

## Auburn Aviation Association



# PROP WASH

April 2017

## President's Message



### MEETING

Wednesday April 5th

Membership Meeting & Potluck

Socializing starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m. AAA member Tom Camilli has a presentation for us called Soaring: The Story of Motorless Flight from the Earliest Gliders to Modern Sailplanes.

What attracts pilots to motorless flight? When does a 'glider' become a 'sailplane'? What are the advantages of pursuing soaring? What steps lead to earning an add-on glider rating?

Soaring vs Motoring: Can you have the best of both worlds? The soaring pilot's motto will be revealed.

Our April speaker Tom Camilli is pictured above (on the left) with Mike Moore, his soaring instructor.

### APRIL POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish to share:

**A-E: Main Dish**

**F-J: Dessert**

**K-Q: Side**

**R-Z: Main Dish**

While in my 30's, I pledged to myself each calendar quarter to "experience something new" to ensure that, while aging, I would continue to seek new things. This was to avoid my common observation that as one ages, one is less willing to try new opportunities, experiences and/or explorations.

I've been successful for more than 30 years keeping my "Live Life to the Fullest" philosophy. Most experiences have been aviation oriented. For example, in 3Q11, I was hit with flying debris as the P-51 Reno Air Racer *Galloping Ghost* crashed 45 feet in front of me (though, *that* was not a voluntary experience!)

Met the last two Doolittle Raiders in 1Q16. Flying a Grob G 109 powered glider was new in 3Q15. A unique 2Q14 experience was 1 hour of dual flight instruction in the P-51 *Betty Jane*. For 2Q17, plans include logging time as a B-25 co-pilot. The next day, as a B-24 Bombardier, I'll drop a 250 lb. bomb from the Collin's Foundation's *Liberator* thus replicating the missions my dad flew in WWII.

Two days ago I had some very unique non-aviation experiences. As a member of the Sac County Sheriff's Air Squadron, we had an insider's look behind the walls of 165-year-old San Quentin State Prison. We saw where famous riots took place. We also somberly viewed the memorial honoring the 13 correctional officers killed in the line of duty.

We were allowed, maybe encouraged is a better word, to explore the inside of the "The Pit", the original s-m-a-l-l space housing the initial 150 prisoners in 1854. In reality, it was a moist crypt for the living. What I saw was it's peeling other walls and low vaulted ceilings all suffused with chill and darkness. With its oaken, iron-latticed door and 2-foot thick granite blocks, it looked and felt stereotypically medieval.



We looked into a prisoner-occupied standard 48 square foot cell (my closet is bigger than where some inmates have lived for over 25 years!) I peered into the green, two-seat gas chamber where 742 convicts are awaiting their turn to be the next convicted prisoner put to death. Exploring San Quentin was new, unique and certainly adventurous, but, all in all, it ended up being quite a somber experience. By now, I've learned life doesn't *always* provide entertaining new ways to explore life... or death.

In closing, please think about "What new experience have I sought out to stay a vital and vigorous participant in life? Instead of sticking with what's familiar and comfortable, tackle something new.

Fair winds, Tim Pinkney

Quote: *To most people, the sky is the limit... to those who love aviation, the sky is home. -Anonymous*

There has been a slow start to flying this year but the students and the pilots keep on flying. Skylar Noble soloed the past month in a Cessna 172 with Greg Pellerin as his instructor. Rich Harrington and Shawn Mckensie both earned their Multi Engine Ratings. Shawn was in his newly acquired Beechcraft B, with Beau Perry and Andrew Moon as his instructors, and Rich in a Cessna 310. Read more in the Mach 5 Musings. Wayne Colburn and Kelly Richards have both passed their instrument knowledge test with pretty good scores and are looking to complete the rest of their flying toward that rating. Ground schools are happening fast and furious with 25 graduates from a private pilot course through Sierra College and another class getting started through Mach 5. An instrument ground school is also just being completed through Sunshine Flyers with seven students. As soon as the weather clears the skies should be full around the airport again.

A little over a month ago Chuck Klunker approached me about a young lady, Ellen Jetland, who won a scholarship to University of North Dakota (UND). The scholarship had been awarded by a group called American Fighter Aces Association. Much like our own scholarship program, it required an essay and a personal interview to get the scholarship. In her essay she wrote extensively about Col. "Bud" Anderson and the 357th Fighter Squadron. Ms. Jetland showed herself to be deserving of the scholarship through her interest in aviation as well as undertaking various activities to complement her flight training, which had already started. These include working at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, volunteering to work with the Blue Angels during an event, and being part of a WWII reenactment group. Because of her interest in Col. Anderson, I asked if she had ever met him and Chuck said "No." Then the idea came up that we might be able to help arrange that meeting. First things first, we contacted Col. Anderson to see if it would be possible and, sure enough, it was. Next thing we contacted Ms. Jetland to see if she would like to try and meet the Colonel. She said that she would be thrilled to do that except that she lives in the Seattle area and would have to take some time out from school. A collection was started. Chuck Klunker, Wayne Mooneyham, Don Wolfe, Sunshine Flyers, and the Placer Gold 99's

raised enough money to help pay for the air fare. March 14th was set up for a nice lunch meeting at Wings, a tour of the airport, and a visit to the Van Howd's Studio where the statue of Col. Anderson was made. The reason for writing

about Ms. Jetland is to show how far the influence of the Auburn Airport really reaches.

The generosity of our airport community has had a ripple effect across the country. Jennifer Hurley, Northrop Grumman employee facilitated an unsolicited donation of \$1050.00 to the AAA scholarship fund from the Employees of Northrup Grumman Political Action Committee in Reston, VA. Additionally, local corporate pilot Bill Cola donated \$500 out of his own pocket. He was helped early on by similar flight scholarships and wants to ensure other new pilots have the same opportunity.

Our own AAA committee has decided to award two scholarships for A&P mechanics at Sacramento City College. The Aviation Mechanic program there is headed by Lawrence Johnson, who will select

two deserving students. These scholarships for \$1000 each will be awarded at our dinner meeting on May 3. The annual flight scholarship applicants will be interviewed April 22. Those scholarships will also be presented at the May meeting. Thank you all for your kindness. Please keep up the good work.

Well, that is about all for this month, so Good Night, Miss Daisy, and have an uneventful April Fools Day.

Mike Duncan  
The Prop Turner





# Mach 5 Musings

Spring is in the air and with it came a mix of weather and beautiful flying days. March started off with Rich Harrington and Shawn McKenzie getting multi-engine ratings. Rich received instruction from Andrew Moon and Larry Uzelac while Shawn was guided by Beau Perry. Taking to the air to solo for the first time was Ethan Spotts and Josua Albertsson. Ethan and Josua's instructors were Ron Bawden and Joshua Landry, respectively. Naji Bsharah received his private pilot certificate. Naji has been working with Ron Bawden.

Missed mentioning last month that Frank Piner received his private pilot certificate in January. This month he exercised the privileges of his certificate by taking friends on

a flight to beautiful Lake Tahoe. As everyone in aviation knows reaching out to the young is important to the future of aviation. We had the opportunity to reach out to future "Mach 5 Munchkins" in March. John Herndon had the pleasure to talk all-things-aviation with the kids at Little Seeds preschool in Grass Valley.

Looking ahead, Mach 5 will be teaching VFR ground school and hosting a movie night once a month during the summer beginning in June. Finally, don't forget to stop by for burgers and hotdogs on Fridays beginning at 12 noon. Until next month, blue skies and tail winds."

*John Herndon, General Manager*





# Photos

## NEW MEMBER JOHN HERNDON

Mach 5 General Manager John Herndon is a retired Navy Mustang. He enlisted as an aviation machinist mate rising to First Class Petty Officer (E-6) before receiving his commission in December 1981. He immediately reported to flight training as a Naval Flight Officer at NAS Pensacola, FL. Finishing first in his class, he chose to fly the A-6E Intruder where he accumulated almost 2,000 flight hours and over 300 aircraft carries landings.

After retiring from the Navy in 1994, John returned to California settling in the San Jose area. In April 2016, he retired from a second career in sales, business development, and sales/channel management in financial services and healthcare.

He is a graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also has a Master in Engineering Management from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



**NEW MEMBER EVERTON EDGAR** Many of you may remember Everton Edgar from last year. He came in with his crew to hang out for a couple of meetings. Everton and his wife, Karen, live in Grass Valley and still maintain their business relationships in the Bay Area. They have jumped back into aviation head first and are now the proud owners of a Flight Design Light Sport aircraft, N694TU, hangared here at AUN. Everton is back in the seat in the student role to get his license completed after many years of having work come in the way. Karen is also a student and will be flying with Sunshine Flyers to complete her license.

# Photos

---



## NEW MEMBER CHESTER GAULT

Chester recently joined the Auburn Airport Association and feels privileged to be a new member of our organization. He is originally from Birmingham, Alabama. After high-school he served in the Air Force at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas before moving to California for the first time. After 25 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, he and his wife Meryl moved to southwest Florida for 15 years. They recently returned to California and are thrilled to be back. While discussing where to live, they both agreed that Auburn was the place for them. They have been here for 3 months. Chester has been a flight instructor for 40 years and still enjoys teaching people his bad habits. He is also a pilot for American Airlines in Los Angeles where he flies the B-787.



## NEW CORPORATE JET

Flyers has a new-to-them Citation M2 on the airport, and any minute now, someone will be qualified to fly it. Specifically, Ken Dwelle, Tom Dwelle (Jr.) and our scholarship donor from last month, Bill Cola, who also flies for the Bank of Stockton, will fly the M2. Bill has experience in an earlier version of the plane. The three will undergo a week of intense training in preparation. The TBM is for sale, in case you are looking for your next plane.



# Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

## Auburn Aviation Association—Membership and Donation Form

Fill out and return the form payment or log on to [www.auburnaviationassociation.org](http://www.auburnaviationassociation.org) to use PayPal or credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name:(Please PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of License (Circle One or More): Student Glider Rotorcraft Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings: Private Commercial CFI Instrument Other \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Membership: \$30.00 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge: \$13.00 each Name to be printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form plus check payable to:**  
**Auburn Aviation Association**  
**PO Box 6454**  
**Auburn CA 95604-6454**

Contact:  
Larry Borchert  
916-508-1820  
lkborchert@gmail.com  
[www.auburnaviationassociation.org](http://www.auburnaviationassociation.org)

AAA is a 501(c)3 Corporation. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are deductible using Tax Exempt ID number: 68-0083066

### AAA 2017 Board Members

Membership	Larry Borchert—916-508-1820—lkborchert@gmail.com
Scholarship	Walt Wilson—530-878-6640—bonwally@hotmail.com
Past President	Wayne Mooneyham—530-878-0434 slowflight2@gmail.com
Board Mbr. At Large	Peggy Dwelle —530-305-9101 —peggy@4flyers.com
5AC Chairs	Wayne Mooneyham & Dave Fulton
Ad Hoc Chair	Carol Uhouse—530-906-0863—cuhouse@jps.net
Newsletter Editors	Chris Haven—530-401-6082 —origamigirl5@yahoo.com
	Mike Duncan—916-632-9506 —Duncan7kcab@sbcglobal.net

**Send us your news, events, and photos!**

### AAA 2017 Officers

**President —Tim Pinkney**  
916-719-0630 tim.pinkney@me.com  
**Vice President & PR— Bryce Mitchell**  
916-247-6689 — flightnerd1@gmail.com  
**Treasurer—Gary Vogt**  
530-613-6488 TeamGrumman@yahoo.com  
**Secretary—Joanie Mooneyham**  
530-878-0434 joaniemoon05@gmail.com