



February 2020

AAA Events

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday, February 5

General Membership

6:00 p.m. Barnstormer Room

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

5AC MEETING

Wednesday, February 19

Airport Advisory

5:30 p.m. Barnstormer Room

General Membership Meeting

Call Wayne Mooneyham
530-401-0594.

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, March 4

General Membership

6:00 p.m. Barnstormer Room

General Membership Meeting

POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a dish by the first letter of your last name.

A-M MAIN DISH

N-Q DESSERT

R-Z SIDE/SALAD

Not On Our Radar

About this time two years ago Lisa and I were having coffee on our deck in south Texas considering the possibility of moving to California to join our son Jason. Four months later we loaded up our Jeep said, "Good-bye" to family, friends and corporate flying and with some apprehension headed west to "Cali". After getting settled in, I was ready to check out the local airport. I could not believe how many airplanes and hangers I was seeing. I walked into Sunshine Flyers, to check on an flight instructor job and **Diane Hammer** hired me right away. **Mike Duncan** took me under his wing providing me with many opportunities by introducing me to his many aviation friends, getting me involved with Friday Fly Days and AAA. It did not take long to feel at home in Auburn in the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills.

Recently, I had a cool opportunity to meet a nine year old young lady who traveled with her mother and father from Austin, TX to attend **Col. Bud Anderson's** 98th birthday party. I had the honor of giving **Toni** her first flight, gifted by **Michael Brown**. I presented her first log book that was also signed by Bud Anderson, her hero, as well as others. She told a story that on one of her visits to meet Bud she brought airplane cookies that she had personally baked. The cookies did not travel so well on the flight. She was sad at first, but then had a great idea that the broken cookies would be the airplanes that Bud shot down.

A huge thank you to our VP **Doug McDougall** for stepping up to the plate for conducting a great meeting while I was cloud dancing in Arizona last month.

I could not have imagined that a year and a half later, I was asked to represent Auburn Aviation Association as their president. I am amazed and humbled to be welcomed and accepted by such a wonderful community. It is an honor and a privilege to support a great organization that provides training, leadership, mentoring and scholarships to future aviators!

One last note, the end of February is the deadline for submitting applications for the AAA scholarship program. So spread the word.

Regards,

Randy Leys
President



As the Prop Turns

It has been a good start for the New Year. Hopefully, you have not given up on those New Year resolutions that you made yet. Sunshine Flyers has started a ground school with twelve students. We had to turn away a few away due to the lack of space, but there'll be another class along soon. Taking a scheduled ground school course is a great way to keep moving forward toward your license when the weather is bad. While on the subject of learning to fly, the AOPA has just announced a million dollars for scholarships. Get on their site and apply. And go to www.auburnaviationassociation.org to apply for a local scholarship. The first deadline-for the EAA scholarship-is this Friday January 31.

Thanks are due to some members for their generosity to AAA that help make our scholarship programs possible. Jerry Severson and Nancy Benjamin added a \$100 donation to their membership renewal in the name of Tom Camilli and Paula Celick turned in a check for \$838 as a result of AAA donations to Wreaths Across America. In addition to being a patriotic endeavor, the Wreaths program is a fundraiser for our organization.



At the other end of his flying adventure, **Monty Emery**, CHP officer, retired after 31 yrs. With the Highway Patrol and nine years here at the Auburn office of Air Ops. The Cal Fire fire trucks showed up for a nice traditional water arch given him for his service. (See pictures). For those out here, that is what all the fire trucks and water were all about. He learned to fly in the army and then

spent time on the road with CHP prior to getting on with Air Ops. While he is leaving CHP, I am sure that there are many more flying adventure in his future. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for all of your service to us.

Alex Russell has managed to solo his RV-6 and **Mike Duncan** was his instructor. Alex managed to solo at both Lincoln and Auburn airport on the same day. One of the interesting thing about him is that he built the airplane he soloed and now all he has to do is to finish flying off the flight test program on the airplane. **Tyler Swenson** passed his CFI check ride with **James Duvall** out of Silver Springs airport just east of Reno. Mike Duncan signed him off the ride and he did very well, according to the DPE. The only problem was that when he had to come home the weather closed in over the mountains and he had to spend the night in Silver Springs. **Adrial Palia** was able to start his check ride but was held up

Mike Duncan

because of the weather, but he did get through the ground portion. There goes that pesky weather getting in the way of flying again. **Peter Hastert** passed his Advanced Ground instructor test and is now just waiting for the FAA to complete the paper work for him. Independent instructor **Beau Perry** guided **Christian Madsen** to his Private Pilot license in January. Congratulations to all.

A 5AC (Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee) meeting is coming up on the 19th of February at 5:30pm at the terminal building. All parties interested in issues on the airport please come to the meeting. Committee chairman **Wayne Mooneyham** would be the one to contact to add anything to the agenda. Some of the subjects to be covered are airport lighting, crash and rescue first response and clean up, a new airport brochure, auxiliary power for the airport lighting and gas pump, and airport transient parking.



Tammy Meredith is back in the air; sort of. **Kelly Richards** took her on a flight before she went in for surgery for cancer. The procedure was successful and now Tammy is focused on recovering so that she can be assessed for whether and when to start radiation. After radiation, it will be another six months and then she can apply for her medical and that will probably take another six months. By the time she gets her medical she will be ready to fly solo. Her spirits are up and she has a very positive attitude. Hopefully we will see her at some of the meetings in the near future. Good Luck, Tammy.

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

The Prop Turner

Hangar Flying With “Corky” Corcoran

By Don Wolfe



AAA member **Brice “Corky” Corcoran** was home from the USAF for the holidays. Brice stopped by KAUN Hangar F for some good old fashioned “Hangar Flying”. He was on leave from Columbus AFB, MS where he is completing USAF Undergraduate pilot training in the T-1 Jayhawk.

We were entertained with stories from USAF Officers School to high-G aerobatic maneuvers in the T-6 Texan II. Brice described Officers School as a social experiment with numerous leadership opportunities for all. Corky said that Flight School was the most challenging thing he’s ever done, but it has also been the most rewarding. 03:45 AM wakeups for a 04:30 AM Report followed by a 12 hour day were standard.

When asked about the most exciting thing

he’d done in the T-6, Corky described the experience of chasing his classmates around the sky in the 1100 hp T-6 Texan during extended trail formation. Watching vapor trails roll off of the wingtips of the flight leader as the airplane was pulled high G’s going vertical and then pulling high G’s himself to follow the leader uphill was beyond exciting. Those flights also proved to be challenging due to the physical demands and intense concentration. Corky noted that flying extended trail reminded him of the WW2 dogfight scenes he’d watched on video.

Upon graduation from USAF flight school later this year, Brice will attend water survival training, land survival training and Boeing KC-135 transition school at Altus AFB, Oklahoma.

*Photo left: Brice Corcoran, Chase Morgan, Renata Mackenroth, Robert Hewitt, Jessi Dreshler;
right: Beechcraft Texan T-6 II USAF trainers*

Photos



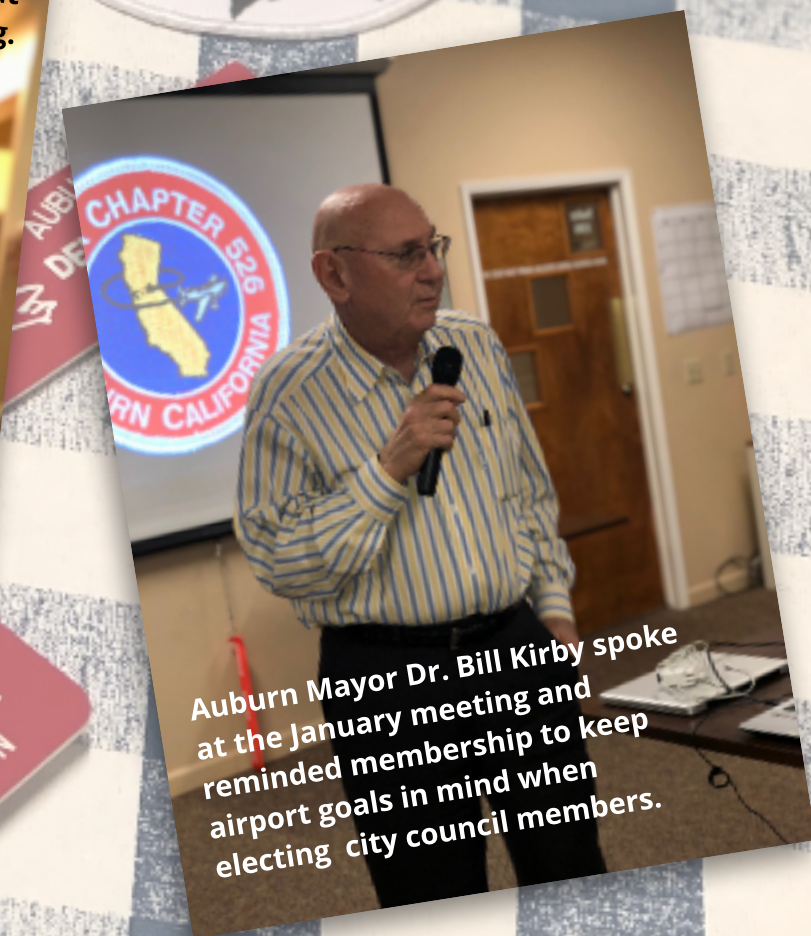
2019 President Doug Fee (on the left) and Vice President Don Wolfe were recognized for their service by Wayne Mooneyham. (center)



Christian Madsen achieved his private pilot license with CFI Beau Perry. Henry Roberson was the DPE.



AAA members Ben Samp and Chase Morgan at the January meeting.



Auburn Mayor Dr. Bill Kirby spoke at the January meeting and reminded membership to keep airport goals in mind when electing city council members.

Photos



Igniting the Spark

Above: In November, 6 year old Mason Musgrove, grandchild of David and Chris Haven, pointed to a photo of Bud Anderson's Old Crow and said, "That's a P-51." The party host, Tom Dwelle, a neighbor of one Col. Bud Anderson, immediately whisked Mason off to Bud's house for a visit. Mason and Bud were delighted to meet each other. Then in our December silent auction, Chris came home with several lots of the aircraft models as a gift for Mason for Christmas. At right is a photo of Mason in his room with his much-loved models.



Col. Anderson Turns 98

At left: Randy Leys (back left) is pictured with Bud Anderson, Michael Brown (on the right) and super fan Toni in front, holding her log book at the birthday party for Col. Anderson.

Gone West



Thanks to Clark Cook for use of his photo.

We say goodbye this month to father and son aviators **Tony Wright Sr.** and **Tony Wright Jr.**, who were both aboard when their Stinson Reliant V-77 went down this week just about a mile away from KAUN. A third passenger survived.

Tony Sr. , 80, was a member of AAA and of the local EAA chapter. He was retired from the Placer County District Attorney's office. Tony Jr. , 55, recently acquired his flight instructor rating and held his A&P license. He was a 23-year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's office and was due to retire from a post as a reserve officer with the Rancho Cordova PD this spring, and would have presumably spent more time sharing his love for flying with others. Father and son painstakingly rebuilt the Stinson at KAUN over the course of more than a decade and loved to share the restoration process with others. Tony Sr. had just finished cancer treatments and was reportedly doing well.

Both of them will be missed in Auburn.



Anthony Wright, Jr.

Mach 5 Musings

Most if not all of you know, the Auburn aviation community lost two of our own this past month.

Tony Wright, Sr. and **Tony Wright, Jr.** were great friends of Mach 5, dedicated long-time team leaders for the California Capital Airshow, and considered part of our family. Both contributed their time and energy for over a decade to the California Capital Airshow. Tony Sr. visited Mach 5 frequently during the week, and Tony Jr. could be found in his chair in our ready room most weekends. Though their loss saddens us, we smile thinking of their camaraderie, friendship, and love of flying. Tailwinds and clear skies aviators. One day we will fly together again.

The year started out with **Andrew Dayton** completing his first solo! A huge congratulations are in order for this is a major step into getting his Private Pilot's License. He is now moving right along and will be ready for his check ride in no time. Congratulations are also in order to **Adam Pope** for becoming a licensed private pilot. He has worked very hard to achieve this goal. Mach 5 couldn't be prouder of his

dedication and drive. We look forward to Adam continuing on with his training. Next step: Instrument.

Speaking of instrument... we have announced our ground school dates for spring. Mach 5 will be hosting ground school at the Auburn Municipal Airport starting February 4th until March 10th. Class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 PM - 9 PM. This course is designed to meet all your ground requirements and fully prepare you to pass your written exam. You only have a couple weeks left to register so now is the time to go save your spot. You can register online at: www.mach5aviation.com/ground-school.

We have also posted our Private Pilot ground school course on our website. This will be taking place every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 PM - 9PM from April 7th to May 14th. This is the perfect course for student pilots who want to knock out their ground school requirements and acquire the knowledge and confidence to pass their written exam.

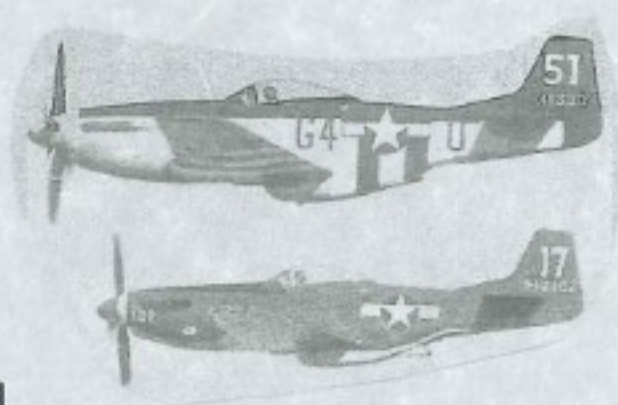


Auburn Fueling Professionals



Photos: Top left - Jessi Dreschler and Robert Hewitt with the diesel Avgas Truck; top right - Mica Doe, doing a daily runway inspection on runway 7. Bottom left: Mica Doe in full rain gear, fueling planes come rain or shine. Bottom right: Jessi fueling a big T-28 warbird. All three are AAA members and they are fully qualified to drive and operate the truck.

ODE TO A WARBIRD



I love to see a warbird
And watch it taxi by
Then run up that old engine
And take off to the sky

When those piston engines
Start to cough and smoke
My heart beats a little faster
And my throat begins to choke

The sound of those old aircraft
Recalls a certain pride
A time of guts and glory
And victory for our side

A time we pulled together
And for a good cause too
The warbird is a symbol of
What America can do

America was a mighty force
That fought those evil foes
Our nation pulled together
To rid the world of woes

I love to see those warbirds
It's like no other sight
It's a step back in history
When America was right

That's why we come to see them
Not 'cause we love the past
We love that pride and honor
And hoped that it would last

I love to see a warbird
I guess that's enough said
I want to hear those engines
And see them overhead

I hope we keep 'em flying
So kids today will learn
How they helped to free the world
And it's freedom that was earned.

AAA Members List February 2020

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Honorary Lifetime Member: **Clarence "Bud" Anderson**

Gold Lifetime Member: **Doug & Yvonne Fee, Tom Murray, Don Wolfe, Peggy Dwelle, Jerry Seversen & Nancy Benjamin**

Silver Lifetime Member: **Mike Duncan**

Bronze Lifetime Member: **David & Stephanie Holloway**

Don Anderson	Rick & Ruby Hammer	Erin & Cameron Myers
Mona Anderson	Tim Harmon	Kenneth & Diana Nielsen
Chris Anselmi	David Harris & Noah (grandson)	Christy Oliveira
Jack Bell	Chris & David Haven	Tom & Louise Palmer
Frank Bell	Joe Hemmer	Ernie & Janice Peterson
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Joe & Terry Conyers	B M	Chris Stroup & Gavin (son)
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Dave & Melissa Cowles	Renata Mackenroth	Nancy Thym
Micah Doe	Jeanie Marshall	Don Treco
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Lifetime Memberships Available

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.



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: _____

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

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