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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wed, Feb 2nd 6:00 PM

Are you interested in a practical path to an aviation career? Then don't miss this month's speaker, Brice Corcoran. Brice is going to give us the details of his success in building his flying career to this point. And even if you're not looking for a new career, Brice's talk will bring you up to speed on some of the options that are available out there for anyone you know who is trying to find a way forward in aviation. Zoom meeting. Go to the event listing or look for the email reminder on the day of the meeting.

5AC MEETINGMon, Jan 31st 6:00 PM

All interested parties are welcome to attend to talk with our liaison with the city. So far, 5AC is scheduled to meet in-person at the Barnstormer Room.

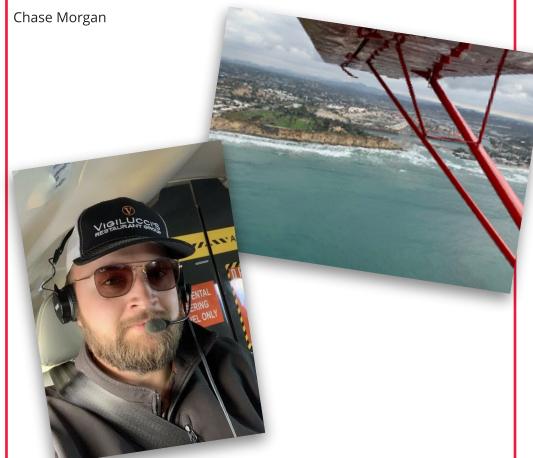
President's Message

February! My goodness this year is already ripping by!

Earlier this month, the Millennium Phenom (N100FZ) visited KAUN. This jet features a Star Wars, Star Trek and Back to the Future livery. Its mission is to fly WWII vets, and Post 9/11 Purple Heart recipients around the country under the organization Veterans Airlift Command (VAC). Its Captain, Mark Holt, spent time passing out patches and inspiring Young aviators.

Among other firsts, I was happy to log a little tailwheel time on the beautiful coast of San Diego County last week in an American Champion Denali Scout. Seeing the Southern California coast from that perspective was delightful.

I am particularly excited to hear Brice Corcoran's Story about his exciting career as a KC-135 Tanker pilot and the steps he took to get there, Be sure to tune in on Wednesday February 2nd to join the discussion!



As The Prop Turns

The weather is turning for the better and the students are starting to come out of the woodwork. Brooklyn Irvine was able to solo her C-150 at Auburn with **Thomas Thompson** as her instructor. Brooklyn works the front office at Sunshine Flyers and took advantage of access to many of the instructors there to help her. She wants to give credit to Helen Dobeck, Rory Ondracek, and Wade Mayorga for all of their help so she could solo as quickly as possible. Christine Koenigsecker earned her Private Pilot Certificate, in a C-152, with Rory Ondracek as her instructor and Dr. James Duval as her examiner. Matthew Polk was not to be outdone and earned his Private Pilot Certificate with Wade Moraga as his instructor and **Dave** Tranquilla as his examiner. Congratulation to all on job well done.

This past month **Col. "Bud" Anderson** celebrated his 100th birthday. For those who do not know him, he is a World War II fighter pilot, triple Ace, and the namesake of our scholarship. Col. Anderson calls Auburn home. With the sponsorship of the Dwelle family, Auburn Aviation Association, and many

individuals, approximately 200 people showed up from all over the country despite the Covid virus to help him celebrate this landmark occasion. One of the people in attendance is a high school friend of Col. Anderson, Dean "Des" Laird. Mr. Laird is another WWII fighter ace who flew in the Pacific. Sean D Tucker (World class Aerobatic Champion and airshow pilot) was the Master of Ceremonies. Jack Rouch, long time friend and sponsor of one of the first "Old Crow" restorations that Col. Anderson flew for many years, was in attendance. Clay Lacy, well known air race pilot and holder of many aviation records flew in for the occasion from Southern California, Another attendee was Mark Holt. Mr. Holt flew in his Phenom let with an extraordinary paint job. More later about him later. Two P-51's flew eight hours to get here. Both aircraft were painted up in the "Old Crow" scheme and were beautiful. Lisa Mara and her son Caden presented a certificate from Congressman Doug LaMalfa's office that was read into the Congressional record to honor the occasion. It was a great party. The Auburn Journal had a great write up which you can view on their web site. HAPPY BIRTHDAY COL. ANDERSON.



Above: Brooklyn Irvine and her C150 "Clementine"

Right: Private Pilot Matthew Polk and his Instructor Wade Mayorga with DPE Dave Tranquilla



As The Prop Turns, cont.

Has anyone heard of the Veteran's Airlift Command? Mark Holtz, who attended Col. Anderson's party, is a member. The organization is a volunteer group of many pilots and aircraft that transport disabled veterans anywhere in the continental USA "FREE" of charge. The organization has hundreds of aircraft that have flown thousands of flights to give back to the veterans that have served and come home disabled. You can contact them by Googling Veterans Airlift Command and finding out more about them. Mr. Holtz has a Phenom Jet that was painted to look like an X-wing, Star Fighter from Star Wars to fly the vets around in, hence the name on his plane "Millennium" Phenom". Check out the paint scheme on YouTube.

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

The Prop Turner

Michael Duncan





Above: Christine Koenigsecker holding her PPL with instructor Rory Ondracek Below: N100FZ the Millennium Phenom Veterans Airlift patch and jet



What's New:

Welcome back to Aubrey Knight!

She worked earlier at Mach5, and has returned full time as Manager. You will see a lot of Aubrey and **Susanne Flom** as Mach5 revitalizes its outreach to the community and local high schools. Introducing kids to the wide field of aviation and the myriad of life skills and jobs connected to it is a major goal!

Did you know that in addition to being a Part 61 Flight School, Mach5 is also a Part 141 Flight School offering flight training to William Jessup University students?

Check out the Cessna 310RR on our flight line, perfect for multi engine training. In future issues, we'll review our fleet of aircraft, and all the different types of instruction that we have to offer.

Please drop by Mach5 anytime and have cup of coffee, or two!

Waypoints:

Congratulations to Katie Jacobs: First Solo January 12, 2022

And last but not least......Happy 100th Birthday **Bud Anderson**! Thank you for all you have done!





Bud Anderson's Birthday

Our local hero Col. Bud Anderson turned 100 on Jan. 13th.

More than 200 members of the aviation community came together at the Dwelle hangar to throw Bud party of the year!! I believe it was a success!

There were a couple of restored P-51's present to help decorate the hangar, one coming in from Michigan, the other from South Carolina.

Always a supporter of the airport, Wings owner Conni Horner closed the restaurant and provided food for the special event.

Bud's son Jim & daughter Kitty kicked off the party acknowledging the event. Many family members were in attendance including grand children & great-grandchildren.



Theresa Eaman, dressed for the WWII era, sang beautifully as she opened with the national anthem. At one point, she sang Bud's favorite song, "I'll be seeing you" She also assisted the crowd with singing "Happy Birthday" & closed with "God Bless America" it was incredibly moving.

World Champion Aerobatic Aviator Sean Tucker was the master of ceremonies. He introduced to the crowd many, many people who wanted to wish Bud a happy 100th! NASCAR legend Jack Roush, owner of the two P-51s and longtime friend of Bud, reminisced



of their past adventures.

The party committee chair was Tom Jones, Director of the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan. Among his comments he reminded everyone the "Old Crow Cafe" is open at the museum & has actual Old Crow memorabilia from Kelly Kreeger's home. Kelly was a close friend who used to travel with Bud & has put on many of his past birthday parties. (I've personally been to the cafe. It's wonderful; go check it out!)

Lisa Mara, Senior District Advisor to Congressman Doug LaMalfa, presented Bud with a Congressional Record. She also commented that Bud was honored the previous week on the floor of the Congress. Lisa's young son, Caden, is a member of the Superfans - a group of young people engaged by Kelly at Bud's events over the years whose members participated in aviation events. Caden, dressed in appropriate fighter pilot gear, was excitedly at his Mother's side as he wished Bud a happy birthday.

Our own AAA member, Larry Borchert, representing the QB organization, spoke to Bud & the crowd.

John Dibbs presented a portion of a documentary he made of Bud's life. The film showed an interview of Bud's wife, Ellie, along with his war stories including the original military film of his first "kill."

A childhood friend & Naval WWII Ace Dean (Diz) Laird

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joined Bud onstage for an incredible photo op & some wonderful reminiscing. Growing up, Dean lived in Loomis while Bud lived in Newcastle. They both graduated from Placer High in 1939. What a rare & touching moment those two centenarians gave the audience.

I'm sure there were a few tears in the audience at that point (I shed some of them). Doug Van Howd, sculptor of the beautiful statue of Bud installed outside of Wings, also spoke to the crowd.

on that day.

In closing, TJ Dwelle flew some low passes in one of the Dwelles' T-6 with, you guessed it, smoke on! What an incredible day for Bud & everyone who was fortunate to share in his 100th birthday celebration. We've given him lots of new memories.

Tammy Meredith

Member, Bud Anderson Fan Club



Photo Credit: Don Wolfe Tammy Meredith

During the entire event, photos from Bud's life played on a large screen in a loop. There were photos of Bud & Eleanor (Ellie) when they were dating, with their kids, along with grand babies & many photos of Bud with all kinds of aviation friends over the years.

We stepped outside to be entertained by Dennis Sanders who flew a few low passes with his Hawker Sea Fury to wish Bud a happy birthday.

I apologize if I've left anyone out. There was a lot going





Birthday Event Thank Yous By Chris Haven

The party planning committee was run by Tom Jones of the Aerospace Museum of California. Kitty (Anderson) Burlington - pictured above in red, Jim Anderson - pictured above in the blue check shirt, Jeff Kuells, Kelly Collin, Chris Haven and Tom Dwelle were on the committee.

Individuals made donations to party costs and to Bud's scholarship fund managed by Auburn Aviation Association. After all is said and done, party and fund donors will have contributed more than \$11,000.00 into the endowment fund. Click here to make a donation to the fund.

Jeff Kuells managed the excellent sound and contracted with Sleeping Dog Productions for the video

TJ Dwelle managed the facility and coordinated the aircraft ahead of the event. TJ, Tom and Ken Dwelle, aside from extending use of the company hangar, stashed their own four airplanes around the airport to make room for the tables and P-51s.

Tom Jones recruited the Hiram Johnson High School Air Force Junior ROTC to present the flags at the event. They are regular volunteers at the Aerospace Museum of California.

Many people contacted Chris to offer their help setting up the event. Chase Morgan, River Nobles, Lisa and Caden Mara, Steve Elliott, Tammy Meredith. Mike Morgan provided the specialty cake.

Tim O'Brien and Steve Elliott (Model T owner) took many photos. Go to the Auburn Aviation Association home page to see a slideshow with captions or find Tim and Steve on Facebook to see even more images and video. Juan Brown arrived in his Husky and put some nice reporting up on his Youtube channel.

Kelly Kreeger would have been proud.

Following are some photos from Steve Elliott and Tim O'Brien.







Roush Racing sent two P-51s! TJ Dwelle (son Gray in the back seat) smoked up the airfield in former air racing T-6, Tinkertoy.



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Tom Dwelle (Sr.) took a turn in his Army L-3 before the party. Aerobatic air show aviator Julie Clark came to the party in her shiny T-34. 7im O'Brien 2022

Birthday Gifts for Bud Anderson

As everyone has heard our own Col. Bud Anderson turned 100 this month. Kelly Kreeger put on many wonderful birthday parties for Bud over the years and I often helped her. Divine intervention played a part in my showing Bud how many people love him when an idea dropped into my head a couple of weeks ago. (Thank you, Kelly, for getting my attention.) I circulated several birthday cards for people to sign for delivery to Bud. Chris Haven helped me get in touch with Bud's family.

As the Chair of the local 99 chapter, Sierra Gold, I decided a card from our chapter was needed. In addition, members of my family signed a card, and there was another one signed by every FBO & person walking around the Auburn airport across a couple of days. There were so many signatures from the airport that people were signing on the back of the card.

Since I couldn't show up without a gift, Bud's son, Jim, told me he likes cookies. Well, since this is for a WWII Triple Ace Hero, many cookies would be appropriate.

I went to the Flour Garden Bakery, & filled up a good sized box with just about one of each of their cookies!

A couple of days before his actual birthday I delivered the cookies and cards to the house and had the most wonderful visit with Bud showing him the multiple cards & chatting with him, just him & me. Bud dove right into the box of goodies. They were a hit.

Bud mentioned his birthday party & invited me to it. I hadn't heard & was so thrilled to be invited! Although brief, those few minutes I spent with Bud were so special to me. We talked about Kelly & how much we miss her. I felt so honored to be able to show a very humble man how much he is loved. I hope that visit was as memorable for Bud as it was for me.

Tammy Meredith Chair - Sierra Gold 99s







Aviation Scholarships

Auburn Aviation Association Auburn Chapter 526 Experimental Aircraft Association





Auburn Aviation Association (AAA), Auburn Chapter 526 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), The Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation (EHGF) and Mach 5 Aviation are offering flight scholarships to individuals residing in Placer, Nevada, Sacramento, El Dorado, or Amador Counties

2022 Flight Scholarships Available

Private Pilot License Intro (EAA Chapter 526) – (1) applicant who will be age 16 to 19 may receive training towards a private pilot certificate. Funds available will be based upon approval of the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Minimum amount will be \$2,500

Private Pilot License Intro (Mach 5 Aviation) – (1) applicant who will be age 16 to 25 may receive up to 10 hours of flight instruction (airplane and CFI) and ground instruction. This award is credit hours not eash

Private Pilot License (AAA) – (1) applicant who will be age 16 to 25 may receive training for a private pilot certificate to a maximum value of \$10,000

Private Pilot License (EHGF) – (2) applicants who will be age 16 to 25 may receive training for a private pilot certificate to a maximum value of \$10,000

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Commercial Pilot License (EHGF) – (1) applicant who will be age 18 as of February 28, 2022 through age 25 may receive training to a maximum value of \$10,000 for completion of the Commercial Pilot License. Applicant must hold a Private Pilot License and Instrument Rating at the time of application. Recipient must be within 40 hours of the flight time requirement for the CPL to receive funding

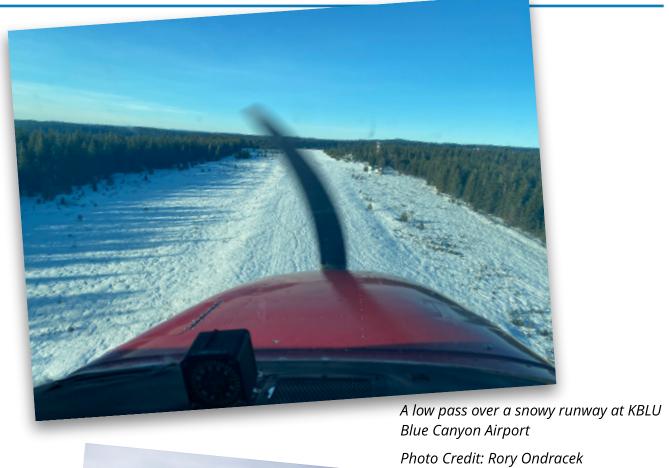
Applications will be accepted January 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022. Rules, Guidelines and the Application can be found online by using the QR Code or at: https://aaa2.wildapricot.org/Scholarships

Questions about these scholarship programs may be directed to:

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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.



Col. C.E. 'Bud' Anderson Fundraiser BRICK ORDER FORM

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