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MAY MEETING

Wednesday, June 3rd

This month's General Membership meeting will be held over Zoom. We are pleased to have NASA Solar System Ambassador Tim Pinkney for our speaker. Tim's presentation is [Artemis - "Humanity's Return to the Moon."](#) NASA plans to land humans on the moon in 2024 and Tim will share details on how they plan to accomplish that. Spoiler alert: The approach is very different from the Apollo program of 50 years ago. We hope you'll join us. Invite a friend. Meeting link will be emailed on the day of the meeting. You can also find it in the event listing on the website,



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President's Message

Exciting News and Proceeding with Caution

It was two years ago the end of May that I started instructing at the Auburn Airport. I could not have predicted this incredible experience and meeting such great people over the past two years! The most fun has been to see pilots in the making and receiving their certificates and ratings.

Full Circle

My first summer here, I helped **Diane Hammer**, **Ben Foss**, and their volunteers with Friday Flydays. It was at those events that I got to meet Auburn's finest and saw what made this such a great airport. I met **Christian Watt**, one of the Friday Flydays crew. I sat down with Christian to find out a little about his journey. He told me that about four years ago he had taken an intro flight, but at that time he was just starting to attend college with his focus set on a degree in mechanical engineering.

About three years ago, a young private pilot named **Camile Tricomo** invited Christian on a flight. He got the bug. He knew then that he wanted to become a pilot and direct his engineering studies towards aerospace. After attending a AAA Interview Training course and receiving a letter of recommendation from Don Wolfe, he got an internship with Icon Aircraft at Vacaville Airport. In the meantime, Camile was advancing her ratings and Christian was advancing his credits. Six months ago, Camile earned her flight instructor certificate and Christian went on to be her first start-to-finish student pilot. Just last week, Christian received his private pilot certificate and a few days later he graduated with a masters in mechanical engineering/aerospace. He will be moving to Maryland to work for Lockheed Martin as a power plant flight test engineer.

Both Camile and Christian have been recipients of AAA scholarships. Camile in turn has served on the scholarship interview team. (Full Circle) Tierra Bickford took Camille under her "wing" to pursue aviation and was mentored by Shawn Bickford, Don Wolfe and many other AAA members.



Photo: Randy is back in the saddle. Kelly Richards rides shotgun in the back of the Citabria.

President's Message, continued

Where are they now?

Renata Mackenroth was one of my first private pilot students here at Auburn. I am proud to say that she was my first start-to-finish to receive her private pilot certificate at the age of 17. She took flying very seriously and that translated into becoming a skilled aviator. She then followed with getting tail wheel and high-performance endorsements. Renata is also a AAA scholarship recipient and has been on the interview team for scholarship applicants.

Renata is now a freshman attending Utah State studying aviation technology. She is currently competing on the Utah State intercollegiate flying team in Colorado in a Garmin 1000-equipped Diamond DA-40. While aspiring to fly competition aerobatics, she plans to continue adding certificates and ratings. Renate also enjoys raising and showing dairy goats and competing with her thoroughbred mare.

Getting started!

A few weeks ago, a young man named **Andrew Chubatenko** came to check on flight schools. I did not know at the time that he had received a scholarship from Local EAA 526. Instead of my interviewing Andrew, he essentially interviewed me by asking great questions about flight training, type of flight school, our training program, average hours to solo, length of time to achieve a private license, etc. Last week Andrew signed up and will start his training with Peter Hastert. You can read more about Andrew Chubatenko in last month's AAA news. I'm proud to have been a part in Peter's instrument and commercial training. There is more about his recent achievements in the following pages.

It's very exciting to see AAA and EAA partnership in providing aviation training, mentoring and scholarships to Auburn's aviation dreamers. You all are a big part in this through your membership, donations and time investment.

This letter has highlighted scholarship achievements and successes. There are many more hard-working students, pilots and instructors achieving and having success stories of their own. I look forward to hearing their stories.

In the meantime, please join us for our exciting monthly (Zoom) meeting Wednesday June 3rd @ 6:00pm. Hopefully soon we will be able to meet again at the Barnstormer for our great potluck dinners!

That's my story Eh! And I'm sticking to it.

Randy



*CORRECTION from May:
Jack Bell's title should have
been listed as Ensign. Also,
Mike was RIGHT. - Chris
Haven*

As The Prop Turns

We've had another great month of flying despite the virus scare. I hope everyone is working to maintain their distance, ensure a virus-free environment, and still keep their sanity. I think we are on the back side of this scare and this will all be over soon. The following people have moved ahead with their aviation dreams. **Michael Murphy** earned his Sport Pilot Certificate with **Paul Hamilton** as his Designated Pilot Examiner and **Kelly Richards** as his Instructor. Mr. Hamilton flew his own Light Sport Aircraft in from Carson City, where he is based, for the check ride. Unfortunately, Hamilton is a LSA examiner only. Additionally, **Christian Watt** earned his Private Pilot Certificate with **Camile Tricomo** as his instructor and **James Duvalle** as examiner. A little more background on this story - back in 2017 Christian and Camile were both awarded AAA scholarships. Christian eventually completed his ticket after the last three years. Camile kept on flying, earning her instrument, commercial, and certified flight instructor ratings. Right now she is moving ahead with her Instrument Instructor and Multi-engine ratings while getting checked out in the back seat of the Citabria. Christian in the meantime will move ahead to become a Flight Test Engineer for Lockheed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. The motto of NAS Pax River is "Where the future of Aviation begins". What a great place to begin your future in aviation. Actually his future began here in Auburn. Not to be left behind, **Tomislav Bosnjak** was able to solo at Auburn in a C-152 with Peter Hastert as his Instructor. Congratulations to all on a great start on your dreams in aviation and to the instructors on a job well done.

Well, our President (**Randy Leys** - not that other guy) has been Zooming around. Yes, Zoom online with our general meeting, board meeting, and hopefully our 5AC meetings. Past AAA president **Tim Pinkney**, a NASA ambassador, will give a presentation on the NASA's Artemis program, aiming to send humans to the moon in 2024. Please tune in.

Don Wolfe continues his work for the AAA scholarship foundation. Word is he and **Doug Fee** have a presentation ready to show potential corporate sponsors which includes a little bit of history on some previous recipients and their current status. Check out page 11 to read these updates. There is quite a bit of news about our



DPE Richard Conti stands with Peter Hastert (right). Peter earned his multi-engine instructor rating on the same day his student Toby Richardson got his private certificate.

past scholarship recipients throughout this month's newsletter.

"Mac" McElroy will take over the 5AC. **Wayne Mooneyham** has been the Chairman for several years now and will pass the baton after serving the committee well. Mac will bring to the committee a background in banking and finance as well as a long time interest in aviation. He owns and RV-7A and he's enjoying it in his retirement. We should be hearing from him about some 5AC meetings in the near future. All members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Whether they will be on Zoom or live, I do not know. Thank you, Wayne, for your generosity and good works and welcome to Mac.

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

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



Toby Richardson (left, with DPE Richard Conti) earned his private pilot certificate in his own Piper Warrior after 25 years of on and off training.

Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN! As Placer County enters Phase 2 of quarantine we are starting to see the return of more of our students and instructors here at Mach 5, and we couldn't be happier.

This month of May we've had some of our students accomplish great things and we couldn't be prouder to congratulate: **Randy Van Dusen**, **Ray Anderson**, and **Benjamin Rubash**!

Randy is one of our students with the Sacramento Police Department; training with our very own Chief Pilot, **Allen Davis**. With Randy's hard work and dedication, he will now be able to keep us safe from the skies with his successful completion of his private pilots license.

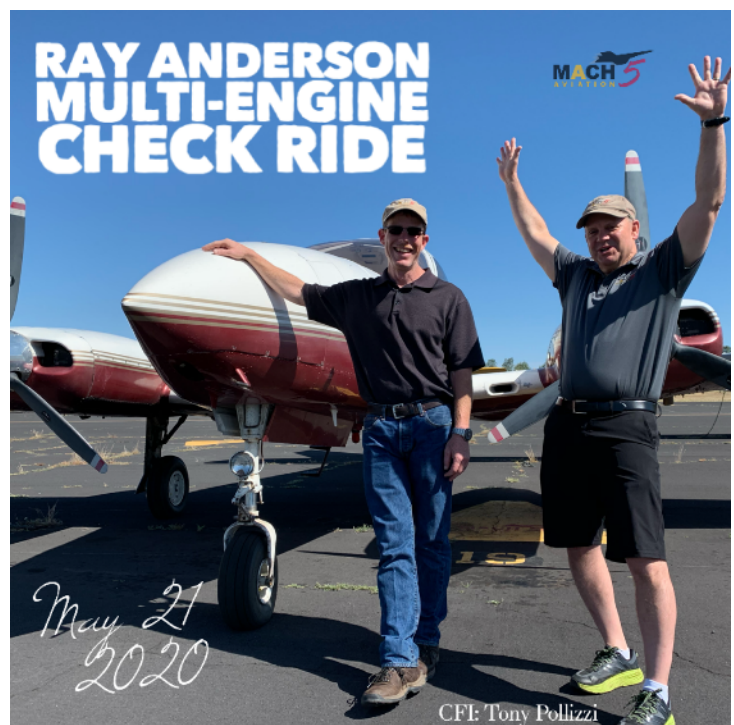
Not only did Benjamin earn his private pilots license as well, but he is also the proud recipient of the Auburn Aviation Association scholarship! Through the guidance and training provided by **Brandon Kane**, Benjamin was set up to succeed.

And last but not least, we'd also like to commemorate Ray Anderson for achieving his multi-engine rating! This was a long journey for him and his instructor **Tony Pollizzi** and despite the many maintenance events that arose and

postponed check ride dates, Ray was able to persevere.

As this crisis subsides, we look forward to what June has to offer and the many accomplishments our students will achieve.

Stay safe and healthy KAUN!
Blue Skies and Tailwinds



Photos



TJ Dwelle flies an Aeronca L-3B Grasshopper on its maiden Auburn flight. The plane is of WWII vintage and would have been used for liaison and observation during the war. This spring it traveled from Pennsylvania on a flatbed truck. Ken Dwelle put the wings on and A&P Tim Harmon signed off the motor. Photo credit Ken Dwelle. Ben Marsh flew chase in his Aeronca Champ as photo aircraft.

Scott Slocum of Aero Media shot some pics of formation flying out of Auburn. That's TJ Dwelle in the AT-6 Tinkertoy with David Holloway in the back seat, and Ken Dwelle at the helm of the Hawker Sea Fury.



A May hailstorm inspired Don Wolfe to build this fellow.



Dr. Brandon Dever and sons at the wash rack this month, doing some spring cleaning on their aircraft.



Renata Mackenroth sits in the front seat of Al Casner's Stearman, probably flown by Don Gwinn.

Where Are They Now?

Take a look at our recent scholarship recipients. These young adults represent the values, hopes and dreams of our Community. Meet our Aviation Ambassadors from Auburn California

"Paying It Forward to the Next Generation"



Frank Bell
USNA 2022
Oceanography
Rugby Team
USN Flight School Track



Ensign Jack Bell
USAFA 2020
Political Science
Navy Cross Commission
USN Flight School Track



Brandon Brown
Cal Poly State 2021
Global Politics
CFI-I, Commercial Pilot
Land ,Sea, Instrument



Robert Hewitt
William Jessup Univ 2020
Aviation Management
Commercial, Instrument
Single, Multi Engine



James Jacobson
University of ND 2019
Aviation Major
Airline Pilot, ATP, CFI-I
Single, Multi Engine



2nd Lt. Mikaela Sawya
Sacramento State 2018
Honor "Cum Laude"
USAF Flight School 2020



Renata Mackenroth
Utah State 2024
Aviation Technology
Collegiate Flight Team
Private Pilot



Jessi Dreschler
California Baptist Univ 2025
Civil Engineering
Missionary Aviation

New Members

Peter Hastert



Bronze Lifetime Member

Join us in welcoming Peter Hastert to Auburn Aviation Association. Peter is our most recent and youngest Bronze Lifetime Member! Peter is local professional pilot and popular flight instructor at Sunshine Flyers. His pilot licenses include: commercial pilot single and multi-engine airplane, Instrument rating, CFI single and multi-engine and advanced ground instructor. Peter also earned his tailwheel endorsement recently in a Citabria and he's bagged a little left seat time in a Cessna 180 as well. When Peter's not flying he attends Sierra College where he's completing general studies with an objective of earning a business degree. Peter's aviation goals include corporate, cargo and airline flying. Peter Hastert is an excellent pilot, flight instructor, mentor and is a gentleman in every respect. We are fortunate to have Peter join our organization as Life Member and we look forward to seeing him around the Auburn Airport. Welcome aboard, Peter.

Benjamin Rubash



AAA 2020 Flight Scholarship Private Pilot!

2020 AAA Flight Scholarship recipient Benjamin Rubash earned his Private Pilot License this month! Benjamin put the AAA scholarship funds to work quickly by completing his flight training at Mach 5 Aviation and receiving his license. Benjamin is currently attending American River College and will be transferring to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the Fall of 2020. His major is Aeronautical Science with a minor in Meteorology. Over the summer Benjamin will be flying and helping his father in the automotive business. This Fall Benjamin will begin working on his instrument rating while attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Career goals include becoming an International airline pilot. Congratulation on your new pilot license Benjamin! We look forward to hearing more about you and your career in the future.

"I recently passed my PPL check ride and I honestly could not have done it without the help from AAA. The scholarship was such a blessing and got me through the last step of training. I want to thank each and everyone of you that contributed to make my dream possible. I am excited for what the future of aviation holds for me and I look forward to meeting the wonderful people in this organization soon."

Benjamin Rubash

Tammy's Update

May 18 was a milestone for me. After 6 weeks, my radiation treatments are finished! In another couple of weeks treating the area, most of the pain should go away. It's been a long 10 months from the beginning of treatment.

Although I have side effects from chemo I'm still dealing with, it feels great to finally be done with all the treatments & I can now focus on healing & getting strong.

Once this virus gets better under control, I plan on getting back in the air. Walking at the airport & watching the traffic always gets me anxious to fly.

I want to thank everyone for their ongoing love & support. Peggy Dwelle has been very generous and particularly helpful, having been through her own cancer and recovery experience. I couldn't imagine going through this without my aviation friends.

Tammy Meredith
Chair, Placer Gold 99s

Photo: A few of us 99s who went to Alaska last year have been getting together to support Wings before they opened for dining in.



AAA Membership Roster Now Online

Download our mobile app to login and see AAA members with contact information. Search for **Wild Apricot** on your smart phone app store and download the member version to get started. Use your AAA website user name and password.

Chris Haven at (530) 401- 6082 can help if you have questions.



The Lonely Cockpit

There is an old lonely cockpit
In a P-40 somewhere
For the pilot who loved to fly it
Has passed from his earthly care

Sometimes others will take it
And run it all over the sky
But it just goes through the motions
With a heart too broken to fly

There are memories ingrained in the air frame
Of air races, air shows and fun
When they flew through the sky together
And the pilot and plane became one

Soaring up in the sunshine
And down through the valleys and peaks
They found the thrills of a lifetime
That only a pilot seeks

Both relics of a bygone era
They searched for adventure on high
Grasping at old bits of glory
From times when just heroes could fly

They were true brothers of the wind
Following wherever it blew
But now the cockpit is empty
Only memories remain where it flew

There is an old lonely cockpit
In a P-40 somewhere above
And soon it will pass into history
Along with the pilot it loved.

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AAA Members List June 2019

LIFETIME MEMBERS

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

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

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

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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.



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Date: _____

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Dues:

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