



## AAA Events

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### DECEMBER MEETING

**Wednesday, December**

Join us for our annual holiday social. There will be potluck, music, and general merriment. No speaker.

### JANUARY MEETING

**Wednesday, January 8**

Movie Night! AAA member Marcia Winborne-Graven will present a film of her brother, artist and air racer Fred Sebb, traveling in his open cockpit plane to Oshkosh.

### JANUARY MEETING

**Wednesday, February 5**

AAA Members Jerry Severson and Nancy Benjamin will tell us of their trip to Moosehead Lake, Maine, to the [International Seaplane Fly-In](#).

## DEC MENU

AAA will provide turkey and gravy for our December meeting. Please bring a side dish as follows:

**A-J: Dessert**

**K-Q: Potatoes**

**V-Z: Salad**

**R-U: Stuffing**

## President's Message

Aside from another summer season of flying activities coming to a close, for the AAA, a year of change and transition is winding up. Of course, the big change for us has been the establishment and initial funding of our endowment. That process has taken a fair amount of work and decision-making, as well as leaps of faith on the part of your Board of Directors. Our initial funding efforts have been fruitful, and we are almost two-thirds of the way to the point where the endowment will be able to produce a scholarship every year . . . forever. Of course, we'd like to continue to build the endowment so that we can increase the opportunities that we will have to assist deserving young folks in our community in achieving their aviation career goals in the future. And, as we pursue that funding goal, keep in mind that: *"One person's trash is another one's treasure"*

One of our end-of-the-year activities will be a silent auction to be held at our monthly meeting on December 4th. We are looking for donations of items to be raffled off to the highest bidder, with all proceeds going into our endowment. Although the items to be auctioned will probably center around aviation related things, don't limit yourself to that. Want to clear Uncle Harry's Louisville Slugger baseball bat out of the hall closet? Someone at our meeting just might want it. Have a 1951 issue of *National Geographic Magazine*? Bring it in, and let someone bid on it. Do you build wooden birdhouses in your free time? Or, maybe you have a personally autographed photo of Scholarship Chairman Don Wolfe. *Surely* someone will bid on that! How about that unused David Clark headset that's been collecting dust in the back of your closet for the last five years? Some new pilot will need it. A gift certificate from our own Wings Grill? Or maybe the Owner's Manual to a 1958 Bellanca Cruisemaster? We will also be auctioning off all of the beautiful selection of aircraft models that were on display at our last month's meeting.

This is going to be fun and, again, all of the proceeds from the auction will go directly into our endowment.

If you are going to bring something for us to auction, I'd suggest that you plan to arrive a bit on the early side--maybe around 5:30 or so. That will give us time to get our displays organized and bid sheets set out and marked. And finally, everyone, bring cash or your checkbook so that you can take home some unexpected treasures.

As my year's tenure as your president comes to an end, I want to offer some thank yous. First of all to all of the directors and committee chairs. Without their hard work and dedication, the Auburn Aviation Association would not be the success that it is. To every single one of the members of our organization, thanks for supporting us and giving us the opportunity to do what we do. And, finally, thanks to everyone for humoring me and putting up with my shenanigans for the last year.

Blue skies,

Doug



# As the Prop Turns

# Mike Duncan

Santa is getting ready for that one magic day of the year. He's preparing his sleigh, reindeer, and himself, too. Meanwhile, our students are continuing to work

toward their own Christmas presents. **Loo Ng** soloed in the Light Sport at Lincoln with **Randy Leys** as his instructor. You will know Loo from the presentation he made at

AAA a year ago about starting an aviation program at William Jessup University. Randy was also involved in getting **Larry Meyers** in the air solo. Larry soloed originally out of Rio Linda (L36) in his Dova DA-1 and has since soloed out of the Auburn Airport. **Christian Watt** soloed in the C-152 with **Camile Tricomo** as his

instructor. It was actually a first solo for both them. Camile, a past AAA scholarship recipient, only recently acquired her Instructor Rating and this was her first solo from-scratch student. First solo recognition

is also in order for **Ezra Roberts-Brockway** in the C-152 with Kelly Richards as his instructor. Ezra soloed at the Grass Valley airport (KGOO). Ezra works at that airport fueling airplanes and wanted to solo at his home airport in front of his friends. While Kelly has had his Instructor Rating for over a year, this is also his first solo student from scratch. After earning his instructor rating Kelly moved to the mid-west to fly aerial survey work before coming back to Auburn to teach. **Peter**

Ezra Roberts-Brockaway (left) with CFI Kelly Richards



**Hastert** earned his Instructor rating this past month and is now working as a Flight Instructor. Peter passed his check ride with **Richard Conte** as his DPE and Mike Duncan as his instructor. Meanwhile **Jeff Palm** has earned his tailwheel endorsement from Mike Duncan. Although, Jeff has had his Pilot Certificate for a number

Peter Hastert with examiner Richard Conte



of years, he has upgraded his skills by learning to fly a tail wheel aircraft. Congratulations to all on furthering your adventures in aviation.

On the subject of adventures, this past month **Don Gwinn, Don Wolfe**, and I flew a Toy Cat (pictured next page) in the beautiful town of Biggs, CA. The Toy Cat is actually a highly modified Grumman Ag-Cat with the hopper removed along with all of the spray equipment. These modifications make room for a front seat with flight controls and a little shorter wing span. The owner uses the aircraft to fly customers over their fields and to break-in new ag-pilots. Our opportunity came when **Mike Polit**, a current CFI student who has been working for Jones Aviation in Biggs invited us to fly the airplane and tour the facility. We arrived in two

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Larry Meyers



Camile Tricomo with Christian Watt



# As the Prop Turns, continued.

Citabrias to begin the tour. We spent about an hour walking around and sitting in various aircraft, including a Turbine power Thrush. The shop area allowed the mechanic to fabricate anything they might need or build anything they need. Then we came to the Toy Cat. We took it out of the hangar and I got to be the first to ride the front seat. The only controls that I did not have were the brakes. We got the engine started and waited for the oil temp to come up. We had to back taxi on the narrow (20' wide and 2600' long) runway, turn around and off we went. Mike Polit took off and turned the airplane over to me with just a few feet of altitude. After few turns, a little slow flight, and a stall or two, we headed back to the airport. Mike let me do a low level high-speed pass on the runway and then I turned the airplane back over to him. He then proceeded to give me a demonstration on how the dusters fly. We started with a look over the field he would spray and then he showed me how they lay out the various passes they do. At no time were we ever more than 500' agl. What a thrill that ride was. After landing we did a quick crew change and then Mike did the same flight for each of the Dons. It was truly a great day. Thanks, Mike.

**Laurie Smith** and **Andy Bibber** of Adventure Flight in Lincoln with support of the Placer Gold 99s sponsored a small fund raiser and support party for **Tammy Meredith** at the Adventure Flight hangar in Lincoln. Tammy is the membership director for AAA and an employee at Sunshine Flyers. Back in June of this year, Tammy was diagnosed with cancer and has been on a leave of absence with us ever since. She has been through strong chemotherapy session for the last four months and, depending on that outcome, surgery may be in the near future. Many of you have already been a great support, helping her through her trials. The party was a great success. **Brian Paz** from our Friday Fly Days provided the music. The food was a great potluck kind of affair. A silent auction was conducted with many donated prizes to include a biplane ride and a ride with **Julie Clark**. About seventy five people showed up to support Tammy in her ordeal. From all of us we wish you the best of luck in the coming New Year.

Well that is about all for now. Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



Loo NG with Randy Leys



Modified Toy Cat





# Photos



Laurie Smith and Andy Bibber of Adventure Flight in Lincoln threw a fundraising party for Tammy Meredith in November. Upper left: Tammy's family and friends have been a great source of support through her chemotherapy treatments. Top right: Laurie, Andy, and their three boys. Center left: Tammy with Chris Haven of AAA. Center: Julie Clark donated a flight in her T-34 to be raffled at the event. See Tammy's article on the next page about Julie's retirement and last airshow.

# Julie Clark Retires

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Julie Clark, famous aerobatic pilot & Placer Gold 99, retired on Oct. 19th, after 41 years, from her aerobatic show career at Rancho Murieta. Good friends Mike & Kimberley Smith of Smith Aviation at Rancho Murieta hosted the event. We Placer Gold 99s were proud to be a part of the celebration.

Julie had several wonderful aircraft as part of the show. First up was a very fast & very loud A4 flown by Jerod Flohr. Jerod has been a good friend in the airshow business & likes to call Julie "Aunt Julie." He played in the skies over the airport & shook the ground with several low passes to make sure we were awake for the show. Trust me, we were awake! Next up was Dennis Sanders of Sanders Brothers from Lone with a gorgeous British WWII Hawker Sea Fury. Dennis wowed the crowd with his talent showing off how beautiful the Sea Fury flies finishing with a great example of wing vortices. Last but not least was Julie in her

T-34 with a very heart warming patriotic airshow to the touching song "Proud to be an American" by Lou Greenwood while trailing red, white & blue smoke filled the skies. I was trying to get that perfect shot during her show but felt like I should be standing with my hand over my heart! The moment brought tears to my eyes. Once on the ground, we all joined Julie in Mike & Kimberley's hanger to celebrate appropriately! Julie told me the event turned into a family reunion with cousins & other family members coming together for the first time in over 50 years.

Good friends in the aviation business came from all over the United States & North America: Utah, Illinois, Canada, Wyoming, New York & more. One gentleman came all the way from Windsor, Canada just to see Julie's show! It was a great day to be a 99!

Tammy Meredith, Chair - Placer Gold 99s

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## Lifetime Memberships Available

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President Doug Fee noted earlier this year that AAA now offers "Lifetime Memberships". The funds collected from these memberships are deposited in to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. The proceeds from this fund "work forever" to provide aviation scholarship opportunities to young adults in our area.

There are 3 levels of Life Memberships available on the AAA website: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Life Memberships can be purchased directly or by giving a check to an Auburn Aviation Association Board member. Members can upgrade their membership by selecting the "Change Your Membership Level" tab in the upper right hand corner of the AAA home page.

Lifetime Members will be listed as such on the Auburn Aviation Association Roster. Thank you to the members that support this valuable program.





# Mach 5 Musings

Hello KAUN! It is a wonderful start to the holiday season here at Mach 5. Just in the month of November we have had four student solos! Congratulations are owed to: **Meghan Rice, Lucas Vaughn, Joe Carlson, and Patrick Marquina!** Great job to you all, very soon you will be pilots flying to great heights. What is wonderful about all of these students is their tireless work ethic. Meghan Rice is balancing her full time job, Lucas Vaughn is working day and night in his AP high school classes, Joe Carlson has a family of little ones to look after, and Patrick Marquina is in the process of obtaining his degree in the William Jessup University Aviation program! Its amazing how they manage to chase their aspirations, we couldn't be prouder!

Patrick is the most recent student to join the William Jessup program, which has partnered with Mach 5 Aviation to provide its practical flight training needs. Instructor **Tony Pollizzi** is teaching the William Jessup private pilot ground course this

semester using the lesson plans created by Mach 5 assistant chief CFI **Andrew Moon**. The program is designed to help you earn an aviation degree while also learning how to fly with our amazing instructors!

**Emmie Smith** is our newest certified flight instructor here at Mach 5 Aviation. It is always a great experience to watch a pilot grow into a gifted instructor. Welcome to the Mach 5 team Emmie, we know you are going to help students become amazing pilots.

Speaking of amazing pilots, congrats to **Mike Altmann** who is our newest private pilot! Mike worked very hard for this and we know he is going to enjoy it to the fullest. Mike is a great example of a foreign student pilot training successfully in the U.S. Amazing job Mike!

Have a very happy Thanksgiving KAUN, we are thankful to all of you within this community.

Blue Skies and Tail Winds!



# Mach 5 Photos



## Your Gear Is Ready

The following badges can be picked up at our next general membership meeting: Dennis De Cuir, Jakub Edgar, Jonas Edgar, Steve Kendall, Tom Schaub, Larry Uzelac. And there are tee-shirts, too.

Call Joanie Mooneyham. (530) 401-0595



# Friendly Competition



Helen Dobek was the mastermind behind the paper airplane contest out behind Sunshine Flyers in November. Two teams competed in target practice and longest glide. The planes weren't very accurate. Many off-runway landings occurred, but it was a beautiful evening and a good time.

Pictured: Top left, Young Mr. Murphy. Group shot from left to right: Mike Murphy and son Carston, Tammy Meredith, Kelsey Dashiell, Helen Dubek, Kelly Richards, Mike Duncan, Aaron Langley, Casey Long with daughters Olivia and Lola, who won one of the contests. That's Helen in the bottom left picture. Casey and daughters are pictured bottom center. The dog is Aiden, Kelsey's part-time dog.









Julie Clark flew at her retirement party.



## I Fly

I'm the wings of an eagle  
The eyes of a hawk

A billowy cloud  
A falling raindrop

I'm a leaf spiraling upward  
A snowflake floating down

A breeze blowing somewhere  
Without any sound

All of these heavenly  
Things am I

Because I'm a pilot  
And I FLY!

1991 © Marcia Sebbby Winborne-Graven

*M. Graven*



Shawn Bickford stands with Doug Fee at the October AAA meeting.



Brandon Brown flew in a T-6 on the central coast this month.



These models will be up for a silent auction at our December meeting. Do you have auction-worthy items of your own for donation? Bring them to next week's meeting.



Local pilot and CFI Tom Dwelle (Jr.) took some flight training in the family 1954 Hawker Sea Fury at the Sanders Brothers' place in Lone. Ken Dwelle was the instructor.



# AAA Members List October 2019

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| Don Anderson                               | Tim Harmon                                  | Erin & Cameron Myers              |
| Mona Anderson                              | David Harris & Noah (grandson)              | Kenneth & Diana Nielsen           |
| Clarence "Bud" Anderson                    | Chris & David Haven                         | Christy Oliveira                  |
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|  |   | Scott & Sharon Woodland           |

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## LIFETIME MEMBERS

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## Engraved Bricks for Veterans

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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](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.

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

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Endowment Fund Donation (optional): \_\_\_\_\$20 \_\_\_\_\$70 \_\_\_\_\$120 Amount:

**Total Payment:**

**Mail form plus check payable to:**

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