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August 2018

Vice President's Message

Long hot sunny days, warm evenings, and VFR weather . . .summer is in full swing around the Auburn Airport. And fortunately, we've had very little smoke so far this fire season (knock on wood). Here's hoping that the ethereal forces that control the weather and the fires continue to treat us kindly until we are rescued by the coming of autumn.

This summer is also seeing another successful season of **Friday Flydays** put on by the **Ben Foss** and **Diane Hammer** team. Our thanks go to them for making this outstanding community event happen. If you haven't been to one yet, there is still time. They are held the 3rd Friday evening of each month, so the next one will be August 17th, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. Each month has a different theme, and the August event will be a Law Enforcement fundraiser. Admission is free, so come out and enjoy the family fun!

We also have numerous airport projects in the works to maintain and upgrade our facilities. In late July or early August, the runway will be closed from 10:00 PM until 5:00 AM, five nights a week for about two weeks, while crews install new LED runway lighting. Watch the NOTAMS for final scheduling.

The airport experienced a brief power outage recently. It didn't last long but, unfortunately, the resumption of power service generated a spike that damaged some of the phone lines at the airport. This took down the credit card system at the fuel pumps, and also damaged some of the AWOS (weather reporting) equipment. While the credit card system is back working again, the AWOS still needs some new components to be installed before it will be back up to full utility. Those repairs are in the works, but might take a few more months. Meanwhile, we'll have to look out the window to see what the weather really is. I guess that's why we have windsocks.

Airport management is also planning a new slurry seal on our ramp area. The project is currently out for bid, and its hoped that it can be

completed before the wet season arrives. Additionally, an upgrade to the waste water handling system at the aircraft wash rack is in the works.

So the summer marches on, and so do the seasonal airport projects. Our thanks to **Walt Wilson** and all of those at the City of Auburn who help to make these improvements happen.

Blue skies & tailwinds, **Doug Fee**

MEETINGS

Wed, August 1st
General Membership
Meeting & Annual
Barbecue

Socializing at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
Socializing after the meeting.
There's no speaker this
month. Check out the events
page on the <u>AAA website</u>.

AUGUST POTLUCK

AAA will provide the hotdogs and burgers for our annual anniversary barbecue. Please bring a dish to share:

A-J: Salad K-Q: Dessert R-Z: Side Dish



As the Prop Turns

August 2018

Lately many of you have been flying very early. The temperature has been quite pleasant; until about 10:00am in the morning and then it has become down right hot. Hallie Immen, however, has managed to solo with Randy Leys as her instructor. She has been flying her dad's PA28 -140. Vas Vyvoda also persevered in the heat to solo in a C-172 with Scott

Holland as his instructor. Matt Noriega passed his Light Sport knowledge test with flying colors. Last but not least, Kelly Richards passed his CFI check ride and is



now a full-fledged Instructor. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Thank again to Bill Wootton for his presentation on rocketry. It was interesting to hear that the FAA does not find it necessary to put out TFR's for the rocket launchings. It just shows us pilots how important it is to read the NOTAMs, keep our eyes out the window, and keep talking to ATC. Thanks also goes to Bill's son, "Willie", for signing the whole presentation. Willie has been deaf from birth and he is only six years old. Although I could not understand a thing he signed, it was nice to see him do it. Additionally, Ms. Sydney Greene gave a presentation on her adventures to Oshkosh. Thank you both for the wonderful presentations.

To add to the list of those that need to be congratulated are Diane Hammer and Ben Foss on another successful Fly Fridays. Sierra Air Helicopter was selling rides along with Sunshine Flyers. Between the two of them they gave approximately a dozen passengers rides in a two hour period of time. Numerous classic cars and the Symphonia Phonotone showed up to play music. Hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked and graciously served by and Al and Debbie Casner and crew. Al brought out his Stearman, a Velocity showed up and several models of the RV series of aircraft were on display. More than 250 people showed up and a great time was had by all. The organization that benefited from the evening festivities was in support of school field trips and STEM education. More than \$1000.00 was raised toward the cause. The next event takes place on 17 August.

For those hoping for Auburn to get a new frequency and get away from the congestion with the Nut Tree Airport, your prayers have been partially answered. According to our treasurer, Gary Vogt, the Nut Tree airport will be getting a frequency change. The North Bay Air Museum reports that it will change to 123.05 on August 16 and

will not be reflected on the San Francisco sectional chart until February 2019.

For those holding their breath for the continuing saga of my trip to Idaho, here it comes. On my first day we went into Smiley and got our picture taken with the bear. There were no bears on the second day but to start it off we flew from McCall into a place called Warren. Warren is an old mining town dating back to the 1860's. Like this area there was a lot of hydraulic mining going on with a



lot of tailing. As the main veins petered out in the late 1800's the mining company brought in Chinese miners to try and pick out the remain of what might have been missed. They must have done pretty well because the mine remained open into the early 1900's. Our flight into Warren

was from overhead and then a serpentine flight final approach over the tailings and into a dirt strip. The runway was a little hard to tell from the dirt road that paralleled it. The only real way to tell the difference was that there was a tree overhanging along the road and you had to go a

little wider to clear it. One other airplane was in there and with our five it made six. Many of the old buildings are standing and few are still being used, such as the general store and the local dance hall. Several homes are there that only see use during the summer



months and the forest service has a small museum there. Some excavation is going on to uncover the history of the area and many of those artifacts are seen there. It is hard to believe that people found their way into some of these sites over 150 years ago. For the Chinese workers it was more than a year's travel from China.

Our next stop was Dixie Forest Service. This is one of my favorite airport because of the departure. The approach is from overhead and you follow a ridge line around the airport and then follow the slope of the tree line into the airport. You are probably only a hundred feet

As the Prop Turns, Cont.

or so above the trees the whole way down final from about a mile out. The runway is about 4000' long at about 5100' high. The site is used by several outfitters and for emergency evacuation of injured hunters and hikers. Additionally it has been use as a base camp for fire fighters. After a quick look around we are off again to find an airport called Elk City. Oh, the adventure of a new airport. Elk City is at 4000' elevation and 2600' long. The interesting thing about Elk City airport is that even though it is 2600' long there is about a 30 degree bend about a third of the way down the runway and the remaining runway is up hill about 4-5 degree which helps us slow down and stop easily. The runway is cut out of the tree and is only about 200 feet wide, so you cannot cut to many corners on your landing approach. Some of the locals prefer just to line up on the long section and skip the first part of the runway. Another airplane comes in a few minutes behind us and we get to see what it looks like from the ground to land around the bend in the runway. The town is a short walk away but we choose to forego the trek in favor of trying to get back to McCall before it's too late in the day and turbulent. Our next stop is Grangeville, Idaho. Grangeville is one of the jumping off points for people going into the back friends. country and it is one of the few paved strips we used. This was going to be a food stop, but as it turned out there was no way to get into town to the nearest restaurant. After a little conference we decided to head back to McCall. We

give Don Gwinn and Wayne Mooneyham had a head start back and John King and I, in the C-182, and Don Wolfe and Gary Morning in the C-180 follow them out. As I get back to McCall I meet up with some friends who I have not seen in five or so years. They just so happen to see me walking



across the ramp at McCall and gave me a call. The last time we got together was in Dreggs, Wyoming. Don Gwinn and I had visited them for a day. We got together a little later that evening to catch up on things and had a great time. This trip has been a short one of only a couple of days for me and I am just about to stop worrying about the business and now we leave next day for home. On Wednesday morning early, John and I leave with Don Wolfe and Gary Morning in the lead and just over three hours later we are in Auburn and this how our trip ended. We have some great pictures and memories of a time with friends.

Well that is about all for this month. I wish I had more time to tell of our adventures. For now Good Night Miss Daisy. The Prop Turner Mike Duncan

Past Scholarship Recipients Updates

James Jacobson is 20 years old he'll graduate from UND John D. Odegard School of Aerospace in December. He's now a CFII and is teaching aerobatics to build his flight time and make some income.



Brandon Brown has a dream summer job working with and flying Seaplanes at Kenmore Air in Kenmore, WA. He completed his Seaplane Pilot training and has the opportunity to fly various Kenmore Seaplane aircraft, from the Super Cub to the Cessna Caravan. Local pilots have also reached out, allowing him to fly their varied aircraft. He returns to CA soon to finish college.



Mach 5 Musings

Summer is in full swing! We're smack dab in the middle of the season, and it's already proven to be one for the record books. Most spend their summers camping, fishing, or going to the beach, but **Mach 5** decided to head north on a 'pilgrimage' to beautiful Talkeetna Alaska! It was a dream come true to fly wild Alaska with renowned pilot **Don Lee**, and we had so much to say about it that we wrote another article for this newsletter! Be sure and read all about it, and see some of the beautiful pictures that came from it as well.

The sun... it burns! Boy has it been sweltering here at the Auburn Airport, and our students have been hot as well! We've had many in the past month take off all on their own with their very first solo. I've been told that there's nothing quite like that feeling, after all – it denotes one becoming a true 'pilot.' It's the real deal! It's true what they say, and a serious combination of fear, excitement, guts and glory! I know this firsthand, because on June 23rd, I soloed in our beloved Piper Warrior ... and it was AMAZING! No, I did not lose a bet. I'm dressed in a T-Rex costume because it's a great reminder to always conquer your fears and never let them hold you back! **Shane Looney** took the chance to solo as well on July 1st and celebrates with his instructor **Allen Davis**. **Ryan Johnston** also soloed this

month on July 19th with Allen, and Jamie Lou took to the skies that very same day under the direction of her instructor Chester Gault. We also celebrated Jason Hertzell on becoming a commercial pilot on July 10th! Way to go everyone, great work!

Our Intro to Tailwheel and Aerobatics WINGS seminar was a huge success, and we'd like to thank Parachute Master Rigger Allen Silver, Tony Wright, and Dennis Pearson for being our speakers. It was a wonderful time, and we all walked away more knowledgeable and safe than when we arrived. And speaking of events, how would you like to experience the 2018 Airshow from a very unique perspective? Our friends at the California Capital Airshow are looking for volunteers, and this could be your chance for a one of a kind "backstage pass" access to all of the excitement of this year's 100th year anniversary celebration! Go to the californiacapitalairshow.com website and click on the "get involved" button to learn more!

Looking forward, we are set to begin our next Private Pilot Ground School on August 21st. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm- 8:30pm in the Auburn Municipal Building, 13698 New Airport Road. Until next time, we'll see you around KAUN!

Blue Skies, Julia Roberts







If we were to throw caution to the wind right now and jump in the car, queue up the road trip jams on the radio, and book it out of Auburn California - we'd make it to Talkeetna, Alaska in a mere 56 hours along a whopping 3,053-mile journey. As the crow flies, it's only 1,761 nautical miles over endless farms, fields, forests, mountainous landscapes, and an ocean before you've hit the 'mecca' for true pilot life experience. Alaska has 6 times as many pilots per capita and 16 times as many aircraft when compared to the rest of the United States and is home to the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world. This last June, a well-planned Mach 5 friends & family 'pilgrimage' led us to the funky-little-aviation-town of Talkeetna, Alaska for an unforgettable aviation adventure.

Our gracious host, legendary bush pilot **Don Lee**, and his team from NatGeo's 'Alaska Wingmen' TV series hosted our group in his breathtaking lodge on Christiansen Lake, home of **Alaska Floats & Skis**. Finding words to describe the experience is a challenge – we will try: magical, enchanting, wondrous and maybe awe-inspiring? The landscape was breathtaking, but the buffet of aircraft to choose from was awesome - a veritable plethora of floatplanes, bush wheel planes and skis galore! The CFIs were highly skilled and tons of fun. The hospitality was top notch, and the flying and destinations nearby were the stuff dreams are made

of

There were about two-dozen of us in total. Some spent their time earning their floatplane rating; some came to fly into unimaginable landing areas and polish their flying skills, and some came just to enjoy the beauty of Alaska, endless outdoor activities and fun nightly gatherings. **K2 & Sheldon Aviation** offered flightseeing trips giving both the flyer and nonflyer the chance to explore the Denali area, as well as glacier tours and even glacier landings! There was reindeer sausage for breakfast (Rudy in a Parka), hand-made brick oven pizza parties, nature hikes, canoe shenanigans, camp fires, hanging out at the Denali Brewing Company for regular 'post-flight briefings', and endless bear, caribou, eagle and moose sightings... SO many moose!

The sights, sounds and tastes of Alaska made it nearly impossible to leave. The Mach 5 Team already has next year's trip dates planned, but if this sounds like your kind of adventure BEWARE! Something happens to you here. You lose all track of time and days, fall deeply in love with the people, and remain in endless awe of the views, excitement and lifestyle. None of us wanted to come home and we're absolutely sure we are all permanently different than when we arrived. Until our next visit -- Talkeetna, Alaska will forever remain in our minds, hearts and soul.

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At the Meeting

Thanks to **Bill (and Willie) Wootton** for bringing a wide range of rocket equipment to the meeting. One main message he had for aviators is that of safety. There are rocket clubs and "launches" all over the country on any given weekend. Even though the clubs notify the FAA about these events, where projectiles shoot into the sky up to altitudes of 50,000 feet, the FAA decides where to post (or not to post) this information. He cautioned us to watch NOTAMS for designated launch days as TFRs are not always put in place. Dozens and dozens of rockets are launched over short period of time. Where to learn more? National Association of Rocketry and Tripoli Rocketry <u>Association</u> are the two main rocket organizations.





We also had a presentaion from Ms. **Sydney Greene**. Sydney is a Placer High School who has been flying for 3 years with the EAA Young Eagles program. The local chapter sent Sydney and one other local young person on a scholarship to EAA Academy in Oshkosh in late June. She built a wing, flew sims and played Aeronautics Jeopardy, flew a Cessna 162, fabricated a metal case for a clock, made a model glider and learned about using forces of nature to stay aloft. Rockets! (Did Sydney mention rockets?) She also had to fabricate equipment that would protect an egg during a large drop to the ground (Her design protected the egg.), and she designed a form for an airfoil out of fiberglass composite formed over Styrofoam. Oh yeah, and they took a trip to the museum and flew in a Bell 47 helicopter. She said it was much smoother than flying a fixed wing plane. Sydney is interested in design engineering for the Air Force.

Notes From Your Secretary By Joanie Mooneyham

We have several vehicles in place to bring in funds for our scholarships. Each month we have the opportunity to share them with you at our meetings but I thought it might be helpful to see a list and how the funds are distributed.

Polo Shirts - See the full page for polo shirts with the AAA logo embroidered on the breast. Men's and women's sizes are available. These are embroidered right here on the airport and are reasonably priced at \$22.00.

Bricks at the Col. Bud Anderson Statue - An opportunity to honor someone while supporting our scholarship program. The cost per brick is \$500 with \$450 going into a special "Col. Bud Anderson Scholarship Fund." Once we have \$2,500 in this fund a scholarship will be awarded. The while others have been accepted into military academies. bricks are placed when we have five of them to install.

Wreaths Across America - A truly wonderful program of placing wreaths on the graves of our veterans in our Auburn cemeteries. This takes place in December of each

year. The cost to have a wreath placed is \$15 with \$5 coming back to our association.

AAA Cookbooks - All those wonderful recipes we share monthly are available in our cookbook for \$7.

AAA Ball Caps - \$10 - what a deal! It's a hat with the AAA logo.

Many of you have been amazingly generous by adding extra when you complete your membership renewal each year. These funds all go into supporting our program for getting these young folks started fulfilling their dream of becoming an active participant in aviation. Many of our scholarship recipients have gone onto careers in aviation We are proud of each of them and their accomplishments.

Without YOU none of this would be possible - so Thank You!

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Photos



Many thanks to our volunteers who have worked events this year raising awareness and dollars for AAA scholarships —This group is keeping cool at the July Friday Flydays event.



Scholarship recipients from left to right: Jeanie Marshall, Renata Mackenroth, Kevin Goehring, Sierra College Aeronautics Professor, Jaian's mother, Jaian Jiminez, Walt Wilson, Wayne Mooneyham.



AS YOU READ THIS, AAA members Ray Lux, Natalie Lux, Ken Lux and Tim Pinkney (from left to right are enjoying the sights and sounds at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.



A&P Scholarship Recipient Jaian Jimenez (in the center) with his mom and Scholarship Director Walt Wilson.

Friday Flydays





See What's to Come!

Come on out for this special Law Enforcement themed fundraiser. Entry to this event is free and all ages are welcome! This month, our fundraiser goes to support the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Opportunities for donating will come from purchasing a Bi-Plane ride for \$250, a commemorative mug, a "Friday Flydays" hat, or by graciously contributing to the multiple donation baskets placed around the event. We will have various aviation clubs present, representatives from various Law Enforcement Agencies, unique aircraft and Law Enforcement aircraft on display, the Placer County K9 Unit and Off Highway Vehicle, and of course FREE FOOD! Bring the whole family! We look forward to seeing you there!

Military and Veteran Appreciation Day at the California State Fair

When not promoting the Auburn Airport aviation causes, three of our AAA members who are military veterans participated in the **MRE Cooking Challenge** as part of **Military and Veteran Appreciation Day** at the California State Fair last week, put on by the **California National Guard**. The challenge was to make these dehydrated delights into Meals-Really-Enticing.

At right: **Retired Navy Commander Tim Pinkney** and his cooking partner show off their gourmet entry made from a military MRE rations at the State Fair.



At left: A Marine during her active duty, **Julia Roberts** proudly and enthusiastically shows off the State Fair ribbon she and her cooking partner won for converting military food into a gourmet meal.

Lower right: Airport Manager **Walt Wilson** poses with the contestants he recruited for the California Department of Veteran Affairs "MRE Cooking Challenge." Left is Julia Roberts, middle is Tim Pinkney, **Walt Wilson** is on the right.

Below: Transformation underway. Julia and her chefpartner took a dehydrated military field meal and transformed



rield meal and transformed it into a Blue ribbon winning gourmet meal as judged by a panel of 5 military personnel. In the background, Tim Pinkney checks out the meal prep of the eventual winner of the culinary cooking competition, Julia Roberts.



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.



CALIFORNIA'S

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

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Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

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