

Auburn Aviation Association

PROP WASH



March 2018

President's Message

MEETINGS

Wednesday, Mar 7th **General Membership** **Meeting & Potluck**

Socializing at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Vietnam fighter pilot **Larry Snow** will tell us of flying the F-101 in combat and other tales from his aviation career.

April 4 - United Airlines pilot **Jim Bell** was once a Navy fighter pilot and was assigned to the West Coast F-18 Super Hornet airshow team. He'll present to us at the April meeting.

MARCH POTLUCK

Please bring a dish to share:

A-J: Salad/Side Dish

K-S : Main Dish

T-Z: Dessert

The Auburn Air Fair Committee held their ninth meeting the evening of February 15th with at least a dozen volunteers in attendance, including "yours truly" for my first time. The group is very organized and has plans for what will be a superb event for our airport. September 29th should be a grand gathering of many different types of aircraft on static display not to mention all of the entertaining activities for the youth and we who are young at heart! Flight simulators, jump houses, possibly a rock climbing wall, collector-car display and a variety of "fly-by's" of military aircraft are just a few of the attractions planned. Checkout their website www.auburnairfair.com for complete details. Also, they are recruiting volunteers to help in a variety of areas so if you would like to participate let them know.

It has been brought to my attention that a bit more caution needs to be taken concerning where our prop wash is directed during our engine check in the run up area at the east end (R/W 25). There are several taxiway alleys between the east end hangars that are affected with debris by the aircraft that are tailed toward them. A little care and courtesy will pay big goodwill dividends.

A safety issue that our airport has been co-existing with for years is the multiple users of airport VHF frequency 122.7. This frequency is shared with several other airports within interference range and on any given day you may be transmitting your flight intentions at the same time as someone else. The transmissions of both aircraft is therefore missed by everyone on this frequency. A good example of a shared user would be the Nut Tree Airport. We are in the process of investigating how to change to 122.775 which has no duplication in Northern California. I will keep you updated on this important issue.

Thought for the month:
Pursue your goals.

Wayne Mooneyham
President



As the Prop Turns

March 2018

The Ides of March is approaching. Generally it means something bad is about to happen. Just ask Julius Caesar. Luckily it means that we will be getting more rain and snow, which is not all bad. The good weather has been good for flying, however. We can then either celebrate that or commiserate it with St. Patrick's Day, and green beer, and maybe some skiing.

Some other reasons to celebrate are that **Rui Dias** earned his Private Pilots certificate with **Greg Pellerin** as his instructor and **Ashley Snider** as the DPE. **Lance Allen** and **Ken Pinkston** both soloed with **Mike Poteet** as their instructor. **Karin Camilli** passed her private pilot glider tests with "soaring" colors and is officially a "Flygirl." Congratulations to all on your accomplishments and enjoy your new adventure in flying.



This past month we had a relatively minor aircraft accident, although easily preventable. A transient pilot had come in to go to Wings and had parked his aircraft in the parking area just east of the restaurant. Shortly after

walking away from his plane, the plane started rolling down the ramp and, sure enough, it hit another aircraft. Fortunately, the damage was minor for both aircraft. There were two damaged spinners and both aircraft grounded for parts. Try and remember to secure your aircraft when leaving it parked and only trust your parking brake long enough to chock it and tie it down. I am sure that the pilot of the visiting aircraft would have thought that I was crazy if I offered him a chock for \$100.00 prior to the accident, but then I would have saved him more than \$500.00 for two spinners and the down time. Chocks are cheap.

With the good weather, more people are flying. While all of us like to think we fly and taxi according to the rules, a little courtesy is always in order. As we maneuver about the airport try and be considerate of your prop wash and who is behind you when you run up or even start your airplane, particularly around the restaurant and in the run up area for runway 25. The folks in the hangars at the east end have been complaining about the dust and dirt blown in their hangars or in their work areas. Turning your airplane into the wind and point the tail away

from the hangars would help considerably. One of the solutions proposed by the hangar owners was for the city (meaning airport) to put up a blast wall at the city's expense. Perhaps we as pilots could head off that expense. Another courtesy that may be considered is to not run your airplane with its tail pointed toward the restaurant. You do not want to have to pay for a bunch of meals to remind you of your error. And what about those folks who decided to unload or refuel their airplane in the middle of an active taxi way? Just push it into a parking place and then everybody can get by. That would prove to be courteous. Well that is about all of my rant for this month. Remember fly safe, and fly courteously.

This past month, the FAA presented a local pilot with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award for safe flying. **Sarah Hughes** from the San Francisco FAA office and **Charles Jones** from the Sacramento office were on hand to present the award to the late **Dr. Mike Cowan's** wife,

Honey, and his son-in-law **Andy Danovaro**. This honor goes to pilots who have achieved 50 years of flying with no accidents or documented FAA violations. Andy applied for the award prior to Mike's death in early 2017.



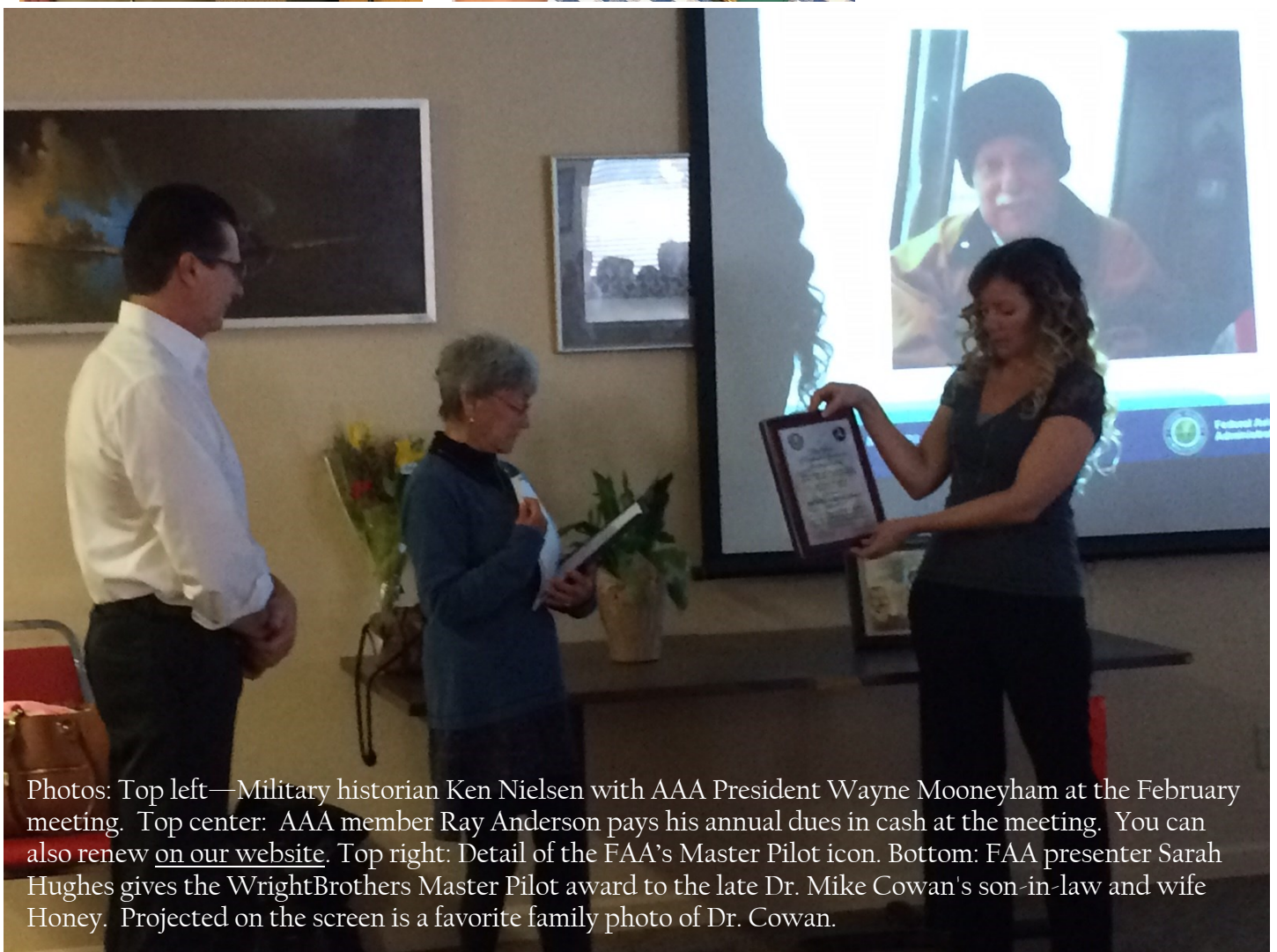
Fly Fridays and Movie Nights will be back this year. **Diane Hammer** and **Ben Foss** are back planning the Fly Fridays and **Julia Roberts** of Mach 5 is planning Movie Nights. The third Fridays of May, June, July and August are the days for the Fly Fridays. Movie Nights date have yet to be announced. Anyone wishing to volunteer feel free to contact them.

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

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

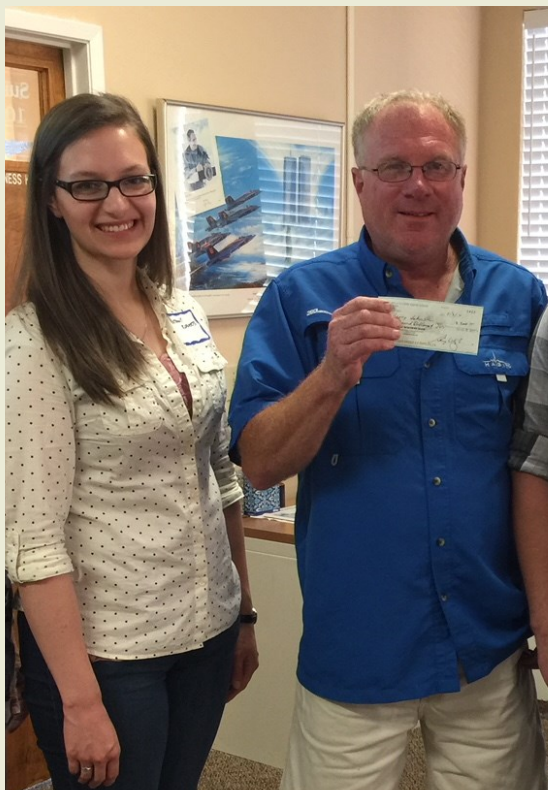


Photos



Photos: Top left—Military historian Ken Nielsen with AAA President Wayne Mooneyham at the February meeting. Top center: AAA member Ray Anderson pays his annual dues in cash at the meeting. You can also [renew on our website](#). Top right: Detail of the FAA's Master Pilot icon. Bottom: FAA presenter Sarah Hughes gives the WrightBrothers Master Pilot award to the late Dr. Mike Cowan's son-in-law and wife Honey. Projected on the screen is a favorite family photo of Dr. Cowan.

Member News



Bethany Roberts A&P Scholarship Recipient

Life has been really busy but in a good way. I have been working as a mechanic for Mike Smith Aviation out of Rancho Murieta Airport. I have learned a lot while working there and I absolutely love my job!! While working there I have also been able to finish the requirements to get my pilots license which I did at the end of November. Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping me to get my Mechanics License! I love the work that I have been able to do since getting my license in May and the scholarship that AAA provided was instrumental in helping me to get to where I am now. Thank you again!!

Bethany Roberts

Karin Camilli New Glider Pilot

AAA Member Richard Pearl with Soar Truckee graduated a new student to her glider rating this month at Lincoln Airport. You'll remember that Karin's husband, Tom, was a AAA guest speaker last year, giving a presentation about gliders. Pictured from the left are DPE Mark Montague, Karin Camilli, and her instructor, Richard Pearl.



Mach 5 Musings

by Julia Roberts

Snow! A wonderful thing -- and an extra pre-flight step. It's not very often that our charming little airport gets a dusting of snow, and our pilot's are grateful for that. The weather has been typical for winter times, but that's not to say we haven't taken advantage of the clear blue skies. This last month we had a perfect day for a "Driven to Drive" event that was co-sponsored by Flyers Energy. The luxury and antique car club gathered in the Flyers hangar and got to take pictures next to the Dwelles' beautiful planes.

Speaking of beautiful planes, we're excited to announce that we'll be adding a 1979 Citabria to our line. She's in our hangar currently getting ready to have the Tonys (Tony Wright Jr. & Sr.) re-fabric the wings. We can't wait to get some aerobatic training time in the sky!

Our students have been busy up in the air—Zane

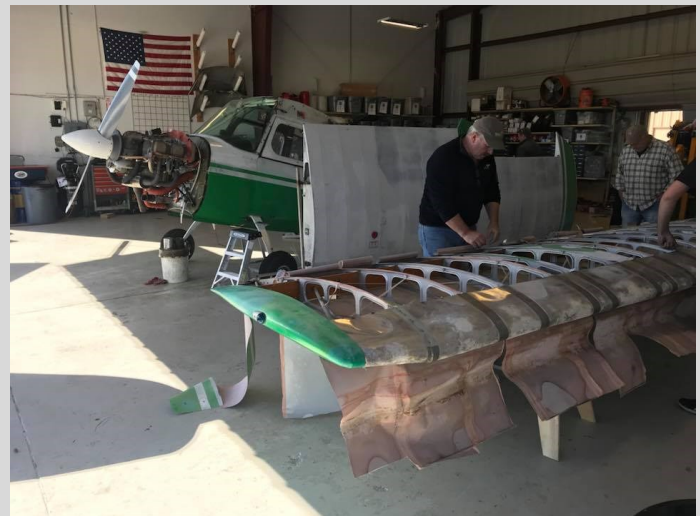
Tucker celebrated his first solo with his instructor Allen Davis, and Kevin Nichols successfully flew solo as well, celebrating with his instructor Chad Schutze. Gerard Adriani is now a certified flight instructor, and our student Randy Winn is a certain winner after completing his check ride and earning his commercial multi-engine rating. Our current students have been working diligently to earn their ratings, and our past students are accomplishing great milestones as well. Our very own Michelle Hanson has just been accepted as a summer intern at K2 Aviation in Talkeetna Alaska!

We are beyond proud of all of our students, past and present. We are looking forward to many more flying adventures and teachable moments to come. Here's to blue skies and tail winds -- we'll see you around KAUN!

Blue Skies, Julia Roberts



More Achievements



Photos: Above, bottom left: Specialty car enthusiasts take advantage of the sunny weather this month to gather for an event on the airport at the Flyers hangar. Above, lower right: Mach 5's Citabria undergoes renovations before becoming part of the fleet/flock.

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

Create an engraved brick!

Honor a loved one – Advertise a business – Share another message

Your inscription must fit into the white boxes below, 1 character per box. Each brick can have a maximum of 16 characters per line. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. Please do not use special characters. Text will automatically be centered.

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Date: _____

Member Name:(Please PRINT) _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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): __ \$20 __ \$70 __ \$120 Amount: _____

Grand Total: _____

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