

Auburn Aviation Association



PROP WASH

February 2017

President's Message

MEETINGS

Wednesday February 1st
Membership Meeting & Potluck
Socializing starts at 5:30 p.m.,
meeting at 6:00 p.m. As you have
seen from Tim Pinkney's newsletter
pictures, he has participated in many
historic aviation events and met more
than a few aviation legends. This
month he will share some of his and
Ken Lux's photos from Tim's first
visit to Oshkosh in 2016.

NOTICES

Guidelines for the AAA 2017
scholarship program are now
available. [Visit our website](http://www.auburnaviationassociation.org) for
details.

Your badge is ready! Dennis De
Cuir; James R. Brown; Joe Madrigal;
Alida Miller; Tom Schlub; Larry
Uzelac Pick them up for \$13.00 at
the meeting.

Walt found a set of keys left in the
community room. Call him to
identify 530-863-8224.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish to share:

A-M: Main Dish
N-Q: Dessert
R-Z: Side Dish

Last week we celebrated an aviation legend while sadly losing a
space legend.

A triumphant 95th birthday party for Col. C.E. "Bud" Anderson,
our hometown hero and WWII Triple Ace, was held at the Van Howd
Studios and Gallery. Over 150 attendees sang happy birthday after
Bud received gifts from officials. The celebratory party was organized
by our member Kelly Kreeger, who is also the President of the "Bud
Anderson Fan Club."

Bud became the first recipient to receive a "Key to the City"
presented by city council member Bill Kirby.

Besides being a local hero, he has been inducted into the National
Aviation Hall of Fame. Of the 1,447 individuals from all the wars to
become an "Ace," only 53 are living today. With his 16¼ victories, he
is our nation's "Leading Ace Living."

Last Man on the Moon astronaut and author Gene Cernan passed
away at age 82. I met him at the Reno Air Races a few years ago and
he signed my copy of his famous book. He was the fourth of the Apollo
crewman whose hands I had shook. I'm begging to realize those
moments are as close to space as I'm ever going to get. Cernan's death
leaves six moonwalkers, or half of the original dozen, still alive.

On Dec. 14, 1972, the Apollo 17 Commander stepped up from the
lunar dust and into his Lunar Module, called Challenger, becoming
the final person to walk on the moon. In less than four years, the
Apollo moon visits were over; the only manned space exploration
since has been shuttle and Soyuz flights to a few hundred miles above
the Earth.

Long live the memories of these two legends.

Fair winds,
Tim Pinkney

Aviation Humor: These
two legends, Anderson
and Cernan, prove no one
ever collided with the sky
or space.

*Photo at right: Tim
Pinkney and Col. Anderson
at the statue dedication in
May 2015.*



It has been a cold and dreary month, but despite that, several people have managed to fly. Both Rui Dias (pictured below) and Ruth Ferguson have managed to get enough flight time in to complete their first solos. Rui did



his in a C-172 with Greg Pellerin as his instructor. Ruth soloed under the guidance of Mike Poteet as her instructor and also in a C-172. Additionally, Mike Polit managed to earn his commercial pilot certificate despite broken airplanes, scheduling problems, and of course, the weather. Mike is now on his way to getting his instructor rating and building his hours and taking his vow of poverty. Ultimately Mike hopes to get into aerial application work. Good luck to all on a job well done.

Thanks to Sonja Conklin for making a presentation on the air ambulance membership program AirMedCare Network. Three local air ambulance services combined with this national organization to provide emergency medical transportation anywhere in the country. Visit joinairmedcarenetwork.com to learn more. Be sure to ask about the AAA discount. I was so impressed I enlisted each of my employees in the program. Sonja Conklin, Membership Manager, MSM 13818 AirMedCare Network, 530-648-6455 cell

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Our own Col. "Bud" Anderson (pictured at right) celebrated his 95th birthday this past month. Kelly Kreeger organized a party at the Van Howd's studio on New Airport Rd. More than a hundred people attended along with several congressmen or their representatives, several county supervisors, Placer County Sheriff, and city council members; all of whom gave a short speech. Col. Anderson's speech was the best. He said "Thank You." He said that he had a long speech prepared which was "Thank you very much." The party was sponsored by The Ridge, Flyers Energy, TGH, Nyack, the Grocery Outlet, and of course Doug and Nancy Van Howd. I think a good time was had by all and I hope that I will be around for his next party. Happy Birthday, Col. "Bud" Anderson.

Speaking of celebrating Col. Anderson, you may be familiar with the engraved bricks program that helped raise funds for the statue honoring veterans that stands outside of Wings restaurant. Engraved bricks are still available. You can honor the veteran in your family and help educate young pilots at the same time. Income from the bricks now goes into the AAA scholarship fund. Contact Joanie Mooneyham if you are interested in purchasing a brick.



Well it is that time of year again when our scholarship applicants should be turning in their essays. If you know of someone between 16 and 22 years of age looking for some assistance in getting their pilot's license, now is that time to get them to turn in an application. This year there will be the addition of two A&P scholarships awarded with Sacramento City College offering instruction. You can contact Walt Wilson or any of the other board members for information or you can find a copy of the application on the AAA web site.

Well that is about it for this month. Try to stay safe, warm, and dry in this rainy weather. Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop turner
Mike Duncan

Photos



Top left: On Saturday Jan. 14th, some of the Placer Gold 99s & their families headed to Knee Deep Brewery to see one of their own, Tiffani Shiro, entertain the crowd. What a great time we had munching on goodies brought by the group, not to mention the tasty selection of beers. Their music drew quite a crowd throughout the night. Thank you Lisa (band member) for helping me get a large table for our group. We also partied with Tiffani's family celebrating Nancy, her sister-in-law's, birthday! Many of us ran into some old friends along with making new ones. Some of us (I won't mention names) closed down the place. Thank you Tiffani for a fun night. Pictured L to R is Hugh Hoeger, Tiffani Shiro & Lisa Bond killing it on the fiddle! - Tammy Meredith, Placer Gold 99s

Top Right: AirMedCare Network rep Sonja Conklin with AAA Membership Director Larry Borchert. Bottom Left: AAA President Tim Pinkney with our January speaker Steve Ainsworth. Bottom right: Gary Vogt's mother Shirley A Worthen (left) is pictured with new member Gaylie Stewart (center) and AAA Secretary Joanie Mooneyham.

More Photos



Clockwise from Top left: Darcy Brewer, left, Executive Director, California Capital Airshow, AAA President Tim Pinkney, and Kelley Kreeger, President, The Colonel Bud Anderson Fan Club; Col. Anderson shows off Auburn's first ever Key to the City;" Three veterans of two wars—Tim Pinkney, Fran Ferry and Tom Dwelle — share a moment reflecting on flying while in combat; Tom Dwelle explains the details of the painting describing the bombing of the Japanese super battleship Yamato in April 1945. One of the pilots on that destructive mission was Auburn resident Fran Ferry, now 97, and in attendance for the special birthday party of his fellow WWII Flyboy; Cake; Seven-time Reno Air Races Unlimited Class winner Steven Hinton, Jr. (on left) flew up from Chino to pay his respects to the World War II Ace. He and his father, two-time Reno Air Races Unlimited Class winner Steve Hinton, Sr. (on right) were enshrined in the prestigious International Air and Space Hall of Fame in November.

Membership and/or 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:(Please PRINT) _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Ratings: Private Commercial CFI Instrument Other _____

Aircraft: _____

Annual Family Membership: \$30.00 Dues: _____

Name Badge: \$13.00 each Name to be printed: _____ Amount: _____

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): Amount _____ Total: _____

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