

Auburn Aviation Association



January 2017

President's Message

MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 3rd

5:00 p.m. AAA Board Meeting.

AAA members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

Wednesday January 4th

Membership Meeting & Potluck

Socializing starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m. Speaker Steve Ainsworth will explore with us some of the science behind the making of the film The Martian. Also, regional helicopter ambulance services have combined and we'll hear about how members can take advantage of group rates.

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.

JANUARY POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish to share:

A-E, R-Z—Main Dish
K-Q—Salad or Side Dish
F-J—Dessert

WOW! 2016 sure flew by! Our December meeting and Annual Party was well attended, well enjoyed, and a great way to end our year. Thanks to all who brought donations for the Auburn Christmas Basket program.

For 2017, I am honored again to be at the helm of this fine aviation advocacy group of involved citizens. Last year's accomplishments include having great speakers at well-attended meetings; supporting a new group organizing a very successful Auburn Air Fair, and we heard from our consultants how to improve our airport.

Thank you to the 2016 Officers and Directors for their dedicated efforts to make meaningful contributions to this organization's causes and focused concerns. The great news is: we're keeping the exact same leadership to run AAA in 2017.

This year we'll continue to bring you other interesting and diverse speakers, we'll focus on increasing our membership and we continue to be advocates on ways to improve our aerodrome.

Also new for this year is the new automatic invoicing for your membership renewal. Many, not all, members are now receiving an emailed invoice to renew their AAA membership. Since AAA memberships have traditionally started at the beginning of the calendar year, a great number of members are now due.

Renewal is now very easy. No check written. No stamp needed. Simply click the pay online button and then when the Paypal login comes up, simply click below on "Pay with a credit card." It also works fine with a debit card. Thanks in advance for your continued support of YOUR local aviation association! www.auburnaviationassociation.org.

Lastly, 50 years ago, on December 16, 1966, I soloed in Cessna 150 after 8.1 hours of dual gained in the previous two days on 5 flights. I was just six months out of high school and when I came home on my Christmas break from college my parents offered, "We'll pay for your pilot's license... IF you can get the 35 required hours, pass the written and flight exams during the three week holiday break." I did and went back to college with a private pilot's license. What a wonderful Christmas present and lifetime legacy from my parents I can still enjoy any day I want even 50 years later!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year!
Fair Winds,
Tim

AVIATION HUMOR: You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.



Well another month and another year have gone by and it has been a great year. Tanner Hutchinson passed his Private Pilot Knowledge Test. Diane Boettcher and David Haven both soloed this past month. David (pictured below) was soloed in his own airplane, a C-172, with his brother-in-law Tom Dwelle (T.J.) as his instructor (yes, David is the husband of our one and only Chris Haven). Diane soloed in a Evektor SportStar Light Sport with Jeremy Larsen as her instructor. In addition to the new solos, Troy Tetsuka earned his Private Pilot Certificate with Jeremy Larsen as his instructor. Troy lives in Portland and his job would send him to Sacramento every two or three weeks, interrupting his training. At first he trained with us just to compliment what he was doing in Portland. However as time passed he ended up finishing with us in Auburn. What a great way to end the year for everyone. Our own Bryce Mitchell reached a landmark this month. Bryce has purchase a two-place Pitts and has soloed that. If you see a black and yellow aircraft running about the airport that looks like an infuriated bumble bee, that is Bryce. Nice Christmas present, Bryce. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

A DC-3 showed up the other day at Auburn. What a pleasant surprise that was. Ben Foss was there with his daughter Morgan to greet the pilot along with dozens of others who just had to see this icon from the past. The airplane came from Flabob Airport in southern California. The plane is owned by five brothers involved with the FAAA (Flabob Antique Aircraft Association) and they use it for special occasions. It spent the night and was gone the next day. Another interesting antique aircraft that came in and lives a little bit closer (Cameron Park) is a KZ-VII (pictured at right with Wayne Mooneyham). The airplane was built in the late 1940's by Scandinavian Aeroindustry of Denmark and is only one of two hundred ever built. The owner believes it is the only one in the United States. It is owned and restored by Carl-Eric Olsen (also from Cameron Park). Carl bought the aircraft as a wreck and has spent many years restoring it, doing all the work himself. The plane is absolutely beautiful and I am sure it will be a winner at Oshkosh when it gets there. I am looking forward to

flying with him in it one day. How does Auburn attract such neat airplanes even for just a short visit?

Let's not forget those who put on our air fair in October. Ben Foss did not. In appreciation for their help Ben threw a bar-b-q for all those who helped him throughout that weekend. A couple of dozen folks were there and it was a generous gesture by Ben. Thanks for your help that day, Ben, and the rest of the year when you were there for us.

Sunshine Flyers had a day of celebration for the birth of Jesus. It was also a time to thank all of those who have made our success possible over the past year and the year to come. About fifty people came throughout the day and a good time was had by all. It has been a very good year.

As for the future, AAA scholarship guidelines are [posted on our web-site](#). Past recipients James Jacobson and Robert Hewett have been putting their training to good use. Jacobson took 3rd place in the sportsman category of US National Aerobatic Championships. Hewett has been working on his instrument rating, has a full ride to Arizona State University with AF ROTC in aerospace engineering, and started tailwheel training in December.

Well, Miss Daisy, that is about all for this month and this year. I wish one and all a happy and prosperous New Year. Good Night, Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



Photos



Top photo: Flabob Antique Aircraft Association DC-3 that visited Auburn. Ben Foss's daughter Morgan is pictured on the tug. Bottom right: Reuben Pierce soloed in Lincoln on runway 15 in N743DX with CFI Greg Pellerin. Bottom left: Jeff Palm attended the Sunshine Flyers Christmas open house. The Tim Tam cookies (pictured, chocolate) were an especially big hit.

More Photos



Top Left: Troy Tetsuka passed his PPL checkride with CFI Jeremy Larsen and DPE Ashley Snider. Below Left: Bill soloed with Mach 5 instructor Michael Lombart in early December. Top right: Diane Boettcher achieved her solo flight in December. Her instructor was Jeremy Larsen. Bottom right: N734DX is a new plane available at Sunshine Aviation.

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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 _____

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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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