Contact Phil Boortz, 805-944-0148.
3. Everyone – help set-up at Kay's hangar at 3:00pm on Friday.

Thank you, volunteers! We will be rewarded with a first class catered dinner in Kay's hangar later that evening. Contact Cheryl for more information and to sign up if you already haven't.

Please do your part to make this a great event for our friends and neighbors, and to build local support for our airport!

The November PMLAA meeting will be held on the 7th in my hangar, at 21110 Jimmerrall, beginning at 5:00. It will be the usual Potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. Help us set up at 10:00 AM Saturday and knock down the same time Sunday. With lots of helping hands it will go pretty quickly. Based on your feedback on the new, earlier, time, we will continue to schedule our regular meetings at 5:00pm.



The not-so-usual part is that I plan to combine our meeting with a mini-symposium for the West Coast Section of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots [The Society of Experimental Test Pilots](#). Our speaker will be Ms. Kelly Latimer, current SETP president. Kelly is a former USAF colleague. She is an Astronautical Engineer and Test Pilot, having served in that role in the U.S. Air Force, Boeing, NASA, and Virgin Galactic. Plan to join us and meet some incredible military and industry flight test professionals.



The E45 **Crack Sealing** project (Phase I) has been completed. Thank you for your flexibility and patience during the time the airport was closed. This project is a huge step in maintaining and preserving our airport infrastructure and safety. Thanks to our airport manager, Tonya Scheftner for getting this project completed. Phase II will be a future project with timing based on funding.

A recent “incident” at our neighbor airport, 022, serves to remind us that flying involves risk. Preflight carefully, plan wisely, and fly safe out there!

***See you on Saturday at Community
Airport Day!***

-Joe



Get Ready for PML Community Airport Day: October 3

- Virginia Richmond

PMLAA is again inviting the greater Groveland community to Community Airport Day on **October 3rd from noon – 3:00pm**. This fun and free event is key to ensuring appreciation and support from the local community for our airport.

Air boss Larry Jobe is developing a great line-up including flying demonstrations, high speed antics and formation flying teams. There will also be pilot skills contests featuring flour bombing 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, perform, participate in the flying contests, drive a golf cart, help with set-up and traffic control, and much more.



To help with set-up, safety, traffic control, airplane movements, and airplane displays, contact Mike Gustafson, 962-6336 or MLGpilot@yahoo.com.

To participate in the bombing or spot landing contests, contact Phil Boortz, 805-944-0148 or philboortz@hotmail.com. Note there are limited spots.

To help for a two-hour shift at the refreshment stand, contact Cheryl Fisher, 408-410-5920 or cherylfisher3@comcast.net.

Please invite your PML friends and neighbors and let them see what an important asset our airport is to the whole community! Note this is not a fly-in event.

Tenaya thanks PMLAA Members

- Virginia Richmond



The staff of Tenaya Elementary School thanks PMLAA members who donated money and school supplies to the annual “Stuff the Bus” campaign. The project collects contributions to ensure that every student has all the necessary supplies and is “ready to learn.”

PML Aero Club
Press Release
August 2, 2026
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The PML Aero Club is proud to announce that two of our Student Pilots have Soloed. Tanner Kohl and Robert (Robby) Cammann. Their flight instructor (CFI) Ralph McLaughlin is immensely proud of their progress.

Tanner has scheduled his check ride with the FAA to obtain his Private Pilots license in September 2026.

Robby did his solo flight at the age of 17 years and 17 days old. He will be going back to high school as a senior and when he graduates, he will work on obtaining his Private Pilot's license.

In other news we have some new members join the Aero Club that are already pilots they are Paloma Coche PPL, Todd Lynne Cox PPL, Michael Fisher Student Pilot, Larry Jobe who has his Commercial ASMEI, CFI, IFI, ATP 737,747,757,767,777, PPL, IFR and has over 28,006 hours logged.

The Aero Club, since its inception back in 2009, has produced 15 new pilots. Kudos go to our certified flight instructors (CFIs) Mike Gustafson, Bob Hornauer, Larry Jobe and Ralph McLaughlin, Ken Orloff.

Do you want to be a pilot? Visit our website pmlaeroclub.org. or call Joe Juszkievicz at 209-768-2373 if you would like further information.

Below left is Tanner Kohl and below right is Robby Cammann with CFI Ralph McLaughlin.



COMMUNITY AIRPORT DAY

OCTOBER 3, 2026 • NOON – 3PM

GROVELAND-YOSEMITE AIRPORT



**FORMATION FLIGHTS
RC PLANES • HELICOPTERS
FLYING SKILLS CONTESTS
SPECIAL AERO SURPRISES!
AIRPLANE/CAR DEMONSTRATIONS
AIRPLANES & CARS DISPLAY
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Bring a chair and enjoy the entertainment!

Our Airport – Our Community Resource!

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For more information, call (209) 962-7904





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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() Renewal – no changes
() Renewal – with changes

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Mailing Address: _____	☐ Yes ☐ No	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		
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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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