PROPWASH



August 2022

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5AC MEETING

TUES Aug 2nd 6:00 PM Barnstormer Room

All airport interested parties are welcome to attend. Voting on issues is restricted to AAA members in good standing. In person meeting. Past meeting minutes are posted here.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WED Aug 3rd 6:00 PM Barnstormer Room

This month our speaker, Jenny Muenzberg, is going to tell us about her ongoing involvement in the re-settlement of Afghan refugees following the withdrawal of American forces from that country. Her talk promises to be a real eye-opener.

Be sure to join us!

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

KAUN Aug 6th-8th 10 AM -2:00 PM

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

KAUN Aug 26th-28th 10 AM -2:00 PM

President's Message

Hello Aviators,

This month, I want to give a special shout out to our Scholarship team, and our diligent, hardworking scholarship winners!

The AAA Scholarship program has come so incredibly far from its inception. From a single \$2500 scholarship to (8) \$10,000 scholarships including the managed Ellsworth Getchell foundation funds Providing. the drive to break the barrier to entry of inspired youngsters.

AAA is not just awarding money; we are producing pilots at a rapid rate, thanks to our wonderful Scholarship team.

Through careful selection of candidates, continued inspiration, monthly mentorship meetings and an incredibly hard working group of winners, we are thrilled to announce that (5) scholarship winners have passed their checkrides and one has completed her solo!

Chase Morgan, President

AUG POTLUCK MENU

Please bring by last name-

Main: M-Z

Side Dish/Salad: A-F

Dessert: G-L



Scholarship Recipient Accomplishments

courtesy of Chase Morgan & Randy Leys



Christopher Morales
Private Pilot Certificate
July 7
Mach 5



Solo July 10th Sunshine Flyers



Mia McNight
Private Pilot Certificate
June 6th
Mach 5



Gavin Alder Instrument Rating June 10th Mach 5





As The Prop Turns by Michael Duncan

Well the summer is half over and the heat is here. Fortunately, there's not as much smoke around as last year. Fuel prices have not seemed to slow the flying down much and the students are still in the air,

Rory Ondracek has been pretty busy this past month. He soloed one student, passed one private pilot, tailwheel endorsed another, and had two students get instrument ratings. His solo student was **Sydney Greene** in a



C-152. Sydney is the winner of the EAA scholarship this past year and is progressing just fine. Brooklyn Irvine was Rory's Private Pilot student and she flew with James Duvall as the Designated Pilot Examiner. Brooklyn flew in her own C-150. Her biggest problem was with some maintenance issues on her airplane, but everything turned out well and she is now a private pilot. Brian Fee knocked out his tailwheel endorsement in just 5 hours in the span of a week and is now ready to show off his three point landings. Rory's next two students earned their Instrument ratings, Christine Koenigsecker and Carson Mahanke. Carson flew with James Duvall as DPE and Christine flew with **Dave Tranquilla** as her DPE. Congratulations to all on a job



well done.

I managed to get back up to McCall, Idaho again this year to visit **Don Gwinn**. Many of you may know him as one of the pilots in the red Stearman that flew around here several years ago. Now he is a resident of McCall Idaho and enjoying the mountains and back country. I flew up to McCall with **Ken Ristuben** in his Diamond DA-40. After getting there and experiencing a little bit of density altitude he decided that maybe his airplane was not the best backcountry aircraft. Don then volunteered to take Ken up to visit a couple of grass strips in the backcountry; Donnelly, Johnson Creek and Big Creek. Big Creek has a pretty nice lodge that



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serves breakfast and that is where the pilots ate. While Big Creek is accessible by vehicle, it is about a three hour drive vs. a thirty minute flight or less. Ken commented after the flight that it is a whole different way of flying in and along the drainages than flying three to four thousand feet above the terrain. With a different airplane I think Ken could get used to flying in the mountains. With all of the flying done for the day we chose to take a boat ride and tour of Payette Lake at the north end of McCall. The tour gave us a good idea of the history of the area to include the Nez Perz Indians and Chief Joseph who inhabited the area before the white man showed up. The trip was great for me to revisit old friends and Ken to find another neat flying destination.

Well that is about all for this month, so stay cool and enjoy the rest of your summer. Good Night, Miss Daisy.





Mach 5 Musings ... from the Mach 5 Aviation Clubhouse

As we pass through summer and weather the heat, Mach 5's pilots, students, and instructors have been having a blast in the clear skies and calm winds. July has been an awesome month for our Mach 5 students!

Coby L. completed his first solo with us on July 5th! We're expecting his brother to also solo at the end of July – both boys are being trained by **Brian Nipper**. **Chris B.** (CFI: Brian Nipper) had his first solo on July 6th, **Paige H.** (CFI: **Michelle Ruggiero**) and **Alyssa R.** (CFI: **Chester Gault**) had their first solos on July 7th, and **Jenn E.** (CFI: **Jake Heppner**) had her first solo on July 23rd.

A special mention goes out to our **Zac C**., one of our shop mechanics, for completing his first solo on June 30th! His CFI was Chester Gault and also **Simon Berman**! Naturally, we had to participate in a little friendly fire hazing for our buddy to congratulate him afterwards.

July has been quite the month for checkrides at Mach 5 Aviation. With our Part 141 program with William Jessup University, Kadie J. and Christopher M. both achieved their private pilot licenses on July 14th and July 7th, respectively. Kadie was trained by **Charlie**, and Christopher was trained by Chester. Way to go, Jessup kids! Heather G., Clay C., J Carter, and Troy W. all received multi-engine ratings under Charlie this past month! For Instrument, Omar Z. achieved his IFR rating with Jake Heppner's training on July 8th. In addition, Marcus G. (CFI: Dennis Pearson), Daniel C. (CFI: Chester Gault), John M. (CFI: Brian Nipper), and Brice E. (CFI: Brian Nipper) all became new private pilots in July!



Another special shoutout goes for two of Mach 5's CFIs, **Michelle** and **Simon**! Michelle achieved her multi-engine rating, and Simon achieved his multi-engine instructor rating under Chester's instruction! Awesome job, CFIs!

This month, we also welcomed three new CFIs – **Blake Heauser, Samuel Golding,** and **Brian Reina,** which has caused some amusement around the school with how alliterative some of the people who work here are. Two Brians with

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a Ryan, a Jake and a Blake, a Gary and a Larry, and two Dennises to top it off. Whew!

Mach 5 Aviation continues to grow – we just added a new Cessna 172M to our fleet – **N20070**, affectionally named "**007**" for its tailnumber and handsome tuxedo-esque paint. Like the famed MI6 agent, this C-172 has been decked out with advanced gadgets: a pair of G5s, a Garmin Aera 660, and a Garmin GTN 650xi, with both nav/comms having touchscreen interfaces. This aircraft has already received great feedback from renters and students alike, especially those looking for advanced IFR training in a C-172.

As we continue to enjoy the summer fun, please be careful to beat the heat by staying hydrated and carry some cooling equipment and accessories as you fly. Heat stroke is no joke!



SKY TRAILS AVIATION SKY TRAILS AVIATION AUBURN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT



11:00AM-3:00PM

LEARN TO BECOME A PILOT WITH YOUR LOCAL FLIGHT SCHOOLS,
ENGAGE IN AVIATION HISTORY WITH CLASSIC PLANES ON DISPLAY,
& ENJOY SOME GREAT FOOD AT OUR BBQ OR AT WING'S GRILL!





It is that time of year when smoke inundates our airspace. When smoke is present the AWOS may report visibility greater than actual. Kevin Edwards, Grass Valley Airport Manager, is trying to get the FAA to make reporting smoke a requirement for AWOS sensors, thus making them eligible for FAA funding. However, in order for Kevin to get the attention of the FAA he needs data and has asked for our help. When smokey conditions are present he has asked users of the Auburn Airport to document the AWOS visibility reporting and the

observed visibility and send it directly to him at

<u>Kevin.Edwards@co.nevada.ca.us.</u> He will take it from there.

Members of the Auburn EAA Chapter have asked that the lock on the pilot's lounge be changed from a keyed lock to a keypad like the main entrance to the terminal building. This would allow for pilots to use the facility after hours and ensure that can be opened as required. I have purchased a new lock and it should be installed by the end of August.

As a reminder to those parked in a tiedown space, the leases for those spaces are issued on a twelve-month basis so it you have not renewed your lease with the City recently, it may be time. You will need to contact Amber Carrell at 530-823-4211 Ext 191 or acarrell@auburn.ca.gov to renew your lease. You will need proof of insurance



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at the time of renewal. If you renew your lease prior to the tiedown rate increase coming at the end of September, you will lock in the \$40 a month rate for one full year.

No one likes it when the cost of goods or services go up, but it is something that must be done to keep up with inflation. The City's tie down rates have not been increased since 2003 and are far below current market, as assessed by a third-party appraisal. Over the next few years, the City will be

working very hard to develop essential infrastructure to increase airport safety, enhance airport capacity, and modernize facilities. With development costs increasing dramatically and the number of project slated over the next few years, rates need to be increased to ensure that our plans are able to come to fruition.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Auburn Airport Community.

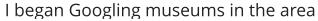


Now that I'm feeling better & the world is calming down, I was finally able to plan a

couple vacations put off from last year.

My first trip was to Ohio to visit my Dad's side of the family. The last time I visited was 1980. There are 2 more generations I hadn't met, not to mention the smaller number of relatives from Dad's generation.

Everyone told me I need to visit the Wright-Patterson AFB Museum in Dayton. Since the humidity was so awful the day I arrived, I pushed out the 2 day visit to the end of my 3 weeks there.



to make sure I didn't miss anything I'd kick myself for later.



The WP Museum was listed to have more than 350 aircraft's covering the entire life of aviation & space flight, I knew I had hit gold! While looking at other possible places to visit, the "Huffman Prairie Flying Field" kept popping up, this told me to take a closer look. This was the place the Wright Brothers perfected flight when they returned from Kitty Hawk! OMG! How is it I had never heard of this place? I was so excited at the realization of what I was going to see. Since one of my 2 days would be July 4th, I made my plans accordingly.

Sunday, July 3rd my cousin Connie & I headed to the WP Museum for an afternoon of aviation heaven. The museum was divided into sections; The Early Years/WWI,



WWII, Korea (my Dad's service time) Southeast Asia, The Cold War, Missiles, & Presidential Aircraft. The sheer size of the hangars was impressive. As my cousin said, "I was like a little kid in a candy store." We only had a partial day, so, as any good tourist, I made sure & planned enough time for their gift shop.

We scoped out the layout so my time could be spent wisely the next day

when I headed back on my own.

My gut told me to check out the Huffman Prairie Flying Field first.

There was a Wright Brothers Monument I decided to swing by on the way to the field. I typed the address into my GPS & proceeded to the route. Well, when it took me to one of the many gates into the AFB, I realized I wasn't in Kansas anymore! I was met at the gate by a guard asking for my ID when I explained I put in an address I found online. I was asked to make a U-turn & discuss it with another guard who told me where to go before handing my ID back to me...stupid internet!

I followed the signs to the Wright Brothers Hill Monument to find it was closed (even though the sign said it should have been open) OK, onto my "field of dreams".

There were signs to the Huffman Field, but, since there was no mileage included it was quite a sketchy feeling as I continued driving & driving & driving. Finally, I made it!! I figured I would jump out to snap a couple shots of a "field" when I realized there were signs up with actual photos from 1904/1905 on podiums strategically placed throughout the field. I had died & gone to heaven. I spent the next 1.5 hrs.



combing over the field walking from podium to podium taking pictures of every one of them....every one. As far as I was concerned, I had hit the motherlode!

The Wright brothers used this field in secret throughout 1904 & 1905 to perfect flight before they filed for their patents. Once they had that completed, in 1910 they built a hangar & proceeded to give flying lessons for the next 6 years to 119 students for \$750.00 per student to anyone who wanted to learn. (the names of the students, I read, was listed on the monument I tried to see earlier) I did read

that Col. Hap from WWII trained on this site.



This was the first airport, the first flight school, the first physical documented location where this took place and I stood on the original site of their flight school hangar!! There was a replica of their first secret hangar at the far end of the field along with a catapult. I even left & backtracked about 20 min. for another set of photos I decided I wanted. Although this put me way behind for

time at the museum, I was especially happy (understatement) realizing I saw something I didn't even know existed but would have wanted to see.

Once back at the WP Museum, I had to breeze through to get the photos of the aircraft I had planned to see. The famous B-17 "Memphis Belle" was on display

along with the B-29 "Bockscar" that dropped the "Fat Man" bomb on Nagasaki.

The exhibits were incredible! Although I wasn't able to see the missile or presidential areas, I saw a B2 & an SR-71!!

Until you see the B2 up close, you have no idea how massive it really is along with the SR-71.



There was a section for the Holocaust. Although very gut wrenching, I'm glad I saw the exhibit. The least we can do is be aware & keep it in our mind so we recognize when it happens again. I also loved the Tuskegee Airmen & , of course, the WASP exhibits.

One of the B-29 exhibits, "Command Decision" had a display stating it had flown a total of 121 missions. The crew on the last combat mission of July, 18th, 1953 were listed & each awarded the Air Medal on Jan. 11th, 1993. I noticed one of the names was a Gunner from Shingle Springs. I took a pic of the displayed name & decided to see if I could find any family members to pass it along. I made my way through to the gift shop just before they closed. I have to admit, this part was almost as fun as finding the field.

Although very tired, I was incredibly happy. I made my way back to my cousins house in Columbus for the night & to plan my departure the next day. I discovered I had so much "stuff" I had to ship a huge box to myself.

So, if you find yourself in the midwest & have some time on your hands, you've GOT to see these museums. Honestly, I was more excited about finding the field as it's history is so rare & precious.

Oh, about that B-29 crew member from Shingle Springs, I found his daughter living in the same area. She wanted the photos I had taken. She was so excited to see her Dad's name listed. He had passed just a few years ago. It felt good to be able to bring this bit of family history to her. She said she remembers her Dad going out to Dayton years ago regarding some type of

museum celebration, but, was unaware of what it was about.

Realizing how much that meant to her made me feel good & so lucky to still have my Dad who's told me many stories about his time in Korea. I have an album if anyone is interested.

Photos



AAA Bronze Member Captain Peter Hastert earned his ATP license in June

LTJG Jack Bell discussing the Goshawk with AAA member Steve "Rocketman" Fitzgerald



AAA member and scholarship recipient LTJG Jack Bell was at the Truckee Air Show the weekend of July 23 flying a T-45 Goshawk. LTJG Bell is assigned to Training Squadron 22, The Golden Eagles and is completing strike jet training at NAS Kingsville, Texas. Jack will be assigned to the F-18 or F-35 upon completion of strike jet training and carrier qualifications on the T-45.

Photos



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KAUN's resident Hawker Sea Fury participated in an unlikely four ship of some of the few remaining aircraft of its type in the world. The photo shoot was orchestrated for an upcoming magazine story on the restoration of the plane - the former Reno unlimited air racer known as Critical Mass. Ken Dwelle along with his dad and brother, Tom, and TJ, as he is known to the air race crowd, have painstakingly restored the craft, with the help of Sanders Aeronautics in lone.

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for managing distribution of the newsletter.

Engraved Bricks for Veterans

Commemorative Bricks are available for sale to be installed around the Monument at Auburn Airport. As many of you know, our Association has taken on the task of ordering the bricks for the amazing Doug Van Howd monument honoring WWII veterans. For those of you who haven't seen it, stop by the grassy area at Wings Restaurant - you'll be awed and amazed. Bricks cost \$500 each. Proceeds, after costs, go to fund the "Col. Bud Anderson Scholarship Fund." See form on the next page for ordering. Questions? See Secretary, Joanie Mooneyham, 530-878-0434.



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