

PROPWASH

April 2020



AAA Events

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Many thanks to Don Anderson, whose March presentation on construction of the Foresthill Bridge illustrated engineering's domination over nature.



APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 1

General Membership Meeting is cancelled. Hopefully, we'll all be together - in person - again soon.

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY DAYS

April 1-3, & 25-27

Antique Aircraft Display Days

Come practice social distancing at the airport. Vintage aircraft are on display today from 10 am to 2 pm.

President's Message

Brighter Days Ahead

I'm sad to announce that we will not be meeting April 1 for our pot luck dinner due to circumstances I'm sure we are all well aware of. In these times I'm reminded of a quote I heard many years ago. "In every adversity lies the seed of an equal or greater benefit or opportunity." I'm already encouraged by reports of a dad telling of going for bike ride with his son. Something they had not done in ten years.

I was super excited after visiting with Don Wolfe last week about our combined efforts with the EAA offering bright futures to aviation dreamers I have asked Don to share about that. Take it away Don!

The combined EAA Chapter 526 and Auburn Aviation Association Flight Scholarship interviews are complete. This is the first year for the two organizations to team up with a combined online application and interview process. More about this new program in the article: "Combined Flight Scholarship Program 2020".

There were over 20 applicants for the two \$2500 Flight Scholarships. 6 candidates were chosen to interview on Saturday March 14, 2020.

The Interview Team consisted of Steve Kendall and Brad Hawley from Chapter 526. Jessi Dreschler, James Jacobson and Don Wolfe represented AAA. The greeter table was chaired by Marleen Wekell. The team met at 08:00 in the Barnstormer room and prepared for the first interview at 08:30. Don Wolfe conducted the interviews while the Interview Team rated the candidates.



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President's Message, continued

Following the interviews the team debated the results over a very long lunch from Wings restaurant. All 6 candidates were highly qualified and highly motivated. The decision was not an easy one for the team to achieve. In the end Andrew Chubatenko and Benjamin Rubash were chosen to receive the scholarship funds. Both gentlemen have also been awarded lifetime memberships in Auburn Aviation Association.

Andrew Chubatenko: Andrew is attending the Sierra College with plans to transfer to UC Davis where he will study aerospace engineering. Andrew is looking forward to experiencing aerodynamics first hand at the controls of an aircraft. He is also looking forward to the day he can take his family and friends for an airplane ride. Andrew will be researching Mach 5 Aviation and Sunshine Flyers to discover which flight school is the best fit for his flight training. Andrew was very active as a young flyer in the EAA Young Eagles Program here in Auburn. EAA Chapter 526 will be funding his training.

Benjamin Rubash: Benjamin is attending American River College with plans to transfer to Embry Riddle University in Prescott, AZ. Benjamin is additionally researching options with the Air National Guard and the military. He hopes to become an airline pilot one day and travel the world. Benjamin is currently training at Mach 5 Aviation in the Cessna 172 Skyhawk. His Private Pilot flight check is scheduled for May, 2020. Benjamin will receive the Auburn Aviation Flight scholarship

Shayden Eagleheart and **Caden Hamm** were awarded the scholarship trips to the EAA Air Academy.

Thanks, Don, for that great exciting report. Until next month Eh!

Randy Leys

Photos - top: **Andrew Chubatenko** was awarded the EAA Chapter 526 Flight Scholarship. At right: **Benjamin Rubash** claimed the AAA Col. C.E. Bud Anderson Flight Scholarship. He is pictured in the center with Don Wolfe on the left and John Herndon on the right. John is General Manager of Mach 5, where Benjamin is training.



As the Prop Turns

Spring is finally here. Oh, wait, winter hasn't finished yet. Still, there's enough snow for backcountry skiers, rain for us in the valley, and fog to keep us on the ground. At least we are building a water supply for summer and all is good. Despite the late winter, **Scott Woodland** managed to earn his Certified Flight Instructor rating with **Mike Duncan** as his instructor.

Kelsey Dashiell was able to solo with **Camile Tricomo** as her instructor. Actually, Kelsey's primary instructor, **Kelly Richards**, was off enjoying the beaches of Thailand. A good friend of his was getting married in Thailand and he was invited over to be part of the wedding party. Meanwhile, Kelsey kept up her training with Camile, who surprised Kelly by soloing her. Our ground school finished last week and students are ready to fly when it's appropriate to venture back out and put all that knowledge they learned to good use. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Auburn Aviation association and EAA Chapter 526 at Auburn Airport have selected their winners for this year's aviation scholarships. Presentation of the actual awards will have to wait for another time due to the coronavirus and the fact that the April 1, 2020 meeting was cancelled. Perhaps we'll honor them at the May meeting. (It may happen, ha ha ha!)

Well the coronavirus is the elephant in the room. However, as someone once said, "With each crisis an opportunity is created." In an effort to help the cause they want us to "self quarantine". Perhaps this is the time to find that special/healthy person in your life and quarantine yourselves for two weeks. No work, no pesky neighbors, no community meetings or choir practice to attend, just quiet time together. As far as maintaining "social distancing" goes, now you can stay away from those you really did not want to be sociable with anyway, and it is acceptable now. You do not have to feel bad about it. The real reason I mention this crisis is that it is not the situation we should focus on but how we deal

Mike Duncan

with it. It is our attitude. I read this following quote in my chiropractor's office, of all places, and I thought it was appropriate for many things that happen in our lives. This is by **Charles Swindoll** on Attitude. "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company....a churcha home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it, and so it is with you...we are in charge of our ATTITUDE." And so it is with this crisis. Attitude is how we get through it. I hope everyone stays healthy throughout this situation I will see you on the other side of it. Good night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



Mike Duncan and Tammy Meredith facilitated a rather large donation to the foundation and presented it at the March meeting. Also pictured is AAA Vice President Doug McDougall on the right.

Photos



Superfans (from left to right) Blake, Garrett, and Thomas present a check for the AAA endowment fund to Vice President Doug McDougall. The source of the funds is unused sponsorships garnered by Kelly Kreeger in planning Bud's recent 98th birthday party. See Kelly's story of the superfans on page 7. Below: The Superfans start off our meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



Above: Steve Fitzgerald, on the right, earned his commercial rating in late February. He's pictured with friend and tireless champion of flight learning, Don Wolfe.



Above, Marcia Windborne-Graven (in white) made new friends at the meeting. At left, A new L-3 was delivered last week from the seller in PA. Watch for it around the airport this spring - with wings.



AAA and EAA Chapter 526

by Don Wolfe

Combined Flight Scholarship Program 2020

Steve Kendall and I began working on a combined application and interview process in the fall of 2019. The program would serve EAA Chapter 526 and Auburn Aviation Association Flight Scholarships as well as Chapter 526 sponsored trips to the EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI.

AAA Scholarship Director **James Jacobson** designed a single online application that functioned for both programs. The application included separate closing dates and different questions for the two types of scholarships. The application worked very well and requires only a few "tweaks" for 2021.

Steve, James and I met in December 2019 to formulate the required candidate information and questions for the application. The scholarships were announced in the Auburn Journal, Foresthill messenger and via Scholarship bulletins at the 3 KAUN flight schools. Announcements were also sent to guidance counselors at all of the local High Schools. Both applications were open on January 1, 2020.

Interviews for the EAA Air Academy Trip were scheduled for February 15, 2020. **Steve Kendall** organized the Chapter 526 Team of **Brad Hawley**, **Greg Duda**, **Bob Davis**, and me. We met prior to the interviews to create an interview question bank, rate the applications and train for the interview day.

Five candidates were interviewed on February 15, 2020 in the Barnstormer Room. I conducted the interviews while the Chapter 526 Team of Steve, Bob, Brad and Greg scored the results. **Marleen Wekell** attended the greeter's table. All 5 candidates performed very well during their interviews. Following the team debate, **Shayden Eagleheart** and **Caden Hamm** were awarded the scholarship trips to the Air Academy. Congratulations to Shayden and Caden!

Next up: Flight Scholarships. This process was previously discussed in Captain Randy's President's article. The program was completed

on March 14, 2020.

The new Scholarship program at Auburn ties in with the mentoring programs of both Chapter 526 and AAA. The EAA Young Eagles Program exposes children from age 7 to 17 to aviation via airplane rides. The combined scholarship programs include ages 16-23. The AAA Aviation Careers program embraces ages 16 through adult.

Bonnie and Walt Wilson were smiling when they handed the keys to me for the scholarship program a couple of years ago. Now I know why. The Wilsons worked very hard, every year to insure that AAA served the aviation needs of the young people in our community. It takes a lot of time and effort to maintain the integrity of the program and insure its success. Bonnie and Walt were instrumental in helping us move forward with our new scholarship and mentoring plans. We are fortunate to have the Wilsons in our organization.

The Scholarship and Mentoring programs have grown to new levels thanks to every one of you as well. The outstanding support from the members of Chapter 526 and Auburn Aviation Association is second to none. The backing you've given us through encouragement, participation, donations and lifetime memberships highly commendable. We are all doing our part to pay it forward to the next generation. Thank you !



Pictured from left to right: James Jacobson, Jessi Dreschler, Don Wolfe, Brad Hawley, Marleen Wekell, Steve Kendall

Mach 5 Musings

Greetings,

The COVID-19 virus has landed us all into an entirely new and rapidly changing world. It is hard to even guess what's coming next and many people are afraid. We are all being bombarded with nonstop news - mostly gloomy - about the serious situation we are in. Each of us is making big and often unsettling changes to our normal routines and the Mach 5 family of friends, customers and staff are attempting to adapt.

I am sure you are all aware of the California Governor's COVID-19 order. It allows essential businesses to remain open. The transportation industry and businesses that fall under that category have been identified as essential. The FAA also continues to schedule tests in their certified testing centers, of which Mach 5 Aviation is a designated location with proctor supervision. For those two main reasons the following guidelines have been developed so that Mach 5 can operate under the Governor's order.

Mach 5 Aviation will remain open for business as an essential service providing:

- State, Federal and Certification Testing Services
- Flying Operations, including emergency flight ops in support of healthcare, transportation, and supply chain efforts, statewide and interstate, all subject to the guidance and direction of state and federal public health officials.
- Maintenance Operations to ensure and maintain aircraft flight readiness in anticipation of disaster relief support during our current Coronavirus related humanitarian efforts, all subject to the guidance and direction of state and federal public health officials.

In order to slow the spread of COVID-19; we will remain operational under the following guidelines:

- You must wash hands frequently.
- You must cover your cough or sneeze.
- You must maintain social distancing directives.
- If you're sick, stay home and away from others.

We keep our building, surfaces and aircraft clean using disinfectant to wipe down frequently touched objects, such as door handles, phones, computers, counters, light switches, and other high-traffic areas. Essential personnel only. No events, no loitering or gathering of more than six people following social distancing guidelines.

This email is the first in a series of messages we will be sending out to our valued customers and aircraft partners. In our next email, you will find fun and interesting links to continue your flight training from home. These educational sessions and videos will help to get you ready for whatever your next steps may be (FAA written, solo, stage check, currency or primary and advanced check rides). We will also share aircraft maintenance updates and offers.

The COVID-19 pandemic is fluid and constantly changing. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and make adjustments as necessary. In the midst of all this disruption we encourage you take some time to find or even create something good. Turn off the news, take a few deep breaths, take a walk, learn something new and maybe even find the chance to brighten up someone else's day. We WILL get through this...together.

Stay safe. Be healthy. Care for yourself, your family and your neighbors.

We are here for you.

John, Dennis & Darcy

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Col. Bud Anderson's Superfans

by Kelly Kreeger



I created the Superfans within the Col. Bud Anderson Fan Club after meeting young **Blake McReynolds**. These kids, Superfans, embody the values and love for aviation that **Col. Bud Anderson** did when he was a young man running outside to look at airplanes. I loved Bud's story of **TSgt. Lewis** who caught him and **Jack Stacker** at Mills Field. TSgt. Lewis inspired Bud that day. He never forgot it and Bud has paid it forward with kids throughout his entire aviation career and life. This is why the Superfans exist.

Garrett Austin and Blake participated in Bud's 97th Birthday Party, and I wanted them to meet beforehand, so we set up a dinner and card game at Bud's house. Towards the end of the night, the kids were talking and Blake said he had played baseball the day before with a friend in Alta Vista. Blake lives in Newcastle. Garrett said, "I was playing baseball with my friend in Alta Vista yesterday, too!" So that is how I know there is a God. They had met and played together the day before we played cards to introduce them.

As we attended air shows, including Oshkosh, in 2019, the Superfans grew in membership. **Toni** came all the way from Texas to Oshkosh to hang out with her hero. We met **Thomas Robinson** at the Reno Air Races as he was being taught a valuable lesson on proper introductions by **Dick Routan**. It was a most amazing moment for me so I signed him up! After all, life is about moments, not things. People wonder what I get out of hanging out with Col. Bud Anderson. This is it. This is what I get. I get to have the most amazing moments with the most amazing kids, oh and the

parents are great too!!

When I was contemplating a 98th Birthday for my friend Col. Bud Anderson, I thought, "Let's just play cards." Then God said to me, "Make it about the kids!" So that is what I did. Each kid wrote their own story about what its like to hang out with their hero, Col. Bud Anderson.

In tribute to the world's hero and our friend, Col. Bud Anderson: You are so deserving of the admiration of these young aviators as they follow in your footsteps, live up to your incredible human characteristics, and are inspired by your motto, "Live Your Dreams"!

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your amazing life. We love you!!! Happy 98th Birthday and Cheers to many more.



Pictured above: Thomas Robinson in the red hat, mom Beth Robinson, with Col. Anderson at the March meeting. At left: Veterans Day parade 2019: Garrett Austin as crew chief and Blake as Col. Bud Anderson.

Gone West – Carol Uhouse



Carol Uhouse passed away last week. She and her husband, **Victor**, have been long time Members of AAA and were always active in any project, including our scholarship program. Carol was a boardmember and treasurer for many years and was active in every Air Fair. She and Victor had a Beechcraft Debonair and Carol was the best “right seater” there ever was. Although she never got her private pilot's license, she was an incredible navigator, could fly the airplane with great finesse and was very professional on the radios.

I can still hear her joyous, wonderful laugh.

There is no memorial planned at this time.

Peggy Dwelle

AAA Board Member At Large

At left: Then AAA's treasurer, Carol is pictured at a meeting in 2015.

AAA Membership Roster Now Online

Download our mobile app to login and see AAA members with contact information. Search for **Wild Apricot** on your smart phone app store and download the member version to get started. Use your AAA website user name and password.

Chris Haven at (530) 401- 6082 can help if you have questions.



Good News

WINGS Grill and Espresso Bar at the airport will begin pre-order curbside pick-up and delivery on March 26th. Visit the website or text or call (530) 320-0283.



It's not news, but we can all relate to Doug Fee's proposed dress code for AAA meetings in the covid-19 era. We needed a laugh.

New Member

New AAA member Beau De Graaf brought his daughter to the March meeting. Beau is a student pilot and lives in Grass Valley. Welcome to the family!



AAA Members List March 2019

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Honorary Lifetime Member: **Clarence "Bud" Anderson**

Gold Lifetime Member: **Doug & Yvonne Fee, Tom Murray, Don Wolfe, Peggy Dwelle, Jerry Seversen & Nancy Benjamin, Tom Dwelle**

Silver Lifetime Member: **Mike Duncan , Mike Shoemaker, Mike Long**

Bronze Lifetime Member: **David & Stephanie Holloway**

Don Anderson	Elmer & Mary Ann Frank	Erin & Cameron Myers
Mona Anderson	Jon (Jack) & Marcia Fiesell	Kenneth & Diana Nielsen
Chris Anselmi	Rick & Ruby Hammer	Christy Oliveira
Jack Bell	Tim Harmon	Tom & Louise Palmer
Frank Bell	David Harris & Noah (grandson)	Ernie & Janice Peterson
Tierra Bickford	Chris & David Haven	Tim Pinkney
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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.



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 to use PayPal or credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time.

Date: _____

Member Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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