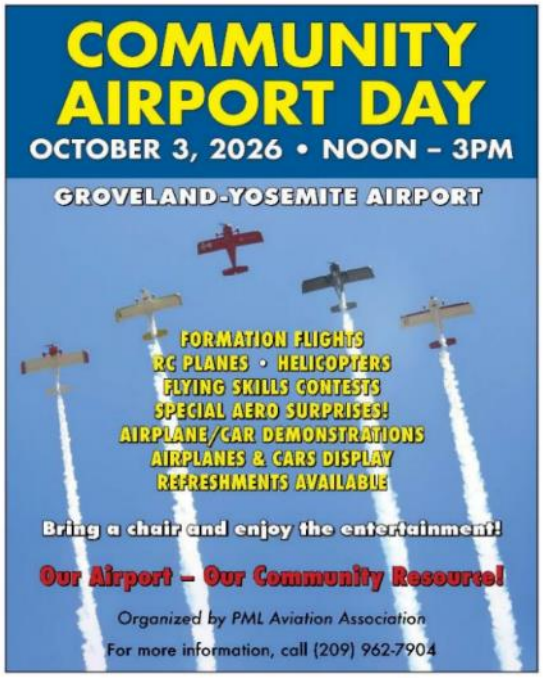
Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association

November Meeting
Saturday, November 7, 2026
Sobczak Hanger 5 pm social/6 pm dinner Potluck

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The Prez Sez -Joe Sobczak



Community Airport Day was a Winner! Look for more coverage in this newsletter

Thank you, volunteers! We were rewarded with a first class catered dinner in Kay's hangar.



The November PMLAA meeting will be held on the 7th in my hangar, 21110 Jimmersall, 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. 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 serve in that role in the U.S. Air Force, Boeing, NASA, and Virgin Galactic. Kelly is coming all the way from Cancun to talk, so plan to join us and meet some incredible military and industry flight test professionals.

The December PMLAA meeting will be our annual Christmas party! It is being held on the 5th in Johanson's hangar beginning at 5:00. We are finalizing plans. Look for more information coming your way soon!



Congratulations to my new Private Pilot Student Christian Felts on his FIRST SOLO! Great job Christian! He broke the surly bonds last Tuesday, right here at the Groveland Yosemite Airport.

See you Saturday at 5:00 at my hanger for our November Meeting!

If you can, come on by at 10:00 to help with setup. We can't do it without you!

-Joe

Press Release

November 2026
Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Corporation
P.O. Box 100
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For 40 years the Aviation Club has held its annual Community Airport Day on the first. Saturday of October the event is free, and hundreds of community members attend. This year it was my privilege to serve as Committee Chairman. In order for the event to take place subcommittees are formed to handle all of the details and jobs that are necessary to hold the event. Volunteers and Participants spend many hours preparing.

Committee meetings start in June and are held at least once a month until Airport Day. Subcommittees each year include Air boss, Announcer, Audio, Aircraft Parking and Movement, Cars and Plane Exhibitions, Entertainment, Flour Drop and Spot Landing Contest, Food Procurement, Hangar for Briefings and Airport Day dinner celebration, Food tent set up and tear down, Insurance and Trophy's, Marketing, Banners, Posters, and Program, Ramp Crew, Safety Plan and Safety Officer, Road Signs and Barriers, Tuolumne County notification and coordination.

Some of the committees require many volunteers from our organization to man during the event. My sincere thanks to all the subcommittee chairs and the numerous volunteers and participants that made this year's event an enormous success. At our evening dinner the volunteers took a bow, and I counted at least 50.

If you are interested in joining PMLAA please visit our website at pmlaa.org.

Well done,

Catherine Santa Maria
VP & Chair Airport Day
Pine Mountain Lake Aviation a Social Purpose Corporation.

Community Airport Day A Big Success!

Virginia Richmond

October 3 was a special day for the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association and our Groveland neighbors. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy an afternoon of aviation magic and gain an appreciation of the benefits our airport brings to the local community. Many, many volunteers helped make the day a success. The event was ably chaired by Catherine Santa Maria.



We had terrific performers, including PML pilots in fast planes and slow planes, the visiting Beech Boys and the Formation RVs who really wowed the crowd. Our local pilots did a great job in the flying skills demonstrations. Congratulations to Bob Mackey who won top prize with his precision flying skills.
Air boss Larry Jobe precisely managed the airspace for everyone's safety.

Ramp boss Mike Gustafson and his team organized everything on the ground, including three fun plane vs. car exhibitions, and his own annual "grudge match" against Michael Thoben's Vulcan
Special thanks to our food tent organizers Sally Simkahl, Phil Boortz, Cheryl Fisher and the volunteers who fed the hungry participants and audience.
The afternoon ended with the iconic and very moving "Missing Man" formation honoring pilots we have lost this year, including Armin Abusaidi, Jerry Baker, Alan Buckner, Dennis Smith and John Stone. .





We also appreciate Groveland Highlanders 4-H, CalFire and the Merced County Sheriff's participation and everyone who displayed cars or planes. We hope everyone gained new appreciation for the benefits of our airport and the many services it offers local citizens, especially during emergencies.



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 FOCE BAS, 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 Date: _____

(____) Renewal – no changes

(____) Renewal – with changes

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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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