



AAA Events

FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 6th

AAA Scholarship Committee members **Don Wolfe** and **Larry Borchert** kick off scholarship season 2019.

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 6th

AAA Past President and NASA Ambassador **Tim Pinkney** explains the Mars Mission: InSight.

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 3rd

Auburn pilot and AAA member **Ken Dwelle** relays the "first" flight of the former Reno Air Races plane Critical Mass after more than a decade.

POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a potluck dish according to the first letter of your last name:

A-M: Main Dish

N-Q: Dessert

R-Z: Side Dish or Salad



President's Message

Who Are We?

Someone on the airport a while back asked me just what it was that the Auburn Aviation Association does. Which got me to thinking (yes, a painful process). What, and who, are we? What is our reason for being here? After thinking it over, as I see it, AAA serves three separate and distinct functions at our airport:

Airport Advocacy. We are a user's group. We work with the city and our airport manager to address the needs of the airport facility, as well as the wants of the airport users. I believe that we are fortunate to, at the present time, to have city leadership who has a positive attitude toward what the airport can contribute to the greater Auburn community. I say "fortunate" because there are many small airports today who are under siege from the local community. Not all small airports are as fortunate as we are in having a largely cooperative relationship with the local community's leaders.

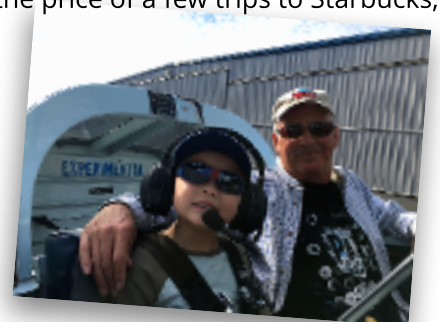
Scholarship Program. Many would say that this is our most important function. We are willing and able to help to foster the future of both aviation, and our local youth. When you look at the quality and commitment of our scholarship recipients, its hard to not feel proud about our part in helping these fine young people. What could be more important, and more fulfilling, to us as an organization?

A Social Organization at the Airport. There are some who might discount the importance of this aspect of our organization. I would disagree with their assessment because the social component and the entertainment quality of our meetings draws members to the AAA. Why is that important? Because when we talk to the city or the FAA as an organization of 150 or so members of the airport community, we have credibility. If we had only twenty members, we could approach them and might not be taken seriously. Why? Because in a city the size of Auburn, twenty individuals is nothing. A group of only twenty would be seen as nothing more than a small batch of eccentric extremists who were "obsessed" with the airport and its issues. But as a group of 150 airport users, the city and the FAA will listen to us. In short, our numbers matter and give us credibility.

When it comes time to renew your membership, please consider doing so. Not only do membership dues help to fund our scholarships, but also your keeping your name active on our roster helps to improve our membership numbers, which in turn helps the association do its job of airport advocacy. For the price of a few trips to Starbucks, you get entertaining meetings where you can mix with friendly, like-minded folks, and help your association do good work at the airport. Seems like a win/win to me.

Blue Skies,

Doug Fee



As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

February is here and let's not forget Valentine's Day, February 14th. Although the full moon is not until the 19th, it would still make for a nice romantic evening of flying along with a dozen flowers and a box of chocolates.

Congratulations go to the following people who have reached a milestone in their flying adventure. Peter Hastert earned his Instrument Rating in a C-172 with Randy Leys of Sunshine Flyers as his instructor. Also Dave Cornell was not too far behind in getting his Instrument Rating. Sean Smith earned his Sport Pilot rating with Jim Hinson as the Pilot Examiner and Mike Duncan of Sunshine Flyers as his instructor. On Jan 10th, Jared Boothe soloed a Robinson R-22 with Billie Howard of Sierra Air Helicopters as his instructor. This solo was special for Billie because it was only her second person she soloed. Brandon Brown passed his CFI – Airplane knowledge test to add to his recently acquired Advance Ground Instructor rating. Rory Ondracek, who just received his Private Certificate in October, has just been accepted into pilot training with the Air Force, start date TBD. Once again, congratulations to all on a job well done.

The wild west has come to the Auburn Airport. Last Tuesday a horse got loose on the airport and caused a short disruption in the traffic on the

with a rope and halter and the horse was secured and returned to the owner. It's not clear how the horse got on the airport but all ended well. Those deputies earned their spurs with that.

The FAA Safety Team (FAAST) held the Pavement to Peaks seminar for back country flying in January. This was sponsored by the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan Park. More than a hundred people attended, many from Auburn.

Of those folks, some were new to the idea of back country flying and some were old hats about it, but everyone learned something. Pictured are some of the folks who did attend.



Peter Hastert



Jared Boothe

Wayne Mooneyham is chairperson of the 5AC (Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee). For those who wish to become more involved in the airport operations, such

as airport improvement grants, day to day operation, or who has an issue with the airport finances, these meetings are the place to be. There was a meeting on January 30th to get things going. The meeting was after the input time for the newsletter but Wayne will report on the meeting at the February meeting.

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

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



Brandon Brown

airport. Lucky for us the Placer County Sheriff Deputy Kris Ulshoffer was on the airport and flying his helicopter. The pilot managed to herd the horse (**see video**) to the east end of the airport where another Placer Sheriff's office officer showed up

Mach 5 Musings

by Julia Roberts

Love is in the air... or are those airplanes? Why yes, they ARE airplanes!! Our students and renters are soaring into our hearts this February, and we're happy to be flyin' high with them! Valentines day is just around the corner, and we give our love to all those pilots and pilots at heart out there!

Our students and staff have been working hard during these particularly rainy and blustery winter days lately, and boy do they love what they do! Alexander George (pictured left) and his instructor Joshua Landry celebrate after Alex earned his commercial pilot rating. Those two have been flying many hours together and deserve a well earned 'way to go!' We are so proud of all of our students, even the ones who leave the nest and move on to big things- like the University of North Dakota! Congrats to Frank Piner, one of our former private pilot students, on earning his Multi-Engine Commercial certificate at UND! Last, but certainly not least- we've had two of our

students complete their coveted first solo this last month. Bobby Uppal and Robert Clegg had their shirt tails removed after successfully flying solo for the very first time! Well done, and congratulations to everyone in this last month!

Our Private pilot ground school is underway, the next ground school will be a 2-day drone course given over the weekend of March 2nd. This course was created to help those wishing to pass their drone test at our testing facility in order to become commercially licensed. We're happy to help anyone take to the skies, and we're excited for the coming Valentines Day holiday. The chocolates, flowers, and adorable little notes of love and admiration can't come soon enough! Until then, blue skies and many awesome tailwinds! We'll see you around KAUN!



Photos



The airport was backdrop for a photoshoot by professional photographer Marie Clarke of Permanent Glimpse for www.exploreauburn.com. AAA member Bryce Mitchell was featured.

Night flying in a 172 past Sacramento while flying the RNAV approach into KAUN from Buchanan Field in Concord.



Photos



President Doug Fee honored Joanie and Wayne Mooneyham for their years of dedication to AAA. (above)



Paula Celick (at left) of Wreaths Across America gave \$1,000.00 to AAA for scholarships from wreaths purchased by or for AAA in 2018

Ben Foss (at right) of the very popular Friday Flydays summer events delivered a check for \$1,000.00 to the scholarship fund from 2018 Friday Flydays events.



Photos



Click on the photo above to see the video of Placer County Sheriffs Deputy herding a horse off of the airport where it could be captured and returned to his owner.



1/15/2019 Peaks to Pavement Mountain Flying Seminar through AOPA. From left: Renata Mackenroth, Doug McDougall, Paul Palmer, Helen Dobeck, Randy Leys, Unknown, Devin Crabb, Peter Hastert, Unknown, Jeff Riley, Charlie Smith, Chris Bennet, Unknown.

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It's Scholarship Season

By Don Wolfe

AAA Life Memberships

The AAA Board of Directors voted unanimously to grant Lifetime AAA Memberships to our \$2500 Scholarship recipients. These young adults will receive full benefits of the AAA organization and the monthly Propwash newsletter.

Notification of lifetime status was sent out to 8 individuals along with a request for a "career update".



USAF Cadet Jack Bell weighed in with his progress report. Jack is a junior at the USAF Academy in Colorado Spring, Co. He is pursuing his dream of earning a pilot training slot upon graduation from the academy.

Jack complimented the AAA for helping people like him become a pilot and encouraging others to develop an interest

in aviation. Cadet Bell has also been recognized for 2 amazing events. Click here to see: [Air Force Academy cadet helps save downed pilot and suicidal man, in one week.](#)

We look forward to hearing more from Scholarship recipients as they progress in their careers.

\$2500 Flight Scholarships 2019

The AAA Board will be offering two \$2500 Flight Scholarships for 2019. One Scholarship will be granted from the AAA and the other scholarship will be funded by the Col. Bud Anderson Fund. Here are the highlights:

1. Applications and Rules can be found on our website or requested by email- flyfund1539@gmail.com
2. Deadline to apply- March 15, 2019
3. Interview Date- April 6
4. Flight Training must be accomplished at Auburn Airport

Awards will be announced in the May 2019 Propwash newsletter and Scholarship recipients will be invited to the May 2019 Membership Dinner.

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.

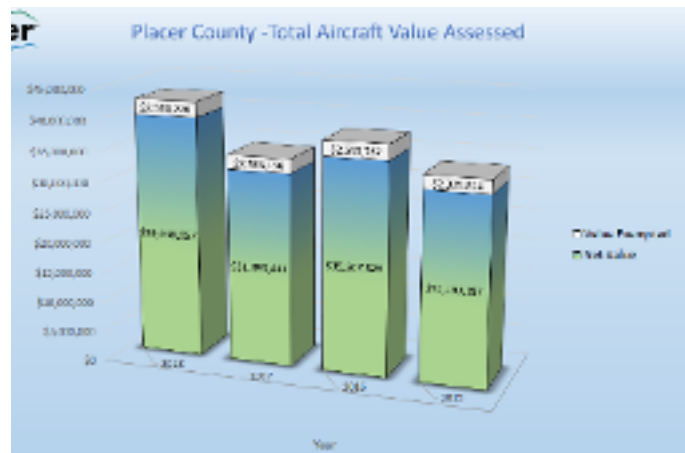
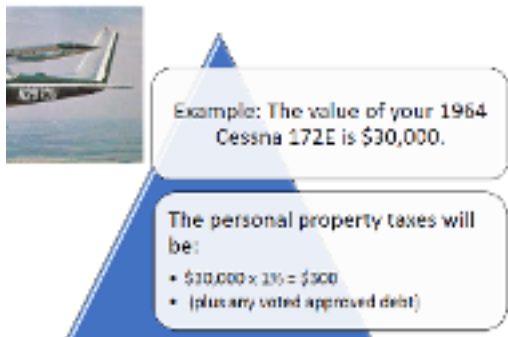


Your Taxable (or exempt) Aircraft

January speaker Sam Sherrod of the County Assessor's office advised us to fill out the aircraft tax form carefully every year. The assessors try to be as accurate as possible and they rely on you for current reporting of the true condition of your plane. Sources like Trade-A-Plane and the Aircraft

Blue Book are used to find comparable values to individual planes, every year. Especially if your plane has changed in value, you'll want to let them know. Below are some excerpts from his deck of slides regarding tax exemptions for historical aircraft.

How much do I have to pay in taxes?



Historical Exemption: How do I Qualify – First Time Filers

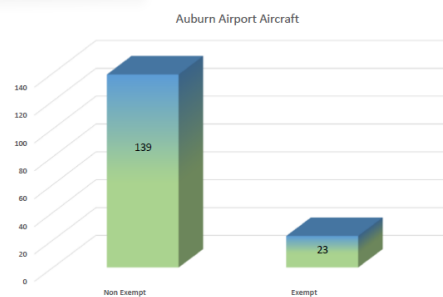
Qualifications					
Owner must be an individual	Aircraft cannot be held for sale or used for commercial purposes or general transportation	Aircraft will be available for display to the public 12 days during a 12 month period.	Aircraft is 35 years or older, thus 1984 or older.	Pay a one time \$35 fee	File a Historical Aircraft Exemption Claim with the Assessor by February 15 th

Historical Exemption—Auburn Airport

14% of all Auburn Airport aircraft have this exemption

\$1,400,000 in value exempted

\$14,000 in tax savings to qualified applicants



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Ground Support on the Central Coast

by Chris Haven

One of the nice things about the Central Coast is that it's hard to get to. Though tourists and native Californians alike make the trek down famed Highway 1 at one time or another, it takes a little more time to experience the culture, i.e. interacting with people "on the ground." I have the good fortune to do just that about twice a year in a small, relatively undeveloped beach community along Highway 1. Locals there live a typical coastal lifestyle with a peculiar combination of activities and products - surfing, skateboarding, smoked fish tacos, native hot sauce and, lately, brown butter cookies.

My husband, David Haven, flies himself from Auburn to work in Concord most days, so when we fly together I am PIC. This year we took off the day after Christmas in our 1964 (Same vintage as me!) Cessna 172 cruising to the south, due 162 degrees. The day was "gin clear" as my grandfather would say - cloud-free and calm. Cruising at 7500 feet afforded us a 20+ knot tailwind and we made the direct flight in an hour and 37 minutes. Compare this with a six-plus hour drive on Interstate 5.

San Luis Obispo, home to Cal Poly, has a commercial airport (KSPB) and is in the vicinity of our destination. Paso Robles (KPBR), however, has consistently better weather, AND a (relatively) free airport car for our use, so that's where we landed. Sometimes a fairly arbitrary factor influences where you decide to land.

The first time David and I took the opportunity to fly to Paso was last summer. It was fire season and we chatted with an Australian firefighter helicopter pilot-for-hire based there for the season. He works fire seasons around the world flying helicopters - what a job! The wind was hot and strong that day at the airport, but he had no immediate flights and welcomed the conversation.

Our second time at Paso was in the fall. We walked out of the airport street-side to locate our ride. The small parking lot was full of about two dozen cars, all with solar panels and shades in the windshield or car covers. Our vehicle, a ten or

more years-old mini-van with the back seats removed, wouldn't start. Plans gone awry created an opportunity to interact with locals. A couple from Visalia who were checking on their own airport car in the lot stopped to help us. I'd call them airport locals, as opposed to Paso Robles locals.

"I bet all of these vehicles have hide-a-keys. Let's take that BMW and bring it back washed and full of fuel at the end of the weekend," I joked. Our new acquaintances helped us diagnose our automotive issues and then handed us the key to their airport truck for the weekend. That was even before we all figured out that we know people in common in their hometown of Visalia.



Perhaps this story illustrates that aviation enthusiasts are locals to a community, wherever we may be. Upon hearing the story later, my son would ask, "Why would a stranger lend you their car - is that an airport thing?" Why, yes, I guess it is.

Transportation secured, David and I proceeded to the coast in time for smoked fish tacos. And we still have the key to the Visalia couple's airport truck - just in case.

Photo: David Haven outside the aforementioned Brown Butter Cookie store.

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Light Blue



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**Text on dark colored shirts will be light gold-
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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

Create an engraved brick!

Honor a loved one – Advertise a business – Share another message

Your inscription must fit into the white boxes below, 1 character per box. Each brick can have a maximum of 16 characters per line. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. Please do not use special characters. Text will automatically be centered.

Brick 1

4" x 8" brick																\$ 5 0 0

Brick 2

(If you would like to order a second brick.)

4" x 8" brick																\$ 5 0 0

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Please mail your check payable to "Auburn Aviation Association" to:
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Contact Joanie Mooneyham with any questions: (530) 878-0434 joaniemoon05@gmail.com.

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: _____

eMail: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

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

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:

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): ____\$20 ____\$70 ____\$120 Amount:

Total Payment:

Mail form plus check payable to:

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