

# Auburn Aviation Association

# PROP WASH



**March 2017**

## President's Message

### MEETINGS

#### Wednesday March 1st

#### Membership Meeting & Potluck

Socializing starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6:00 p.m. [The Aerospace Museum of California](#) is a premier aviation attraction right here in Sacramento at McClellan Airport, featuring the Leonardo da Vinci Machines in Motion interactive exhibit now through September 4th. Executive Director Jim Hopp, Major General USAF (ret) will speak to us at the March meeting about the museum's mission and initiatives and the many aircraft you can visit.

### NOTICES

Guidelines for the AAA 2017 scholarship program are now available. [Visit our website](#) 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.

### MARCH POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish to share:

**A-J: Side dish or salad**  
**K-R: Main Dish**  
**S-Z: Dessert**

Are you current? Are you proficient? Can you be current without being proficient in all aspects of your rating? Although our local hero, Col. Bud Anderson, is well known to our aviation community (and well beyond), how many of you have heard his telling of ALL the flight training he received *before* becoming a Triple Ace? Last week, I heard him tell his story for 90 minutes and came away with being impressed in *many* ways. The thread that weaved throughout his flight training was ALL the above average flight time he received. The experience gained while in the training command developed him into a **proficient** fighter pilot before he entered combat.

Thinking about it, current and proficient are adjectives used to describe separate and distinct levels of competency. Bill J. Singleton, a Trustee of the Soaring Society of America, inspired my thoughts. In the context of aviation, being current simply means a pilot has complied with the regulations and is legal to exercise the privileges of his or her pilot certificate. Proficiency, on the other hand, describes a pilot who conducts each flight with the competence of a professional or with expert correctness. Proficiency also means making the commitment to put safety above all other considerations every time we fly. Proficiency goes well beyond the definition of being legal to fly. It's about being safe to fly.

Whether you're flying a P-51 in combat or a 152 around the pattern, let's all work to be proficient AND safe in every aspect of operating our aircraft.

Fair Winds,  
Tim Pinkney

Col. Bud Anderson and  
President Tim

#### AVIATION HUMOR:

*A checkride ought to be like a skirt, short enough to be interesting but still be long enough to cover everything.*



Well, with March comes the celebration of St. Patrick's Day with the drinking of green beer, the wearing of green, the chasing of rainbows and pots of gold, and leprechauns. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate the end of our forty days of rain. I think I saw Noah's Arc go by on Highway 49. At least our students are taking advantage of the bad weather to go to ground school. There are twenty six students in the Private Pilot course and another seven studying up for the IFR class. Things will be looking good for when the rain stops. In the mean time Waylon Hall passed his written test for his Sport Pilot Flight Instructor rating. Good luck to all in finishing up their ratings.

Past AAA Scholarship recipient James Jacobson placed 2nd in the 2016 Collegiate Aerobatic Competition and placed 3rd in the 2016 National Aerobatic Competition US Nationals Championship 2016, KGYI (North Texas Regional Airport/Perrin Field), 9/24 - 9/30 2016. Looking Great out there in his first year of college at NDU.

At the February membership meeting, Paula Celick, Location Coordinator for Wreaths Across America (pictured, on the right) presented AAA Secretary Joanie Mooneyham with a certificate of appreciation and wanted to thank us personally for our ongoing participation in the Wreaths Across America program.

It looks like the FAA is finally doing something useful for pilots. Last July congress asked the FAA to consider dropping the need for the 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical exam. The FAA came up with some alternate standards. Last month they put out some criteria that are to take effect in May of this year. While these are preliminary, it sounds interesting. First off you have had to have passed a third class medical with in the previous 10 years. New students must still take a one-time 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical exam. After that you must fill out a medical form every two years and keep that in your possession with your licenses, and every four years you must have your local doctor fill out a similar form that you must keep with you. Neither of these must be turned into the FAA, just maintained in your possession when flying. The only limitations on the pilot are that he can not carry more than five passengers (pilot plus 5 passengers), fly over 18,000', fly in excess of 250kts, and



can not fly for hire. Flight instructors need not have a medical. If your medical has been denied, suspended, or revoked, then you must resolve the issue by getting another medical. It sounds like a neat way to encourage people to get into or back into flying. I am sure that the feds will have some further clarification as time goes on. A copy of this information can be seen on Sunshine Flyers web page under "links". Also for those of you who belong to AOPA, there will be more information found with them.

Plans for Nevada County AirFest 2017 have taken flight with a spectacular Friday Night Hangar Party followed by full day of flying demonstrations in all classes of aircraft including military. Golden Empire Flying Association president, Keith Thomassen is this year's Chairman for the event scheduled for July 7 and 8 at the Nevada County Airport (KGOO). A complete list of attractions and ticket prices are forthcoming as is the website [ncairfest.com](http://ncairfest.com) for which you will want to stay tuned!

Meanwhile, a full blown air show is being planned for Lincoln this year. Wavered air space (probably a TFR), aerobatics, military fly-bys, static displays, and airplane rides. It will be on the weekend of June the 20<sup>th</sup>. And finally the [California Capital Airshow](http://CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com) will follow in September. During the season there will be many one-day events at Colusa, Columbia, Sacramento Executive and Nut Tree. There are going to be plenty of things to go to this year along with lots of opportunities to volunteer. If only if we don't get washed away in the mean time.

Don't forget that display days for your antique aircraft take place on the first and third weekends (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) in April and August. April 1, 2, 3, 22, 23, and 24 are the spring dates. Contact Beau Perry at 530-320-6730 for details.

Well that is about all for now so stay warm and dry and start planning your next great adventure in flying. Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner  
Mike Duncan





# Mach 5 Musings

The first of the year is rapidly disappearing in our rear view mirrors as February comes to a close. Mother Nature has been reminding us all who is really in charge. Even with the weather she has thrown our way, the team at Mach 5 keeps charging ahead!

Two new private pilots have earned their wings—Bill Marty on January 27th and Damen Snow on February 18th! Bill was guided along his flight path by Andrew Moon, and Karen Sutherland made sure Damen was ready to ‘wow’ the examiner. In the Mach 5 Clubhouse you will see a few new faces. Julia Roberts, our very own Pretty Woman, has joined us to greet everyone with a cheery welcome and provide dedicated support from the front desk. She is not only an avid aviation fan, but also a former Marine and a very creative addition to the team. Check out the site where she shares her passion for art with others: <http://www.vangogirlpaintparties.com>. We have also added two

new CFI's in this month, Jake Alvi and Chad Schutze. Both are eager, but more importantly extremely competent and we could not be happier to have them join our ranks of outstanding CFI's. Also joining Mach 5 is John Herndon as our new General Manager. Many of you had an opportunity to meet him at the February 3rd BBQ. Stop by the Clubhouse and say “Hi”, or if you are hungry come grab a burger or hotdog any Friday. The grill fires up at 12 noon!

Last but definitely not least, we absolutely need to give a big shout out to our very own Beau Perry. Beau is heading to the BIGS to fly the CRJ! He reports for training in Minneapolis with Delta on March 6th. There is still time to congratulate him before he leaves. He is really easy to recognize these days. He is the guy with the smile bigger than anyone else's. Until next month...fly safely and have fun!



*Top left: Damen Snow achieved his private ticket with Karen Sutherland as his instructor. Top right: Bill Marty with examiner Ashley Snider after earning his private ticket with the help of Mach 5 instructor Andrew Moon. At right: AAA President Tim Pinkney gave a presentation at last month's meeting about his first visit to Oshkosh, giving us some idea of the enormous scale of the event.*

# Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

## Auburn Aviation Association—Membership and Donation Form

Fill out and return the form payment or log on to [www.auburnaviationassociation.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of License (Circle One or More): Student Glider Rotorcraft Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings: Private Commercial CFI Instrument Other \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Membership: \$30.00 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge: \$13.00 each Name to be printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form plus check payable to:**  
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