



March 2019

# PROPWASH

## President's Message

### He Hit The Ground Running

This month I'd like to use this space to bring you up to date on some of our organizations current activities, and to send out kudos to one of our own. **Don Wolfe** is a guy who is doing double-duty for the Auburn Aviation Association. Not only is he our Vice-President, but he's also serving as our Scholarship Chairman. He has a long history of, and a passion for, mentoring young people who are pursuing their interest in aviation. It's a fairly regular event around the Auburn Airport to see him taking one of our scholarship recipients flying in his shiny Citabria to help hone their skills in a taildragger, or aerobatics, or some other area where help is needed.

Now, as Scholarship Chairman, he is taking the opportunity to lead us in some new directions with that program. He is spearheading a drive to update our record keeping and to move much of our data to digital on-line storage. This will provide for significantly wider and more convenient access to all of our information. It will also give us better long term continuity. Ten years from now, when we want to know what scholarships we gave out in 2019, the information will be conveniently available with no more than a quick search of our database. I find this entrance into the digital era to be very promising for us.

Another area where he has been re-thinking our Scholarship program relates to how we fund it. As many of you know, historically, a big portion of our funding came from our holding of the Auburn Air Fair. And while most of us would love to see the Air Fair continue, it's such a massive event to organize that we've had trouble coming up with adequate volunteer leadership to make it happen. So Don has been researching and trying to bring to fruition an old idea of our establishing an endowment that would become a permanent source of funding for our scholarships. It's a complicated endeavor that would most likely take a few years to phase in, but I also see promise in that. You'll probably be hearing more about the idea of an Auburn Aviation Association endowment in the months to come.

Aside from his passion for mentoring, Don is a very energetic guy who is brimming with ideas, as well as a willingness to pursue them. So yes, coming into office, he has really "hit the ground running". Two thumbs up to Don Wolfe.

Blue skies, Doug



## AAA Events

### MARCH MEETING

**Wednesday, March 6th 6:00 p.m.**

AAA Past President and NASA Ambassador **Tim Pinkney** explains the Mars Mission: InSight. It is the first outer space robotic explorer to study the "inner space" of Mars: its crust, mantle, and core.

### Paint Party Scholarship

#### FUNdraiser

**Sunday, March 17th 4:00 p.m.**

Bring a friend and paint your own masterpiece on canvas with artist **Julia Roberts**. Register here.

### BOARD MEETING

**Wednesday, March 12th 5:30 p.m.**

Board meetings are open to all members.

### APRIL MEETING

**Wednesday, April 3rd 6:00 p.m.**

Auburn pilot and AAA member **Ken Dwelle** relays the "first" flight of the former Reno Air Races plane Critical Mass after more than a decade.

## POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a potluck dish according to the first letter of your last name:

A-J: Side Dish

K-U: Main

V-Z: Dessert

# As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

"Let it snow, let snow, let it snow". A little bit of snow came to Auburn and it was a pleasant surprise. Here are a few pictures as I came to work. I hope everyone enjoyed it, after all it is still the middle of winter. **Shannon Grosser** brought his daughters out to the airport for a plane ride but instead they ended up building a snow man in front of the gazebo. (See photo page) They are pictured here with **Kaelyn** on the left and her sister **Alyssa** on the right. Well despite the snow, the following folks were able to move ahead with their flying career. **Sean Smith** earned his Sport Pilot Certificate with **Jim Hinson** as the Designated Pilot Examiner. **Mike Duncan** was the instructor. Both **Renata Mackenroth** and Shannon Grosser earned their Private Pilot Certificate. **Randy Leys** and Mike Duncan were their respective instructor and **Michael Traud** and **Richard Conte** were the pilot examiners. Renata had to fly down to Mather for her check ride which put her at a little bit of a disadvantage for her check ride. Twelve thousand feet of runway and three hundred feet wide, she was not sure of where to land and then she had to taxi a very long way. Renata is one of our scholarship winner in 2018 and she has made us proud. **Paul Palmer** soloed his recently acquired Cessna 182 with **Reuben Meeks** as his instructor. The following folks moved closer to a new rating by passing their knowledge test. **Jeff Riley** passed his Sport Pilot Knowledge test, Scott Woodland passed his flight Instructor (FIA) airplane test. **Brandon Brown**, another

AAA scholarship winner, passed his Ground Instructor test, **Nick Suciu** passed his Sport Pilot written test, and finally **Helen Dobeck** passed her Instrument Knowledge test. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Friday Flydays are back for this year, I think. Please contact **Ben Foss** if you are interested in helping put these events on at 530-305-7721 or Fossaviation@yahoo.com. The meeting will be on March 7th at 6:00pm for the event. Ben promises to be at our AAA meeting Wednesday the 6th.

**Don Wolfe** will be holding Interview classes March 11 at the terminal building at the Auburn airport at 6:00pm. This is the program he and Wayne Mooneyham have been promoting for kids to better prepare for any future interviews that they may be taking. Contact Don at ddwolfe78@aol.com or 707-695-2674.

Well that is about all for this month, so GOOD NIGHT Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner

Mike  
Duncan



# Mach 5 Musings

by Julia Roberts

The rain (and snow!) may have kept our pilots on the ground for a while, but by the first sight of sun, they are up and away! Hopefully in March the weather holds up and our students can get plenty of time in the sky. Speaking of which, huge congrats to **Brittany Huggins** and **Kassidy Horner** for their first student solos! Both are flying through their training and are well on their way to their license. Meanwhile, **Clint Keyte** received his multi engine and commercial endorsement ratings! Next step...CFI (certified flight instructor)! Great work everyone! Keep an eye out for our ground training programs coming up this spring. We are offering instrument ground training at the Auburn Municipal Building starting March 5th and ending April 23rd as well as a 2-day drone training starting March 2nd. These courses offer effective, in-depth and involved lessons with instructors available to answer any questions. Drop-ins are welcome! Check out the link on our website to register at [www.Mach5Aviation.com](http://www.Mach5Aviation.com).

St. Patrick's Day is coming up and we at Mach 5 know how to celebrate it right! Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and help raise money for AAA scholarships with a Vango Girl Paint Party. On March 17th from 4-6pm, participants will help support aviation scholarships and paint their own beautiful painting to take home. Tickets are only \$40 and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the AAA. It's a lucky month for Auburn Aviation, loads of opportunities are on the horizon, and lots of fun! From all of us here at Mach 5, Happy St. Patty's Day and we'll see you around KAUN!



# Photos of Sunshine Flyers' proud new pilots



Renata Mackenroth 2018 AAA Scholarship winner.



Sean Smith new Sport Pilot



Kaelyn Grosser

Alyssa Grosser



Shannon Grosser proudly displaying his new Private Pilot's License with DPE Richard Conte (left) & CFI Mike Duncan (right)

# Captain Tierra Bickford

by Don Wolfe

**Tierra Bickford** was promoted to Captain on the ERJ-175 with Compass Airlines in February 2019. It seems like yesterday that Tierra was earning her pilot ratings at KAUN and building flight time in the Bickford's green and white Cessna 152!

Tierra will be in command of the Embraer ERJ-175. The ERJ-175 is a large \$45 million dollar twin jet aircraft. It has a gross takeoff weight of #89,000 and a seating capacity for 76 passengers in First and Economy class cabins. The cruise speed is over 495 mph and the plane can reach 41,000'.

The aircraft can travel a great distance well over 2000 miles. The ERJ-175 is very comfortable for passengers and one of the most popular regional jet aircraft in the world.

Tierra began her airline career as a "new hire pilot" for the Delta Commuter -Compass Airlines. She completed simulator and flight training on a regional jet and was assigned to the "Line" in Los Angeles. The airline placed 3 stripes on the sleeve of her uniform coat and she began flying as a First Officer.

In the fall of 2018 Tierra achieved the experience level and seniority to apply for a Captain position at Compass. She completed Captain training, the simulator rating course and Line oriented flight training this month. An FAA inspector gave Tierra a "Line Check" during one of her Line Oriented flights and fully certified her as a Captain on the ERJ-175. A 4th stripe was added to her uniform signifying that she had EARNED the privilege from the FAA to serve as a Captain on a passenger airliner. This is quite an accomplishment for any pilot and something that Tierra Bickford can be very proud of.

Tierra follows the airline career of her Grandfather Captain **Don Bickford** at American Airlines, Mother **Juliet**, former Flight Attendant for Continental Airlines and Father **Shawn**, (pictured) Captain at United Airlines. We wish Tierra "Blue Skies and Tailwinds" as she begins her new job of commanding a jet airliner. Maybe we can be one of her passengers someday!



# AAA Scholarship Deadline

---

## 2019 Flight Scholarships

The AAA Board will be offering two \$2500 Flight Scholarships for 2019. One Scholarship will be granted from the AAA and the other scholarship will be funded by the Col. Bud Anderson Fund. Awards will be announced in the May 2019 Propwash newsletter and Scholarship recipients will be invited to the May 2019 Membership Dinner.

Here are the highlights:

1. Applications and Rules can be found on our website or requested by email- [flyfund1539@gmail.com](mailto:flyfund1539@gmail.com)
2. Deadline to apply- March 15, 2019
3. Interview Date- April 6
4. Flight Training must be accomplished at Auburn Airport

## 2019 AAA Officers

### *OFFICERS*

*President - Doug Fee*

*Vice President - Don Wolfe*

*Secretary - Joanie Mooneyham*

*Treasurer - Gary Vogt*

### *BOARD MEMBERS*

*Past President - Wayne Mooneyham*

*Membership - Tammy Meredith*

*Scholarship - Don Wolfe*

*Communications - Chris Haven*

*Propwash Editor - Mike Duncan*

*5AC Chair - Wayne Mooneyham*

*Board Member at Large - Peggy Dwelle*

# Auburn Aviation Assoc.



Port Authority® Silk Touch™ Polo. K500.

- 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
- Double-needle armhole seams and hem
- Side vents

Adult Sizes: XS-2XL \$22.00

Also available in Tall- TL- Large- 2XL \$22.00



Port Authority® Ladies Silk Touch™ Polo. L500

- 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims
- Double-needle armhole seams and hem
- Side vents

Ladies Sizes: XS-2XL- \$22.00

## AVAILABLE COLORS:



Banana



Bark



Bright  
Lavender



Clover  
Green



Coffee Bean



Cool Grey



Dark Green



Deep Berry



Light Blue



Light Stone



Lime



Mediterranean  
Blue



Mint Green



Navy



Purple



Royal



Steel Grey



Stone



Strong Blue



Sunflower  
Yellow



Teal Green



Ultramarine  
Blue



White

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

**Text on dark colored shirts will be light gold-  
Text on light colored shirts will be black**

## 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.

## Brick 1

[illegible]

### Brick 2

(If you would like to  
order a second brick.)

[illegible]

Payment: ___ 4" x 8" bricks @ \$500 = \$_____	
<p>Contact Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p><b><i>Make check payable to:</i></b></p> <p><b>Auburn Aviation Association</b></p> <p>501 (c) 3      Tax ID# EIN 68-0083066</p>

Please mail your check payable to **"Auburn Aviation Association"** to:  
Auburn Aviation Association  
P.O. Box 6454  
Auburn, CA 95604

Contact Joanie Mooneyham with any questions: (530) 878-0434 joaniemoon05@gmail.com.

# 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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge: \$11.00 each Name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): \_\_\_\_\$20 \_\_\_\_\$70 \_\_\_\_\$120 Amount:

**Total Payment:**

**Mail form plus check payable to:**

**Auburn Aviation Association**

**PO Box 6454**

**Auburn CA 95604-6454**

Contact:

Tammy Meredith

530-613-2963

aaamemb1539@gmail.com

AAA is a 501(c)3 Corporation. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are deductible using Tax Exempt ID number: 68-0083066

UPDATED JANUARY 2018