

Auburn Aviation Association



PROP WASH

July 2017

President's Message

MEETING

Wednesday July 5 General Membership Meeting & Potluck

Socializing starts at 5:30 p.m.,
meeting at 6:00 p.m.

AAA 2014 scholarship recipient
James Jacobson returns to Auburn to
tell us about the UND Aerospace
program, flying the Extra 300,
and his lofty aspirations for
competition aerobatics at age 19.



JULY POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish to share:

A-E: Main Dish

F-J: Dessert

K-Q: Side Dish

R-Z: Main Dish

The hot spell in June proved summer is here with all its heat and density altitude challenges while, at the same time, keeping the oil and cylinder head temperatures under control. I was reminded by an old aviation salt to keep my best rate of climb 15-20 knots faster than the usual best rate of climb to keep the temperature gauges in the green. Another step we can take to prevent the engine from overheating is to keep the mixture a little richer than normal, especially during a long climb out. These two slight adjustments to your normal procedures, even in extreme heat, should keep both you and your engine cool.

And speaking of cool things to do at KAUN is to attend the new Friday Flydays (FF) from 5-8PM the third Friday for the next three months. Organized by AAA member Ben Foss and Diane Hammer, it's a free event where you can enjoy free food, free music, antique aircraft and many diverse information booths by local non-profits and civic organization. Special for the July FF, will be flights in a DC-3. Fifteen-minute flights will be \$139 and a 30 min flight is \$229. Tickets are available online at <https://www.goldenageairtours.com/rentals/>. Each month any funds raised will go to a different charity. For July it is the Bud Anderson Scholarship fund managed by AAA and who interviews the candidates. This year 12 recipients received financial support towards their aviation dreams.

The good deals just keep coming to our airport this summer. AAA member and Mach 5 GM John Herdon tells me there will be another free event hosted by Mach 5 on Saturday, August 19 at 7PM. They'll be showing famous aviation themed movies in their open-air hangar with the proceeds from concessions generating scholarships promoting aviation to the next generation. The first Saturday night movie event will show THE Best Aviation Movie of the last 30 years, TOP GUN starring Tom Cruise, of course! It's Hollywood's view of the brash, cocky and ever so self-confident aircrews all-fighting to be "The Best of the Best." Our little airport is hustling and bustling this summer. Look for the flyer and come support worthwhile aviation events all for the good of kids catching the aviation "spark" and taking to the skies!

Fair winds,
Tim

*Left to right: Peggy Dwelle, Katie Allen,
Joanie Mooneyham, Walt Wilson, Ben Foss.*



As the Prop Turns

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Well, the 4th of July is here along with the hot summer days, picnicking, homemade ice cream, watermelon, fireworks, parades, and the celebration of the start of a new country over two hundred and forty years ago—kind of like a Norman Rockwell painting. Much like our country enjoying its new found freedom, these people will be able to enjoy their new found freedoms in aviation. Chris Haven (pictured below with DPE Ashley Snider—our very own Chris Haven, co-editor of this newsletter and person extraordinaire) passed her Private Pilot check ride and is now a Private Pilot. Scott Woodland is now a full fledged Commercial Pilot, Michael Polit passed his Multi-engine Commercial test after many delays, and Nick Audenried passed his Single Engine Commercial test. Rhonda Rajaofera is now one step closer to her Private Pilot Certificate by passing her knowledge test. Camile Binkley passed her IFR written test. Congratulations to all on a job well done and your start on that wonderful adventure of aviation.



Nevada County Air Fest July 7th and 8th is coming up on the weekend after our meeting. The Golden Empire Flying Association (our sister organization) is sponsoring the event. Friday night dinner, live music, static display aircraft, and a great kick off to the next day's events. It is also your opportunity to volunteer to help. We all know what it takes to put on an event of the this magnitude and you know there is no such thing as too many volunteers. As Evan Wolfe likes to say "many hands make for light work". If nothing else go up and support the event with your presence and take the family and friends. Check out their web page (Nevada County Airfest/Nevada City, California) for prices and time. Where else can you take a family of four for \$25.00?

Diane Hammer (of Sunshine Flyers) and Ben Foss (of TGH Aviation) organized a successful fundraiser for the Firefighter Burn Institute and raised \$1500 plus. Fire trucks from Cal Fire and Placer County, a Helicopter from Sac Metro Fire, and an OV-10 from Cal



Fire flew down from Nevada County Airport. Classic cars showed up and Al Casner brought over several of his motorcycles and his red Stearman. Stewart Wells brought his N-3N along with his little tow vehicle. His tow vehicle is a converted garden tractor made to look like a mini version of a jeep along with a little trailer. The kids loved it. A third bi-plane showed up from Grass Valley and it was a Waco UPF. There is nothing like fire trucks and air-planes to get the kids' attention. In addition, Andy Bibber of Adventure Flight-warbirdsofalaska@gmail.com or (866) 644-4072-brought an AT-6 and a T-50 Bobcat from Lincoln to give rides. Other aircraft in the Adventure Flight collection are a Taylorcraft BC-12 and a Navy N-3N. All of these aircraft are used for flight training and scenic flights. If you want a new adventure in flying you only need to call Andy. Free food came from the Grocery Outlet and music was by Brian Paz's Ontrack D.J. Productions. Our food service was provided by Bill Campbell of "Bite My Buns." Metro Fire with their Huey gave a fifteen minute demonstration on how they do their hoist rescues with our very

own Bryce Mitchell serving as the victim. Additionally, the OV-10 had to leave early because of a fire somewhere which only added to the excitement of the evening. There is something exciting about the red lights and siren and the sound of an airplane all rushing off to a fire. While the temperature was hot and the crowd was small the event was a big success. Their next effort will be on the third Fridays of July, August, and September. July's event will be benefitting our own scholarship fund so come out, enjoy the evening, and donate to the fund.



And you may have seen in the Auburn Journal one of Diane Hammer's other good works. She was recognized with a Good Citizens award for stopping along the road to assist an accident victim before first responders arrived. Diane and some other passing motorists pulled the driver out of his burning car.

Well that is about all for this month, so good night, Miss Daisy.

Mike Duncan

Prop Turner

Scholarship Winner News



At left: Nick Moore, 2013 AAA scholarship recipient, is captain of the Embry-Riddle Golden Eagles—the team that captured the 11th National Intercollegiate Flying Association National Championship. Moore earned “Top Pilot” award at the event.



AAA President Tim Pinkney congratulates 2017 Scholarship recipients Julia Carey, Christian Watt, Michael Don, and Camile Binkley (left to right) at the June meeting.



2017 scholarship winner Brandon Brown (center) visits with Tom Dwelle (left) and Ken Dwelle in the Flyers hangar. Brandon has begun training for his commercial rating thanks to help from AAA.



New Member BEN FOSS

Born and raised in Auburn, Ben has been around aviation since birth because of his father, Greg Foss. Ben started working air fairs at eight years old helping to direct and park transient aircraft. He graduated Del Oro High school with the class of 2006 and joined the US Navy in December of that year. Ben served on board the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis CVN-74 stationed in Bremerton, WA from 2007 to 2011, first as a Helmsman, then as an Aviation Electronics Technician for F/A-18's, EA-18G's and EA-6B's. Daughter Morgan was born 13 Sept 2010. Ben moved back to California as a full time single father after leaving the Navy in 2011 and went to work at TGH Aviation in Aug of 2013. Ben was Ramp Boss for the 2016 Auburn Air Fair and is the creator and Director for Friday Flydays.



Mach 5 Musings

John Herndon, General Manager



June brings us the Summer Solstice and along with the first big summer heat wave. It has been a good time for high density altitude flying and checking aircraft performance numbers before heading up the hill.

It has been a busy month at Mach 5 allowing us to celebrate many accomplishments. Starting off the month was our newest IFR certified pilot Joe Marlay under the instruction of his primary flight instructor Chester Gault. Also this month, Mike Altmann took his first solo flight under the watchful eye of instructor Larry Uzelac. Larry's additional student Mike Polit earned his commercial multi-engine pilot's license. Todd Martin received his private pilot certificate guided by CFI Josh Landry. While we are speaking of Josh, we need to give him a big shout out as our newest CFII.

Our VFR Ground School is well under way and runs through August 1st on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-8pm. Mach 5 made it in the Sacramento Bee during Memorial Day weekend, found in the "home and family" section highlighting our sightseeing flights. Lastly, looking ahead in our summer scheduling we will be hosting a fun and FREE family friendly event, 'Hangar Movie Night' on August 19th at 7pm in our hangar. The event will boast food trucks and drinks, and a portion of concession sales will be donated to the AAA's scholarship program. Mark your calendars for the movie "Top Gun," bring your blankets and chairs, and head on out for a great time!



Photos

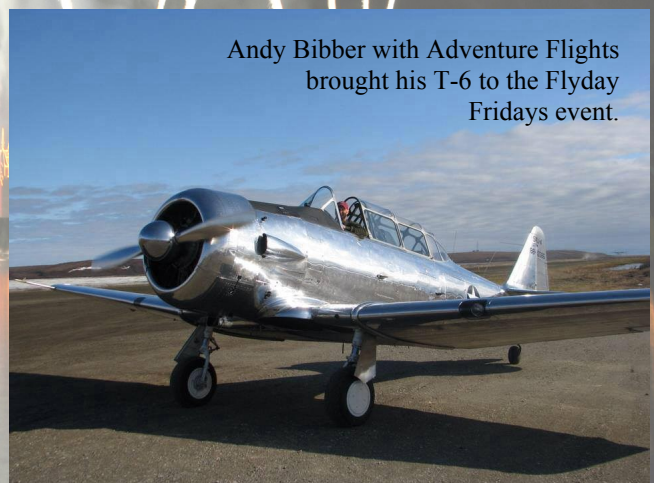
The Adventure Flights Cessna Bobcat T-50 Bamboo Bomber gave rides at our FlyDay Friday event.



June meeting speaker David Grabowski's wife and new baby attended the meeting. Inspiring the next generation is one of our objectives, after all.



Speaker David Grabowski gave a talk about his flight across the country in a trike. His trip followed the route aviator Cal Rodgers took in 1911.



Andy Bibber with Adventure Flights brought his T-6 to the Flyday Fridays event.