



AAA Events

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General Membership MEETING

Wednesday, August 5

This month's General Membership meeting will be held over Zoom. The in-person BBQ will wait. Click on the date, above, to register and for the meeting link.

5AC MEETING

Thursday,

Thursday, August 13

Please join the 5AC (Auburn Airport Association Airport Advisory Committee) for a meeting using the Zoom platform. Click on the date, above, to register and for the meeting link.



Many thanks to Larry Jobe for recounting his exciting trip halfway around the world with the C-47 during our July General Membership meeting. Larry is President of the [Flying Tiger Historical Organization](#).

Vice President's Message

Our ancient ancestors lived in small groups; we're told their odds of survival increased if there were others nearby to help with the tasks of daily life. At night we imagine them around the fire, telling the tales of their culture and feeling safe, surrounded by their family and friends.

In the modern world, almost all of us have communities in our life that mimic those of our distant forebears: family, church, work, leisure activities, and many other groups all contribute to meet important needs in our lives.

Recently, a family in our aviation community suffered the tragic and unexpected loss of their youngest son, Jason. We, as their friends and fellow aviation community members, extend our deepest and most sincere sympathies to Lisa and AAA President Randy Leys, and their family--Casey and Taylor and Caitlin. Words can scarcely express the sorrow we feel, and I know that all of us want to be there to support them in any way we can through this unimaginably difficult time.

On another front, Auburn Airport members raised money and purchased the additional outdoor seating tent for Wings Café. Hats off to the generous donors who organized and contributed to this successful community effort.

Next month's AAA meeting on August 5 would normally be our annual barbeque. The board has discussed it and decided to continue meeting digitally for the time being.

Looking forward to better days and clear skies!

VP Doug McDougall



As The Prop Turns

Well summer is about half over and some hot days are still ahead of us. Despite this the students keep coming and moving ahead with their dreams. **Chris Lull** passed his Private Pilot check ride with **Dr. Jim Duvall** as his pilot examiner and **Camile Tricomo** as his flight instructor. Chris worked long and hard to get his rating with several stops and starts in his training, but he finally got it. **Josh Herguth** achieved his Private Pilot Certificate. **Richard Conte** was his pilot examiner and **Peter Hastert** his instructor.



Unlike Chris, Josh managed to knock out his rating in almost record time. Not far behind is **Igor Dos Santos** who soloed in a C-172 with Peter Hastert as his instructor. It is very common to have to overcome obstacles and delays in pursuit of flight achievements. **Phil Vardara** worked hard for three years to achieved his private pilot certificate this month. Congratulations to Phil and to all on a job well done.

On a more somber note, this past month has been a sad one for all of us. **Merv Hall** died after a prolonged illness and **Kelly Kreeger** died in a midair collision. Both in the last month. Both leaving a legacy behind for us.

Merv Hall was mover and shaker in the town of Auburn for over sixty years. A longtime member of the Navy League, a founding member of the Auburn Community Cancer Foundation One, a member of the Day Break Rotary, the exchange Club, and past President of the Kiwanis. At one time he was named as one of the top 100 people to make a difference in Auburn. Also among his many legacy accomplishments is the airport which we all have come to enjoy and love. Merv, along with six other people, set about in the late sixties to bring this airport out of the doldrums the city had put it in. Dilapidated facilities, overdue tie down fees,

flowage fee in arrears, and no one in the city with the wherewithal or knowledge to bring federal money into the airport for improvements. Merv and his group set about writing grants, contacting the FAA, and personally flew members of the city to the various airports and meetings with the FAA. They collaborated with the city to build the airport as we see today and the industrial that helps support it. There is a plaque at the base of the flag pole at KAUN. On this plaque is the names of those people who had the vision to keep this airport alive. Merv was honored at his funeral for his accomplishments with a flag presentation and fly-by with a missing man formation (see attached



pictures). Let us continue to preserve his legacy for the future generations.

Kelly Kreeger died this month in midair collision doing what she enjoyed; participating in aviation. She had a long time fascination and enjoyment of aviation and found a home here in Auburn. As a longtime friend and traveling companion of **Col. "Bud" Anderson**, she helped him with various travel arrangements and helped start his fan club. This helped her to meet many aviation pioneers and to inspire young people - the next generation of pilots - to get to know some of the heroes of the past generation as role models. It has been my pleasure to work with Kelly on several projects locally to help promote aviation and its past. She will be missed.

In honor to these heroes there have been contributions made to our scholarship foundation in their names.

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

Mike Duncan, The Prop Turner

Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy during these unpredictable times. We here at Mach 5 Aviation are blessed to have been able to keep our doors open and operate at near normal conditions. Because of that, we have seen some fantastic accomplishments so far this month.

To celebrate our nation's independence, we have **Blaze Grubbs** who completed his first solo! With the training and guidance given to him by **Brandon Kane** he took to the air and gained some independence of his own. Blaze is no stranger to hard work. He is ranked #1 world wide in the U17 category for water skiing! With the kind of dedication, determination, and humility Blaze shows, there is no question that we will be celebrating him passing his check ride soon. Keep it up!

Next up we have **Richard Norlie** who passed his Private Pilot check ride! He has been working towards this goal for quite some time, all the while working full time. As any pilot knows, achieving this milestone is no easy feat and cannot be done without an amazing instructor. Luckily for Rich, he had **Mike Richardson**

to help him get to this point. Rich is now ready to take on the skies and start working on his instrument rating. We cannot wait to see what he accomplishes next!

Lastly we have one of our very own instructors, **BJ Schilling** who passed his CFII check ride! He is now licensed and ready to instruct the next generation of instrument pilots. Along with flying and instructing, BJ holds a full time job as a Reno Police Officer. Being able to find time to fly and instruct takes passion, dedication, and lots of juggling. We cannot thank him enough for being a part of the team as well as serving the communities of Reno.

These accomplishments show us that people are capable of great things when given the opportunity and training/guidance. Let us take their example and apply it to our daily lives. Stay humble, kind, and always lift one another up.

Stay safe and healthy KAUN.

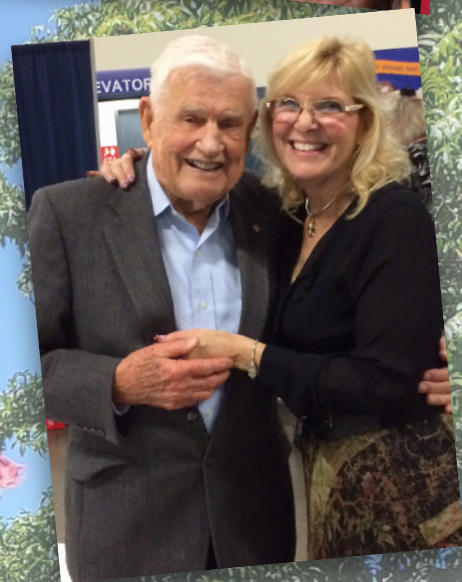
Blue skies and tailwinds.



Gone West

When Kelly Kreeger thought something needed doing, she did it. One of her driving missions was to see that Bud Anderson (pictured together right center) and other WWII veterans were appreciated and honored while they were alive to see it. She managed one of Bud's fan clubs, she threw elaborate birthday parties - most recently his 98th - for him, raising money for aviation scholarships in the process. On Flag day this June, she arranged a special socially-distanced parade and flyover at Bud's house. On July 5th, Kelly was flying with pilot and friend Jay Cawley (pictured together at top right) over Lake Coeur d'Alene when they collided with a charter float plane. The family is planning a memorial event for Kelly at the Auburn Airport when threat of the virus has lessened.

- Chris Haven, Mike Duncan, and Tammy Meredith contributing.



Merv Hall received military honors at his funeral. Wife Barbara says that the T-6 flyover came just as she was presented with the flag at Merv's burial.



Photos



Kelly Kreeger is pictured here with the late Jerry Pooler. Thanks to Nora Pooler for the photo.



That's Merv Hall's Model A on the left.



CORRECTION

We regret the misspelling of lifetime member Jerry Severson's name in the July newsletter. Yes, the same Jerry Severson who spoke to our group recently, and whose wife, Nancy is now helping with donations management. Here he is pictured with Bud Anderson.

Good News

USAF Pilot Training Milestone

On 10 July 2020, AAA member **Brice Corcoran** graduated undergraduate pilot training (UPT) at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi, earning his Air Force pilot wings. The program teaches students like Brice the fundamentals of military aviation in the 1100 horsepower T-6 Texan II before moving on to the T-1 Jayhawk and learning how to fly as a crew and the basics of how to fly heavy aircraft in the military environment.

Once a student graduates UPT, they are eligible for FAA commercial and instrument ratings as well as type ratings in the Beech 400A or T-38C, depending on what they flew in training. It is one of many doors opened by earning USAF pilot wings.

Brice said UPT was the most challenging thing he's done so far, but also the most rewarding. He looks forward to flying in the operational Air Force, and getting back home to Beale AFB after a stint in Washington for survival school and a few months in Oklahoma learning the KC135-R.



Note from Private Pilot Frank Bell

On July 14, 2020, I passed my check ride to get my private pilot license. I just finished my 3/C (Sophomore) year at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. I am part of the Rugby Club there, and I major in Oceanography. I would like to thank the Auburn Aviation Association for helping me achieve my goal of becoming a private pilot, and I look forward to the journey that lies ahead.

Very Respectfully,

Frank Bell



Thanks to **Tom Dwelle** and a group of about ten generous benefactors on the airport - WINGS is the proud owner of a 40*40 foot tent for outdoor dining. Please support this airport mainstay!

OPEN
WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
8AM TO 2 PM

Come to the patio or
Call ahead 530-885-0428 or
Visit wingsgrillcurbside.com

Lifetime Member Tom Murray

AAA Lifetime Member Tom Murray has been an avid aviator and aircraft owner for over 41 years. He began this journey by earning his Private Pilot Single Engine License in 1979 and Multiengine and Instrument ratings in 1980. In 2002 Tom earned his Commercial Pilot License and became a CFII Flight instructor in 2004. This is a very impressive collection of licenses and ratings for anyone, let alone a person that has flown primarily for business and pleasure.

Tom began his aircraft ownership program with partnerships in a 1979 Piper Archer followed by a 1972 Piper Seneca twin. Next was sole ownership of



a 1971 Cessna 210, then 1980 Cessna P210, 1976 Piper Aztec twin, new 2002 Beechcraft A36, Kitfox taildragger, (" WHAT ???" Tom's words) and finally a beautiful 1994 Piper Jet prop with a 750 hp turbine engine, pressurized cabin and Full Garmin Avionics Suite.

In addition to his personal and business flying Tom served as a pilot for the Placer County Sheriff Department in their Panther Navajo, a high performance cabin twin. He held this volunteer position for 4 years. Tom continues to fly his beautiful PiperJet prop today, remains fully IFR qualified and has over 3650 hours of flight time in his logbook.

Tom Murray's approach to training, currency and safety is second to none. His love of aviation and airplanes is inspiring to all of us that know him. Tom is the very first person to step up and become a Lifetime Member of our organization. His support of our scholarship and mentoring programs as well as our airport is highly commendable.

Thank you Tom Murray. You bring positive energy to our organization and airport. You set an excellent example for the next generation to follow!

Don Wolfe

New Member Diane Hammer

New AAA member Diane Hammer is no stranger to the Auburn airport. Formerly employed for four years with Sunshine Flyers, she graduated from Sac State last year with a degree in Criminal Justice. She is working on bringing her private pilot's license current. What better way than working at the airport? Diane has been an advocate of the airport. She partnered with Ben Foss to produce the Friday Flydays events for the last two summers.

Welcome back to the airport, Diane, and welcome to AAA.

Mike Duncan



Idaho 2020 Excursion

by Don Wolfe

At "O Dark Thirty" on June 24 four airplanes departed KAUN for Johnson Creek, ID. **Don Wolfe** and **Mike Greenlee** were in a Cessna 180 and **Wayne Mooneyham** lead a flight of 3 Citabrias with **Steve Fitzgerald** and **Dan Foster** in trail. The flight of Citabrias stopped at Winnemucca (KWMC) for fuel then joined the 180 in Nampa ID (KMAN) for fuel and lunch. The airport restaurant was set up for "social distancing" and we all enjoyed a nice lunch on the upper deck patio while watching airplanes come and go on the Nampa runway. All that remained was a short 45 minute flight in to the Frank Church Wilderness where the Johnson Creek runway is located. (3U2)



We met up with former Auburn resident **Don Gwinn** at 3U2 along with a few other friends from OR and WA. Don Gwinn had flown his Cessna 180 over from McCall, ID. (KMYL) where he and **Katie** recently built a new home. The weather was perfect and we looked forward to a week of flying in the backwoods of Idaho.

The campground at 3U2 is second to none. There are hot showers, plenty of toilets and internet in the pilot shack mid field. On previous trips to ID we've filled the airplane with camping gear and stayed in the campground. The discovery of Wapiti Meadows Ranch Lodge by Steve Fitzgerald a few years ago ended all of that. Now we "primitive camp" by taking a small ice chest, a bag of groceries and a duffle bag full of clothes to the cabins at Wapiti. Wapiti Ranch is located about 4 miles south of 3U2 where the owners **Diana and Barry Bryant** provide comfortable cabins and transportation to and from the airport.

Flights consisted of fly out breakfasts to Root Ranch and The Flying B Ranch. Steve and Dan did an excellent job of getting in to The Flying B Ranch. This is a challenging airport due to the proximity of the terrain

to the aircraft while flying the pattern. Downwind at The B is flown on the eastern side of a Rocky River canyon. Pilots need to fly about 100' over a hill in the northern part of the canyon then descend in to a "notch" on base leg. This is followed by a low left turn to south in the river canyon for final approach. The grass runway will then appear just ahead as the plane comes around the bend. Parking is on either side of the south end of the runway followed by a wagon ride to the lodge for breakfast. That was fun!

Our trip was cut short by a weather system moving in to Idaho with a forecast for freezing rain and snow. Steve departed a day earlier and the 3 remaining planes left Johnson Creek on Saturday evening. We took off in fairly high winds and had a bumpy ride to Nampa for a dinner at Dennys and night in the Motel 6.

Early the next morning we loaded up the planes and flew back to KAUN. Dan Foster had been "Tail End Charlie" all week due to the higher horsepower of Wayne and Steve's Citabrias. On the way to Winnemucca Dan had a trick up his sleeve. He flew at low altitude out of the head winds and passed Wayne who was at flying in the cool smooth air at 8500'. Every friend of Wayne's knows that a second place finish is not in his playbook. Dan was unable to repeat this performance on the leg to KAUN and most likely will never repeat it again! All in all it was a good trip, with good flying and good "social distancing" by everyone.



The Last Warbird Scramble

It was just getting light and the pilots all knew
Their destiny beckoned as onward they flew
Each knew in his heart that this was his fate
There was no stopping now for History won't wait
They flew at top speed; there wasn't a noise
Like time had stopped still, on the brink they were poised
There were fighters and bombers, of both quite a few
They flew in formation so all would get through
The usual pilots' chatter was now all but gone
The silence was heavy as they streaked through the dawn
Each man was quiet, his thoughts were his own
If they didn't make it, he would be all alone
Ahead the field loomed like a shadow long past
The old crumbling runways were coming up fast
They peered through the cover as they put down their flaps
It looked deserted; were they too late perhaps?
As they touched down and landed, all let out sighs
The P-51 was a sight for sore eyes
It sat there majestically with tales to tell
Of glorious dog-fights and many a kill
They saw the old Quonset as they leaped to the ground
Except for the wind, there wasn't a sound
The old rundown building had seen better days
But it still looked familiar in many ways
They opened the door and stepped into the shack
All held their breath as they looked at his back
The shoulders were drooped and the hair very gray
But they knew it was him, as if yesterday
There were tears in his eyes as he turned around
With a wave of his hand he bade them sit down
They knew what their job was with no time for sorrow
If they weren't successful there'd be no tomorrow
He went through the briefing in the familiar, crisp voice
Only this was for keeps; they'd all made their choice
The year was 2000; they were the last of a breed
The country was falling and in desperate need
All that was left were these legends they flew
And the pilots who flew them were ancient ghosts too
This warbird squadron was the only slim hope
For a dying America going under the yoke
When he was done, he stated their aims
"To fight to a victory or go down in flames"
So out they all went to their gallant old birds
And climbed into the cockpits without further words
The ghostly old squadron then flew out of sight
To the last warbird scramble, the last gallant fight.





2020 marks the 29th year that Wreaths Across America will provide wreaths to honor and celebrate the lives of our Fallen Heroes in the battles to keep our country free. The wreaths will be placed on graves of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard and POW/MIAs. The ceremony to place the wreaths is scheduled for 9:00AM, Saturday, December 19th, 2020, at the New Auburn Cemetery, 1040 Collins Dr., Auburn, CA. The ceremony might be different from past years depending on how we will be affected by the Coronavirus orders - i.e., stay at home restrictions, limits of attendees at social events, etc. However, we have until November 11th to complete our orders and participate in this very special program. A side benefit is that our Association receives funds from the sale of the wreaths thus supplementing our scholarship program. Please take a few minutes and complete the form and mail it in with your check to the address on the form.

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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.



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