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July 2022

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5AC MEETING

TUES July 5th, 6:00 PM Barnstormer Room

All airport interested parties are welcome to attend. Voting on issues is restricted to AAA members in good standing. In person meeting. Past meeting minutes are posted here.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WED July 6th 6:00 PM Under the tent at WINGS

This month we will have our annual in-person summer BBQ in lieu of our regular monthly meeting, so there will not be a guest speaker.

JULY POTLUCK MENU

The City of Auburn will provide burgers, hotdogs and chips.

You might bring

Side Dish/Salad: M-Z

Dessert: A-L

President's Message

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ASSOCIATION

We welcome July and as Rob Thomas says "Man, It's a hot one!"

I'm absolutely thrilled for our July BBQ under the tent at Wings that the city has generously offered to put on for the members of AAA and their guests. If you know of anyone at other local airports who would like to share in the fun and fly in, Please invite them!

Last week I spent some time getting checked out in an old 172C with only 145 horsepower. Personally, I have not spent much time at KGOO where the plane is based and had never landed there as PIC. With the hot days and high density altitudes, KGOO becomes a challenging mountain airport. It took me a few laps to get used to the thermal that is common on final for runway 25. That has inspired me to do some more study on mountain flying, which is critical in our local area especially in the summertime, so I

encourage you to do the same!

Anyhow, wishing this wonderful group a Happy and Safe Fourth of July Holiday and a tremendous July!

Chase Morgan, President



As The Prop Turns By Michael Duncan

The 4th of July is just around the corner. Hot weather (climate change!!!), bar-b-q's, picnics, fireworks, the start of summer vacation from school, and the official start of summer. With the long days it makes for some great flying in the early morning (for those who can get up at 4:30am. (Yes, there is a 4:30am) or later in the day (sunset

at 8:30pm). Come on out and enjoy the longer days.

The following students are enjoying their new found freedoms. Tom Fuller made his first solo in a Cessna 172 with **Steven Bazo**r as his instructor. Rick Hinds was not to be out done and soloed two students. Both Philip Acierto and Dale Lusby were able to solo in a Cessna 172. Rick's accomplishment did not end there, he also had Jim Carrol earn his Instrument rating with James Duvall as the pilot examiner. Rory Ondracek is not to be forgotten. Rory's student Mario Dinucci passed his Private Pilot Certificate with **David Tranquilla** in a Cessna 172. Mario can now move on to the Cessna 182 that he purchased. **Will Sharpe** is not to be left out. He earned his commercial rating, also, with Rory, and James Duvall as his examiner. Rory topped off this month by earning his Advanced Ground Instructor Rating and qualifying as a Gold Seal Flight Instructor. He should receive the official recognition from the FAA with a new certificate with a gold FAA seal on it.





As The Prop Turns, cont.



For those of you looking for some continuing education in aviation you might try some of the webinars that are out there. The FAA Safety Team (FAAST) manager came by my office again this month. Paul Koscheka is his name and you can get a hold of him via email: paul.koscheka@faa.gov or call him at 916-719-6808. Paul conducts a zoom meeting every Thursday at 6:00 on various subjects. Additionally you can get on a list for receiving notification of

other webinars on many subjects from flying into the Bay area, to flying at a non towered airport, to inadvertent entry into IMC conditions, etc. Most of these webinars last about 45 minutes. One of the nice things about attending any of these webinars is that they count toward the ground time for your Wings Program or the ground portion of your Flight Review (that is Biennial Flight Review - BFR for those of us who remember that far back). Paul can help you get registered with FAAST. For those of you who own your airplane, attending these meetings might help you on your insurance rates. All of this continuing education is free to you.

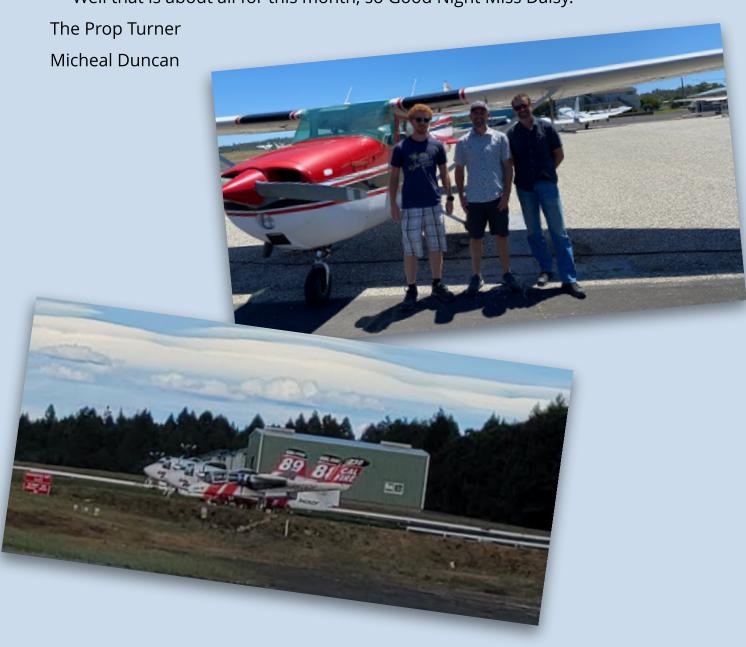
So sit back in the comfort of your home and enjoy.

One of the great joys of hanging out at the Auburn airport is all of the unusual airplanes that come by. A Republic Seabee came by and spent the night while on the way to the Columbia river for a week of flying and fishing. Getting to sit in the cockpit and imagine cruising along at 80kts or landing in a remote lake or river was great fun. A Hawker Sea Fury coming out of the hangar and getting

As The Prop Turns, cont.

ready for the annual. The sound of a four thousand horse engine starting. The noise, the smoke and flame. The arrival of a P-51 that flew halfway across the country just to meet Col. "Bud" Anderson. An all original 7AC with no electrical or radio, that cruises along at 60 mph. Three gyrocopters that fly in for lunch at Wings. The arrival of a N3N or Stearman that always manages to gather a crowd. A powered parachute that is racing south to San Diego from Seattle. I just can't imagine sitting in a powered parachute that long. At the other end of the spectrum is The Millennium Phenom jet, that cruises at 500 plus mph, coming in to celebrate Col. Anderson's birthday. I think that all of this makes Auburn airport one of the greatest little airports out there and I hope everyone appreciates it as much as I do.

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





We hope pilots all over have been taking advantage of the beautiful summer weather in Auburn to go fly! Here at Mach 5 Aviation, the school has been busier than ever with our students and renters. We just welcomed a new plane to the fleet – a C-152 Sparrowhawk, N714UD. Keep an eye out for this economical trainer!

Our Tecnam P2006T has been proving itself to be a worthwhile training plane for pilots looking to get their multi-engine rating with

us. With our students averaging around 10 hours of received dual instruction, our first checkride in the Tecnam was **Daniel R**. on May 21_{st}, with his CFI being **Tony Pollizzi!** Others that have earned their multi-engine ratings include **Angelo G**. and **Christopher N**., both of them trained by **Charlie Mellor!** Our C-310R also carried **Lou D**. into achieving his multi-engine rating under **Chester Gault** and Charlie Mellor's instruction!

In addition, we've seen two of our students from our Part 141 program with William Jessup University achieve their own significant milestones: **Gavin A**., trained by **Jake Heppner**, passed his instrument checkride on June 9th, and **Rogelio L**., trained by **Ryan Juba**, passed his private pilot check ride on June 15th. Throughout the month, we've had more causes of celebration, such as **James H**. completing his first solo on June 2nd



Mach 5 Musings ... from the Mach 5 Aviation Clubhouse

under **Jake Heppner**, **Drew M.** and **Diana R.** completing their private pilot checkride with the help of **Michelle Ruggiero** (June 3rd and 18th, respectively), and **Mia M.** passed her private pilot check ride on June 6th!

Mia's checkride is a special one to Mach 5 Aviation. After a discontinuance due to weather, she and her CFI; **Charlie Mellor**, once more flew down to O22 in Columbia, to meet with Ken Cobb. While Charlie and Ken chatted, Mia's pre-flight of our N20268 was interrupted by an FAA agent for a surprise ramp check! We got to interview Mia on the experience:



"Given that I was on my checkride, I had this idea that it was kind of a routine or common thing. Apparently not, since he seemed pretty surprised to find out that I was about to fly for my private pilot checkride! The whole thing was pretty straightforward – the agent was nice, and because I had already studied what to expect from a ramp check, I felt prepared for the situation. Everything

that he needed for the airplane was in easy access for him to inspect, and he said that he was very impressed by how well-kept our maintenance logs were. All-in-all, it was pretty chill!"



Mia flew back with Charlie as one of Mach 5's newest-minted private pilots. She can now be found working at the front desk of our clubhouse alongside Paige, our summer intern!

As seen with Mia, part of the great success of the students of Mach 5's check rides has been due to the excellent maintenance upkeep and organization of our aircraft. Under our IA Mike Town and our mechanics, Mach 5 Aviation is back to maintain not just our fleet, but perform outside maintenance too! Already, we have serviced several planes in the local area. Anyone due for an inspection for their aircraft – whether it's a pre-buy, 100 hour, annual, or general service call – just has to give us a call to get yourself scheduled with our team!





I apologize to all for not participating in last weeks Propwash but it snuck up on me before I had time to provide anything.

The Auburn Airport is a happening place and there are many things to report on but I will try and keep it brief. As most all of you have seen the NTSB report came out on Mayor Bill Kirby's fatal crash that took place in April of 2020. While it was rumored by some that the

City's fuel was the culprit, the NTSB found that the water in fuel, found to be the cause, was from his aircraft's leaky fuel tank caps. While this is a truly tragic reason that someone lost their life it should serve to all as a reminder that the little things are sometimes the most important.

The East End Hangar Project is moving along swimmingly on the City's site. There are a few "F" words that you never want to hear during the development of a project and the one that snuck up on us was "FERC" or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It seems the canal that runs under the east end of the airport serves a hydro electric plant somewhere down stream and in working towards developing a waterline that would travers the canal some 45 feet

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Auburn On-Demand is a city provided ride-share service. Through an App you are able to request a pickup at a location and destination of your choice. Our bus will then pick you up and take you to your requested destination.

above we had to go through FERC review. A process we were told would take no less than 9 months to "possibly" complete before we were able to move forward with the installation of the waterline. This was simply unacceptable so, working with PG&E (the canal owner), we were able to find an exemption in federal regulations for crossing made for municipal water services. All that to say we are going to the City Council for permission to bid the waterline at the first meeting in July with a contract to be issued sometime in August.

The Helicopter Parking Area project continues to creep forward. We have issued a contract to Gabe Mendez Construction but due to long lead times to get materials and supplies for this project, it looks like the new start date for construction will be in August.

Amber Carrell, Airport
Administrative Assistant, has
recently conducted an audit of the
over 100 tie-down spaces at the
airport and has come up with a
handful of spaces that will help us
shorten our growing list for
tie-down space. This is something

that will be done more frequently from here on out as we start to build our management capacity up at the Airport. Amber is our newest member of the Airport team and I am especially appreciative for initiative in tackling this long overdue project and her willingness to work with our clients to find the best possible outcomes. Anyone who has had the pleasure to talk with her knows what I am talking about.

I would like to thank Ken Ristuben taking it upon himself to have a stencil made that says "Transient" so that we can better mark our transient tie-down spots for our visiting guests. Ken, we will get those spots marked as soon as I can schedule it.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing airport community.

Jonathan Wright
Economic & Planning Manager
City of Auburn, CA
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The annual EAA Air Venture Convention and Air Show will be held in Oshkosh, WI on July 25 through July 31, 2022. This year promises to be an outstanding event with daily flight demonstrations and every imaginable flying machine from planet earth on display.

Flash back to 1979. Ohio buddy Myron Ashcraft and I were new hire airline pilots based in Chicago. We grabbed another Buckeye pal AMR pilot Joe Crites, loaded up my white Caddy with camping gear and headed north for Oshkosh. One evening following the air show we heard sounds coming from the south end of the airport that reminded us of weed-eaters and chainsaws. Looking in that direction we saw things flying around that obviously needed closer examination by us 3 intrepid aviators. They were powered ultralights. Myron, Joe and I took a seat in the grass, popped a cold drink and watched those things buzzing around in the hot evening air like big insects. The Eipper Quick Silver drew our attention because it sort of looked like an airplane and it seemed to be the best performer. As I recall, the 1979 Quick Silver cost about \$3975.00.

Joe piped up; "Hmmm, we can afford to buy one of those things even on first year airline pay." Popping a second cold drink a plan began to emerge for the 1980 hometown County Fair in Coshocton, Ohio. We could take off in front of the grandstands in our mighty Quick Silvers and fly a formation pass over the U.S. Flag pole prior to the demolition derby. That seemed like a great idea at the time, but read on.

I've known Myron Ashcraft since high school. He was always at the head of the line, first to volunteer and usually in a leadership position in every organization he's belonged to. Myron was hired at the airline before me, retired before me, and was a B777 Captain

as well as a 1 Star General in the Air Guard. Myron flew the Century Series F-100 which fueled his desire to win and be to "first" even more. The fact that he transitioned to the multi crew, multiengine C-130 had zero impact on him. I think he viewed the C-130 as number 30 in the line of Century Series fighter planes. Somewhere in his Air Guard career he'd earned the nickname of "Trashcan Ashcraft." It came as no surprise to Joe or me that Myron would be first to fly the Quick Silver. He would also come to be the last.

Later that summer Myron arrived at the crash pad in Chicago with 2 swollen thumbs and cuts bruises on his face and arms. It took a while to get it out of him, but Myron finally forked over the story. Shaking his head, he began; "Unfortunately, I located a Quick Silver at the Mansfield airport. The owner allowed me to take a demo flight with the understanding that I would pay for anything that I broke. We pulled it out to the grassy area near the Air Guard ramp. To put it mildly, there was very little dual instruction given or received. You can see where this is going."

Myron was smart enough to wear his Nomex flight suit in case the thing caught on fire, his combat boots in the event of a hard landing and his jet helmet just to look cool. As the weed whacker engine barked overhead, Myron grabbed the control bar and "chair flew" for a moment practicing the weight shifting technique required to control the creature. But enough was enough, Myron "leaned in to it", opened the throttle and the engine spooled up with a mighty roar. Rejected Takeoff was not an option.

"National Finals Rodeo Fans Vegas, Coming out of chute number 1 is Trashcan riding Quick Silver!"

EAA "Air Adventures" 1979, cont.

The owner, a small audience of Guard buddies and of course the control tower operator had a front seat view of the show. To the casual observer the Quick Silver looked like a fat bumblebee swatted to the ground, buzzing and bouncing across the field with its engine shrieking in an attempt to recover. A contrail of dust billowed behind the accelerating machine as it arced

towards an active runway.

On board it was a much different story. Myron was dealing with numerous issues that cropped up immediately upon power up. First and foremost was the fact his head was turned sideways on the wrong side of the support strap located just above his helmet. Myron's peripheral view of the horizon made it difficult to analyze how to fly the thing. Besides that, it was problematic keeping the control bar centered while twisted up like a pretzel in there. As the machine became airborne,

things like "P-factor, gyroscopic precession, ground affect, gross weight and density altitude" were all dancing in his head. That's when he noticed the Britt Airways commuter on final approach to the runway he was headed towards. This brought "Midair" in to the equation.

Even at 35 mph, things were happening really fast now. Hanging on to the control bar Myron shifted his body in the seat in attempt to pull his head back and get the howling nylon beast under control AND: the rudder deflected, the wingtip hit, the contraption cartwheeled, the

tower rolled the crash trucks (really), and the star witnesses ran to the scene of impact. Shortly after the "yard sale" of ultralight parts stopped tumbling across the infield Myron crawled out of the wreckage and emerged from the dust cloud knowing that he'd spent some serious money in the last 45 seconds. "Cash? Yes, but Sir!"



Joe and I admire Myron for being the first one to man up and fly the Quick Silver, however the ultralight program was no longer in our future following Trashcan's flight. Over the years I've seen every imaginable flying machine at Oshkosh from airplanes, to flying cars, to helicopters and jetpacks. But in 1979, the Eipper Quick Silver was affordable, even for an airline pilot on first year pay. Ya just had to pay with cash.

Don Wolfe



That's Why It's Called Potluck by Chris Haven

"Why are there so many desserts?" "Have you gone through the list of members to make sure we don't get too many of one category?" "Why did I have to bring a main dish two months in a row?" "This spread is terrible." These are some of the comments made to me about the potluck. I usually respond by inviting the person to take over the planning. No one has taken me up on it yet.

When I first came on to lay out the AAA newsletter with Mike Duncan in 2008, Dixie Munoz would provide me with the menu every month. Alas, Dixie retired, and I was on my own at newsletter time. Dividing the list of members into thirds - and even going through a list of all members to select only those who regularly attend - showed that the members divided pretty evenly into three groups across the alphabet. Still, it's potluck. Who attends, whether they

looked at the list, whether they brought anything at all, and whether I made a typo in the publishing are all factors that make this game hard to predict. Sometimes the potluck spread is excellent. And sometimes desserts are too plentiful and/or there is nary a main dish in sight.

So we are trying something new. Half of the alphabet is tasked with bringing a main dish on any given month. The other half is split between sides and desserts. Let's say we have 32 families in attendance



(accounting for some couples/familes, who bring one item), then we should have 16 mains, 8 desserts, and 8 sides or salads.

If you have a better system - or would like to take on planning our menus - speak up! Either way, I want to recognize **Bonnie**Wilson, Mona Anderson and Joanie

Mooneyham for faithfully preparing the room and the table to receive us and whatever we care to bring for dinner.



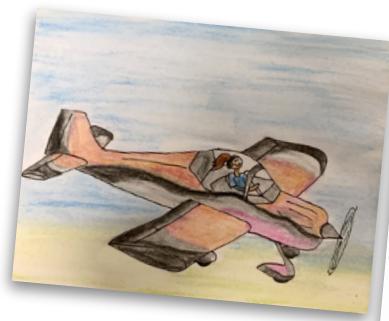


Following the receipt of his tailwheel endorsement, Andrew Chubatenko is shown posing with pride





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Thank you cards to the AAA from scholarship recipients Tenley Ong and Christopher Morales

To the members of Aubuin Aviation Association Thank you very much for providing myself (and others) with the opportunity recieve the \$10,000 scholarship for an Instrument Rating. This is a huge turning point forme! These funds will allow me to rapidly goal is to be come a CFI, and pay it forward by teaching and in spiring others to fly. " The aviation community has been so welcoming to me in my journey. As I further delive into my pilot arear (maybe corporate, airline, or sustainable aviation), = hope to be as supporting to others as those have been to me. or

Thank you again for this incredibe opportunity. I'm looking forward to my training and supporting Auburn Aviation Association in any way that I can since by

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It's Not Too Early For Your Wreaths Order



Auburn Aviation Association

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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.



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

Bronze monument of Col. Bud Anderson and his P-51 Mustang "Old Crow" created by Douglas Van Howd and installed at the Auburn Airport

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