



April 2019

# PROPWASH

## President's Message

### AAA Events

#### APRIL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 3rd**

**Ken Dwelle** presents the "first" flight of the former Reno Air Races plane Critical Mass after more than a decade. The plane will be on hand, weather permitting.



#### MAY MEETING

**Wednesday, May 1st**

**Gary Guilliat** will tell us of his career as a Western Airlines pilot and of the aircraft he's restored, from Pitts Biplanes to Jet Fighters.

#### JUNE MEETING

**Wednesday, June 5th**

Former US Air Force and airlines test pilot **Joe Sobczak**.

### POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a potluck dish according to the first letter of your last name:

Main Dish: A-E, R-Z

Side Dish: K-Q

Dessert: F-J

#### The Tin Goose is Coming to Town

Wandering down the road, in the America of the 1920s, you might have seen a number of "Tin Lizzies", or Model T Fords, chuffing along the highway. And looking up in the sky, you might have also seen a "Tin Goose" grinding along overhead. Certainly a bygone era. However that era is going to make a brief visit to Auburn in April. The Experimental Aircraft Association's Ford 4-AT-E Tri-motor will be here giving rides from Friday the 26th until Sunday the 28th.

This airplane is truly a flying piece of aviation history. The first of these three-engine transports came off the assembly line in 1926, and they were a mainstay of the U.S. commercial aviation industry until they were ultimately replaced by the DC-2 and -3 some years later. Today there are only 18 Ford Tri-motors left, and less than half of those are currently flyable. At a time when we take it for granted that we can fly in shirt-sleeve comfort, and have a glass of wine with our hot dinner as we cruise along at Mach .85 above the weather, the Tri-motor is an anachronism. Unpressurized, noisy and bumping along at about 100 mph in your wicker basket seat, it was a different world. Or, to look at it another way, the airplane has approximately the same performance as a Cessna 150. So, imagine a coast-to-coast flight in a two-place Cessna, and that's about how long a trans-continental trip in a Ford Tri-motor would have taken back in the day. Amazingly, as ubiquitous as this icon of American aviation history was, there were actually only 199 of these Fords ever built.

The EAA owns and operates NC8407, a Tri-Motor that was originally flown by Eastern Air Transport--a forerunner of Eastern Airlines. Seats will not be reserved, but will be available on a first come, first served basis for the day of purchase. Only 180 seats will be available over the three days of their operation here in Auburn. Purchase tickets online here.

If you are interested in a springtime aviation adventure right here in Auburn, maybe this is the opportunity you are looking for. It is an exciting event for our airport!

Blue skies, Doug



# As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

It is that taxing time of year again. New laws and new taxes. While on the subject of taxiing (OK, a different kind of taxing), we should be careful about taxiing too fast and we should be observant for the increase of airplane traffic and more folks walking about the airport with their dog or kids in the nice weather. Also try and be aware of other airplanes taxiing about and not blocking the taxiway when parking your airplane. It is all about being courteous to others using our airport.

**Jeremy Rausher** passed his Private Pilot check ride with flying colors. **Randy Leys** signed him off and **Richard Conte** did the check ride. Congratulations to Jeremy and Randy on a job well done! Several other checks rides are in the works for the coming weeks for everything from a Private Pilot to a new Certified Flight Instructor. I will be able report on them in the next newsletter.

**Julia Roberts'** paint party was a resounding success. The attendance was a little low but the enthusiasm was overwhelming and she raised \$400.00 for the scholarship fund with the help of some additional donors. See the picture enclosed in the newsletter. Just a thought, I wonder if we could get her to have a paint party to paint the AN-2!!!! What would you pay to do that???

Our own **Tammy Meredith** went to Alaska this past month with 4 other 99s & friends from the area. If you have a couple of days she would be glad to tell you all about it. She will be giving a story next month as soon as she has rested up. I am looking forward to hearing about her adventure.

In March **Don Wolfe** and **Larry Borchert** held their first interview training class. Read

about it on page 4. Well done, Don and Larry.

Let's not forget about our display days coming up in April and August. The first and last weekends (plus Mondays) . Beau Perry will be on hand to sign off on display planes meeting the requirements. The public is welcome to come out to the airport and walk the hangars and tarmac to see the vintage aircraft on display.



The Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan Airport will be sponsoring several events in the near future. The first of these is on March 23 starting at 11am to celebrate women in aerospace. You will get to meet many women who have made their mark in aviation and are willing to share that adventure with any young people interested in starting a career of their own. The second of these events is a forum for careers in the aerospace industry for anyone interested. This event is on April 6th starting at 12pm and going to 4pm. Both of these seminars are to try to inspire the youth of today to get involved in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM programs). The third of these events is the Hubble Traveling Exhibit, in October 2019. This is your opportunity to learn all about the Hubble Telescope mission and more. Don /Larry, do you think any of those candidates who showed up at your meeting might like to attend one of these seminars?

Well that is about all for this month, so Good Night Miss Daisy.

Mike Duncan

The Prop Turner



# Mach 5 Musings

Spring is here! Everything is growing and changing, including Mach5! Two of Mach5's best employees, **Julia Roberts** and **Meredith Magher**, have gone on to bigger and better things. Meredith is off to Alaska Floats and Skis in Talkeetna, AK, braving the Alaskan highway through snow and wind to reach them. She will be a ray of sunshine for the pilots over there from now on. Meanwhile Julia is going to another cold and windy city—Seattle, to earn her Masters Degree in business! We will miss her funny stories, ability to do anything she set her mind to, and her never ending optimism! We are so proud of both of them. In their absence we welcome **Brenna Ekkelboom** to the Mach5 team!

We are also proud of **Seth Griffin** and **Cole Retzler**! Both had their first solo flight on March 16th, and both did a fantastic job! Credit is deserved to their fabulous instructors: **Josh**

**Landry** and **Gary Jestice**. Speaking of instructors, flight instructor **BJ Schilling** is so close to getting his multi-engine rating! By the end of March he will have passed his checkride with flying colors. Good luck BJ, soon we will have another multi-engine instructor!

We at Mach5 hope that everyone had a fun and safe St. Patrick's day. It's been a lucky start to the year at Mach5, and it's only going to get better! Keep an eye out for our Private Pilot Ground School starting on May 7th! Every Tuesday and Thursday night until June 13th we will be providing extensive training that prepares students to take their written Private Pilot exam. Register online at [Mach5Aviation.com/ground-school](http://Mach5Aviation.com/ground-school).

Blue Skies & Tail Winds Auburn!

The Mach5 Team





# Aviation Careers and Interview

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AAA conducted the Aviation Careers and Interview Training Event in the Barnstormer Room at 18:00 on 03/11/19. Facilitators **Larry Borchert**, **Don Wolfe** and **Renata Mackenroth** presented to over 25 young adults. In addition, there were several parents and 11 Aviation mentors in attendance. Pizza and refreshments were served.

Renata Mackenroth, (2018 AAA Scholarship recipient) and **Helen Dobeck** did an outstanding job of promoting the course and getting aviation-minded people to attend. Renata also did a great job during her first performance as one of our facilitators!

At the conclusion of the presentation Don Wolfe assembled "The Mentors" in the front of the room in order of age. Each mentor was introduced and their "expertise" was noted. Don pointed out that ALL of the mentors share a "common love for aviation" and the only difference between one end of the line and the other was experience.

The AAA Mentors in attendance were: **Wayne Mooneyham**, **Mike Duncan**, Larry Borchert, **Doug Fee**, Don Wolfe, **Dan Foster**, **Randy Leys**, **Casey Long**, **Brice Corcoran**, **James Jacobson**, and **Renata Mackenroth**. These mentors were available following the presentation for questions and advice. An energetic discussion continued for well over 90 minutes as the mentors worked throughout the

group answering questions.

**Loo Ng**, M.P.A Lead Facility, Aviation, William Jessup University also gave a short presentation about the Aviation Program at the college. William Jessup University is located in Rocklin, CA. Mr. Ng noted that scholarships and grants are available for qualified individuals and that a college degree can be completed in 4 years at William Jessup. Most college students find that it takes 5 years to complete a degree in California due to shortage of classes. These facts along with the scholarship money make William Jessup University an attraction option.

The Aviation Careers and Interview Training Event is an integral part of the AAA Aviation mentoring and scholarship program. Scholarship recipients like **Camille Tricomo** and Renata Mackenroth gain experience by speaking and presenting in front of a large crowd. The young adults in the audience gain respect and hope by seeing the achievements of their peers in the AAA Programs. The success of this presentation illustrates how well our programs are working.

The "Aviation Careers and Interview Training " event may be given again in late April or early May 2019. Look for the posting on the AAA website.

**Auburn Aviation Association- Paying It Forward to the Next Generation!**





# Photos



**Bottom left:** NASA Ambassador Tim Pinkey gave us InSight on the Mars lander craft of the same name at the March meeting. **Upper right:** Ben Foss and Paula Celick presented AAA with checks from their fundraising efforts. Three remaining photos show an event put on by Julia Roberts and her Vango Productions for helping us with an unusual fundraiser. We raised \$400 for scholarships and had some fun. Julia's van is going to Seattle in the near future where she'll pursue her masters degree. We wish her well in her new home.





# More



*Left: Don Wolfe introduces former scholarship recipient Renata Mackenroth at the aviation interview training meeting,*

*Right: click on the fly on the Ford ad to make your reservation for a flight while the Ford Tri Motor is in Auburn.*



## AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

**April 6,7,8 and 27,28,29**

Hours 10 am to 2 pm. Call Beau Perry (530) 320-6730

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## Col. C.E. 'Bud' Anderson Fundraiser BRICK ORDER FORM

*Bronze monument of Col. Bud Anderson and his P-51 Mustang "Old Crow" created by Douglas Van Howd and installed at the Auburn Airport*

### Create an engraved brick!

***Honor a loved one – Advertise a business – Share another message***

Your inscription must fit into the white boxes below, 1 character per box. Each brick can have a maximum of 16 characters per line. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. Please do not use special characters. Text will automatically be centered.

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# Membership & 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Annual Individual Membership: \$30.00**

Dues:

**Annual Family Membership: \$30.00**

Dues:

(Up to two contact and email addresses per family membership)

Family Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Badge: \$11.00 each    Name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_    Amount:

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