



AAA Events

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JULY MEETING

Wednesday, July 1

This month's General Membership meeting will be held over Zoom. We are pleased to have a presentation by **Larry Jobe**, President of the Flying Tiger Historical Organization. The subject is the flight of a Douglas C-47 Skytrain from Australia to Guilin China over the "hump" of the Himalayas. This should have been an 8 day flight.
Invite a friend.



AUGUST MEETING

Wednesday, August 5

AAA traditionally holds an annual barbecue at our August meeting. We are considering an in-person outdoor gathering at Wings.

President's Message

Hang in there.....

What a ride these last four months have been and the effect it is having on aviation. For those aviators in training, their dreams may have dimmed a little. I am impressed that we were able to implement precautions and to safely continue training keeping hopes and dreams alive.

I am very optimistic from a Corporate/Charter standpoint. In the past three weeks, I have flown over ten flights. The Auburn flight schools are very active. Net Jets and Flex Jet are getting busier. I recently talked with a long time friend and mentor of mine based in Orlando, FL. He is seeing a lot of activity in corporate aircraft purchases and upgrades. There may be a shift for the near future to fly corporate and charter travel reducing larger group exposure. I would expect that may even trickle down to high performance single engine aircraft. So hey newbies, keep your chin up and continue your training. Even if you hold a single engine commercial pilot certificate and instrument rating, get that resume together and show it to a mentor for review and pointers to successfully represent your qualities. Get it out there in the hands of operators. Many turbo props and some jets are single pilot rated and you may be just what they are looking for. They may even finance future upgrades.

I was talking to Kelly recently and he reminisced that about four months ago, he had a class

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President's Message, continued

date for training with an airline then received some disappointing news. Just the other day, he received an email stating that he still was on the list. The airlines might be down, but not out. We have been hearing that Southwest Airlines are back to running a full schedule. Other airlines are not planning future layoffs and expecting better days ahead.

Those of us that have been in this business of aviation for a while, have seen and experienced its ups and downs. But patience and persistence have paid off over time. And if you love what you do you will never work another day in your life.

I look forward to seeing everyone on our "Zoom" meeting Wednesday, July 1st. We have another great guest speaker presenting. Most of all I look forward to real face time in the near future. I am hoping that in August, AAA will get together for BBQ at an outside venue!

CAUTION: You may have just been infected by some OPTIMISM! Spread it around!

That's my story Eh, and I'm sticking to it!

Randy Leys



As The Prop Turns

Ezra Roberts Brockway passed his Private Pilot Knowledge test with **Kelly Richards** as his instructor. Ezra work at the Grass Valley Airport and received their scholarship from the Golden Empire Flying club (their version of AAA).

Sunshine Flyers instructor Kelly Richards got checked out in back seat of the Citabria as an instructor. For those who have never flown in the back seat of a tandem seated airplane, you have no forward visibility and the student blocks any view of the few flight instruments you might accidentally be able to see. You fly by the seat of your pants for coordination and pitch attitude for airspeed. Too fast and you hear the wind whistle through the windows. Too slow and the airplane talks to you by sinking and buffeting. It is back to basics for the instructor and a great confidence builder in that you can fly an airplane without looking at the instruments.

Tiera Bickford is now a Certified Flight Instructor. Signed off by her father, **Shawn Bickford**, as her instructor, and **Dr. James Duvalle** as her Designated Pilot Examiner. Tiera chose one of the more blustery days to take her check ride and passed with flying colors. And not too far behind Tiera is **Helen Dobeck** having passed all of her knowledge tests for the CFI and is now just waiting for her check ride. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Wings restaurant is back up and running (at least outside) thanks to the support and contributions of her customers. Wings has added a second covered area in front of **Doug Van Howd's** statue to accommodate those who cannot sit inside for now. In talking to **Connie** (the owner), she is greatly appreciative of the many donations people have made to her to keep the restaurant afloat. After all, Wings is a valuable asset to this airport and surrounding community. Additionally she has offered to let AAA use the outdoor facilities for our meetings if we wish. This would allow plenty of separation and fresh air for all. For those of you who walk the airport or work in your hangar, you will be glad to see the new hand wash stations at each of the Port-a-Pottys.

Airport Manager **Walt Wilson** is set to retire on Tuesday and **Fire Chief Dave Spencer** will be managing the airport for now. Robert Hewett from Threshold Aviation has been working with the city on immediate work on the facilities. **Mac McElroy** is off to a running start as the new chairman of the 5AC, having taken over from **Wayne Mooneyham**.

AAA foundation fundraising (among other things) has bloomed under the attention of **Don Wolfe** and **Doug Fee**. You can see part of their official communications on pages 8 and 9.

Noise abatement is an ongoing issue for nearby residents, and so it is an issue for all of us who want to continue to use the airport. The AWOS has been updated to mention our noise abatement procedures in addition to the signs at the runup areas. I encourage you to read the sign at the end of the runway and follow instructions.

Pictured below and on the next page is Sunshine Flyers instructor **Camile Tricomo** with some "Next Gen" pilots. A former scholarship recipient herself, Camile has started early encouraging the next generation of pilots. Pictured here she is working with a pre-school class that her kids attend. Dressed in her co-pilot attire, she spent a couple of hours introducing them to the world of aviation with lessons on charts, navigation, and aerodynamics. The kids were all fascinated. Thank you, Camile, for passing on the dreams and adventures of flying to the future of aviation. Well that is about all for this month. Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Michael Duncan





Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN! As Placer County transitions into the third phase of quarantine we're excited to see businesses returning to normal! As our students return they're getting closer and closer to accomplishing some great achievements in the world of aviation, and we're honoring a few of them who are well on their way to becoming licensed pilots.

In this month of June we've had two successful student solos. Congratulations to **Wesley Mason** and **Davinder Dhillon** for passing with flying colors under the instruction of two of our amazing CFIs.

Wesley is one of our students training with our **CFI Bennett Carlson**. Just as he is at school, Wesley is a very dedicated flight student who knows how to study and applies his knowledge to our aircraft seamlessly. We can't wait until Wesley is flying with his PPL, and we know he'll go on to achieve great things here!

Davinder has continued working his full time job as a pulmonologist while simultaneously training for his private pilot license with CFI **Hailey Truax**. Through his hard work and dedication, he was able to successfully complete his first solo with his entire family watching from the ground below! We love to see that support here at Mach 5, and we're even more excited to see the turnout for Davinder's PPL Checkride.

Last but not least we'd like to congratulate **Todd Alter** for passing his PPL Checkride! After devoting hours to the ground and sky with our **CFI Sean Swenson**, he earned his private pilots license fair and square! Congratulations, Todd, we hope you have fun taking to the skies for a relaxing afternoon or fun outing with friends.

Stay safe and healthy KAUN!
Blue Skies and Tailwinds



Mach 5 Musings, cont.



Lifetime Member Mike Sullivan

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Mike began flying a Bellanca Scout as a student pilot in the early 70s in Willow, Alaska. He put his flying program on hold and moved to Hawaii where he began working in the Commercial Fishing Industry (1976-1985). He was also a Commercial Hard Hat Diver. Mike became the Operations manager of a Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory involved in deep water research submersible diving ops. He move back to the mainland and ran an Auto wholesale company from 1985-2015 and is now retired.

Mike is the proud owner of a Cessna 182T, tail number N52694. His certificates include Private Pilot Single Engine Land and Instrument Airplane. Mike also earned a tailwheel endorsement is an American Champion Super Decathlon.

Thank you Mike for supporting our Educational Endowment Fund via your Lifetime Membership contribution.



Lifetime Member Jerry Severs



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"My interest in aviation has always been there. When I was a kid, my best friend's Dad owned a 4 place piper. I was lucky to fly with them once.

My more serious interest didn't occur until I retired from Caltrans 20 years ago. At that time I gave up beer and went on a healthy regimen in order to have no issue passing an aviation medical. Also at that point, I didn't have extra cash for flying lessons.

As you know, flying requires total commitment to that interest. It is a huge commitment of TIME and resources, if you expect to be a competent and proficient pilot. I understand....you must be both.

Now, I do have the resources, but do not have the time, hearing or vision to be safe as a pilot in command.

SO. I love to build things. I built the tribute P-51 Mustang to Col. C. E. "Bud" Anderson. The project took 1300 hours over nearly 14 years at a cost of about \$5,000. I'm persistent, if not fast.

Since "completing" the P-51 (you never really complete them) in March of 2019, I have used it in four parades

and four special events for Bud. It is sooo heartwarming to see the smiles on young and old as we pass them in parade. We always have a youngster in the plane piloting....operating the prop and strobe lights. Great fun for all.

At the time I started building it (2006), I had no idea I would ever meet Bud or in fact end up living 1/2 mile away (as the old crow flies).

My parents were very good to me, but they did not try to direct any of us on any particular career path and did not try to focus our scholastic efforts toward college.

My early lack of direction is partly why I support the AAA efforts to provide direction and help youngsters get a start in aviation."

Jerry, Thank you for supporting our Educational Endowment Fund via your Lifetime Membership contribution!

Pictured above is Jerry Severs, Col. C.E. Bud Anderson and the P-51 "Old Crow" model created by Jerry.



AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION 2020 VISION

Year in Review

For the Auburn Aviation Association, 2019 has been a year of significant evolution. The biggest change involves how we plan to fund the flying scholarships that we have been awarding for years. In a very big leap of faith, our Board of Directors made the decision to partner with the Placer Community Foundation in establishing and providing initial funding of an endowment. In the past, it's been a big on-going task to come up with the dollars to fund each year's scholarships. The beauty of this endowment is that it will provide a permanent funding source for our scholarships, and will replace the need for us to scramble to come up with the money each year to fund our scholarships. For our donors, it means that anything they contribute will not be used and expended this year, but will continue to help young people in our community forever. I feel that we are establishing a legacy for our aviation community here in Auburn, and frankly, it's exciting.

We opened the endowment with an initial deposit of \$25,000, and established a fundraising goal of reaching \$35,000 by the end of 2019. I'm proud to be able to say that we have *exceeded* that goal by about \$10,000. One of our most successful fundraising techniques has been the establishment of a Life Membership program, with three different membership levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze. As of the end of 2019, we now have seven Gold Life Members, three Silver Life Members and two Bronze Life Members. Additionally, we have received significant donations from the aviation community, and held a silent auction at our monthly meeting in December. That auction brought in over \$800.

Aside from providing the initial funding to our endowment, we also awarded two \$2,500 flight scholarships in 2019, participated in the EAA's three day Ford Trimotor event at Auburn Airport and maintained an on-going mentoring relationship with some of our youth and young adults. That mentoring included offering an evening course providing an overview of aviation careers and training in job interview techniques. We have partnered with our local EAA Chapter this year to coordinate some of our activities in the belief that, in terms of encouraging our youth, we are both working in the same direction.

What does the future hold for the Auburn Aviation Association? Of course we want to continue to build our endowment to the point that it can perpetually fund at least two flight scholarships a year. We hope to do that through the support of the aviation community by way of donations of money and hard assets. We can accept hangars, aircraft, hangar space, just about anything you can think of. The encouragement that we've received so far is very promising, and we hope to earn your continued support.

We've prepared this report to illustrate how your hard earned money is being put to good use. Our mentoring programs are working and our Scholarship recipients are pursuing their dream of flight. On behalf of our scholarship recipients and the members of Auburn Aviation Association.

Thank you,

Doug Fee

AAA President 2019



Launching The Next Generation



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Scholarship and Mentoring Programs

At Auburn Aviation Association we recognize the value of aviation in our world today. Our members take every opportunity to promote flying activities in the greater Auburn area, especially at the Auburn Airport. Methods include fund raisers, donations, flight scholarships and good old fashioned mentoring.

Aviation is a profession that attracts high quality individuals. They pay attention to detail, have situational awareness, humility, self-confidence, and good communication skills. They must be of high moral character and maintain a desire to learn. Auburn Aviation Association promotes young adults with these traits by supporting them with our scholarship and mentoring programs. They go on to become successful adults and will then pay it forward as well.

"Aviation Career Night" is our annual presentation focused on exposing teens and young adults to aviation. Topics include: the job application, tips for an effective interview, aviation opportunities, and ways to become a successful person. Mentors from various areas of aviation share information about their career field. These professionals include Air Traffic Control, Aircraft Maintenance, Military, Airline, CHP, Placer Co. Sheriff, Corporate Aviation and even Alaska Bush Flying. We also have flight instructors, recently rated pilots and student pilots on hand to discuss their journey through flight training. A one on one discussion with these mentors is invaluable in helping one learn more about career options in aviation and aerospace.

As a non-profit organization, we educate the next generation of aviators through our aviation scholarship program. Our annual \$2500.00 Col. C.E. "Bud" Anderson Flight Scholarship has helped numerous individuals begin their journey towards a pilot rating. We also offer aviation related grants for advanced education on an individual, by need basis.

Won't you help us?

We invite you to give a gift that will keep on giving by donating tax deductible dollars or estate assets to our endowment fund. Consider purchasing one of our Lifetime Memberships and join us at our monthly dinner meetings. Be a Corporate Sponsor. Your company logo will be placed on our website in recognition of your support. We also offer a legacy plan with an annual scholarship grant in your name. Your bio can be posted on our web page and your life work will be recognized through the annual grant presentation for the eternity of our organization.

You can trust the Auburn Aviation Association to put your hard earned money to work in promoting well deserving young adults in the field of aviation. Give the Gift of Education and Help Their Dreams Take Flight. Join us in "Paying It Forward to the Next Generation!"

Don Wolfe
Scholarship Director

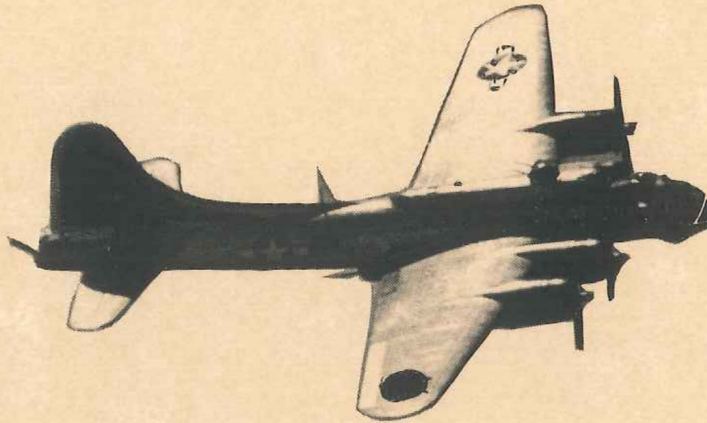


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THE B-17

She's the lady that we trusted to do exactly as we asked
No matter what the danger, she was always to the task

The "Flying Fortress", one of the many names she knew
Was given with affection from the men with whom she flew

The job was overwhelming and some were not so keen
Mortals are prone to falter, but not our 'Seventeen'

She flew on when we were doubtful that a plane could do that much
And though we sometimes failed her, she responded to our touch

Through storms and enemy fighters, 'cross miles of rough terrain
Through flak as thick as raindrops, she brought us home again

At times so mortally wounded, I wondered how she flew
Still she stayed on target until the job was through

There were many in the squadron that did not finish their ride
With fighters spitting death, they went down with all inside

But our lady kept formation as all around us bullets burned
Until we heard "Bombs away!" and homeward she had turned

She was the one we trusted to get us home intact
In spite of being crippled up, she somehow got us back

She'll be in our hearts forever, we'll be ever in her debt
That's why we 'Keep 'em Flying', so we never will forget.

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AAA Members List UPDATE THE July 2020

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

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Jerry Seversen & Nancy Benjamin, Tom Dwelle**

Silver Lifetime Member: **Mike Duncan , Mike Shoemaker, Mike Long, Shawn & Juliette Bickford**

Bronze Lifetime Member: **David & Stephanie Holloway, Mike Sullivan, Peter Hastert, Luke Jacobson**

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Mona Anderson	David Harris & Noah (grandson)	Ernie & Janice Peterson
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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.



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: _____

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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: _____

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