

May 2019



## AAA Events

### MAY MEETING

**Wednesday, May 1st**

**Gary Guiliat** will tell us of his career as a Western Airlines pilot and of the aircraft he's restored, from Pitts Biplanes to Jet Fighters.

### JUNE MEETING

**Wednesday, June 5th**

Speaker TBA

### JULY MEETING

**Wednesday, July 3rd**

**Steve Kendall** will tell how the EAA's nationwide Young Eagles program has come to give free airplane rides to more than two million young people.

### Prepping for the Tri-Motor Visit



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## POTLUCK MENU

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

**Main Dish: A-M**

**Side Dish: N-Q**

**Dessert: R-Z**

# PROPWASH

## President's Message

### Saying Goodbye

*"To go west, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check." (Author unknown)*

It happened this month. The Auburn Aviation Association lost two of our long-time, mainstay members and supporters. **Jerry Poole** passed away after several years of declining health. Jerry has been involved with the AAA for many years and, in a wider sense, has been a strong supporter of our local aviation community too. He spent the majority of his adult years in the field of aircraft sales and brokering. From all accounts, Jerry was a guy who gave the term "aircraft salesman" a good name. He seemed to be more concerned with helping his clients find the right airplane than he was to just make a quick sale. He had great stories about buying small fleets of military surplus Beech 18s and DC-3s, ferrying them to California, and then modifying them to civilian configurations for resale. Jerry was also a good guy. He was relaxed and calm, and always seemed to have a smile on his face, as well as a kind word. He was a gentleman we will miss.

**Duane Rueb** also took his final flight west this month. Duane was born in South Dakota, but grew up mostly in the Sacramento area. He learned to fly many years ago in a Piper Tri-Pacer in Independence, Oregon. A man of many talents and interests, he was always quietly there in the background helping out with the Association's business and activities. As **Wayne Mooneyham** very aptly put it, Duane has been a permanent fixture in our organization for many years. That was his beautiful Kitfox that attracted so much attention as it rode on the back of a truck in the Fourth of July parade through downtown Auburn a few years ago. April 20th saw a standing room only crowd in the Barnstormer Room as we gathered to mark Duane's passing, and to express our appreciation of him.

I suppose that it is the nature of things that, as time marches on, we lose some of our friends and collaborators in life. But we don't have to like it. In this case, I think we can at least be partially mollified in our loss by considering some of the gains that we have received by way of the influx of some of our young new members. It will take years for any of these young members to become stalwarts of our organization like Jerry and Duane, but we appreciate their new contributions to the Auburn Aviation Association.

Blue skies,

Doug



# As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

Spring has finally come and it has been pretty green for now. The weather is getting better and the days are longer. It is time for your summer flying vacation. The beach, the mountains, the big city; now is the time to plan your trip.

Before the next meeting I will be heading off for a short trip to the Grand Canyon for a few days. We are going to an airport on the north rim of the canyon called Bar Ten and is mostly accessible by air. While you can drive there, it will about two hours driving on a dirt road after you leave the main highway. Our flight should only take us about three hours from Auburn. Three days and two nights and hopefully I will be able to go to the bottom of the Grand Canyon this trip.

The good weather has sparked some new accomplishments. **Helen Dobeck** has earned her IFR Rating (pictured below with Randy) with **Henry Roberson** as the pilot examiner and **Randy Leys** as her instructor. Her next goal is her Commercial Certificate. **Jeff Riley** earned his Private Pilot Certificate with **Ashley Snider** (pictured top right) as his examiner and, once again, Randy Leys as his instructor. **Nick Suciu** passed his Light Sport Certificate with **Mike Duncan** as his instructor. **David Sanborn** (pictured bottom right) was able to solo at Auburn on runway 7 on one of those beautifully calm mornings with Mike Duncan as

adventures in aviation.

On the subject of another adventure in aviation, HelenDobeck went up in a gyro copter ride for the first time. A gyro copter is sort of like a helicopter, but there is no power to the main rotor blades. The lift that is produced by the main rotor blades is from the airflow passing through them. The gyro flies in a constant state of auto rotation. Helen really enjoyed the open air ride with nothing but a seat belt to hold her in the gyrocopter. If you see the gyrocopters about the airport, feel free to go up and talk to the pilot. They really enjoy talking about their aircraft.

Randy Leys got the bug to get his Commercial helicopter rating. He scheduled a flight with **Billie Howard** of Sierra Air Helicopter and is on his way to that end. It is only a matter now of time and money, just like any other rating. Have fun in your new adventure Randy. We hope to hear more about it later.

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

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



his instructor. The following were able to pass their written tests. **Phil Keon** has passed his Instrument written. As soon as he passes his check ride he will be eligible to fly for the Placer County Sheriff in their Navajo. **Peter Hastert** aced his Commercial Pilot written test with his check ride not far away. **Sahej Randhawa** passed her Private Pilot written. She soloed already and hopefully we will get her ticket while she is visiting here from England. Congratulations to all on a job well done and good luck on your continuing





# Mach 5 Musings

Spring is in the air at Mach5 Aviation! Our student pilots cannot wait for the sunny weather and clear skies of May, but they have made amazing progress in the meantime! Congrats to **Alec Sievert** for completing an amazing solo flight! He is well on his way to a private pilots license and is working hard to reach his goal.

Shout out as well to **Alex George** who is now a Certified Flight Instructor! Alex will be sharing his knowledge with aspiring pilots and leading them to success in no time. Thanks instructor **Josh Landry** for showing him the ropes!

We had a great time at the Travis Air Show this year where the Patriots and Thunderbirds put on a amazing show! Mach5 was happy to be there and offer a path for future pilots.

Mach5 would also like to welcome **Ron Cox** and **Daniel Rackley** onto the team! Ron is a fantastic Airplane Mechanic and is here to help keep our planes in tip-top shape. Daniel Rackley is a Certified Flight Instructor that's here to help anyone who wants to learn about becoming an amazing pilot! Stop by on Friday around noon to enjoy a barbecue and say hello to our new Mach5 team mates.

Do not forget that Mach5 is offering a private pilot ground school at the Auburn Municipal Airport from May 7th to June 13th! Join us and learn from experienced pilots just what you need to know to pass your written test. Learn more and register online at [www.Mach5Aviation.com](http://www.Mach5Aviation.com).

Have a very happy Easter Sunday KAUN!  
Blue Skies and Tail Winds.



# Ford Tri-Motor Visit

by Don Wolfe

By the time we publish, the EAA Ford Tri-Motor will have come to Auburn at the end of April, giving rides to the public and operating out of KAUN. My friends **Bill Sleeper** and **Terry OBrien** were here on April 10 to fly the Ford at Marysville. We had a gathering of local pilots at Hangar F to meet Bill and Terry and hear about their aviation adventures.

Prior to chow, **Tom Dwelle** escorted the 2 lads over to the Flyer's hangar to view the future nesting spot of the Tri-Motor. Someone proposed moving the party to Flyers to take Full Advantage of the beautiful hangar AND Tap beverages! Tom must have caught the "vibe" because he quickly returned with Bill and Terry before we could gather things up and caravan westward. This proves once again: *"In all aviation activities, if you wait...YOU'RE LATE!"*

Now back to Terry and Bill. Terry is wrapping up a +40 year career at United Airlines. His retirement flight will be on the Boeing 777 in May. In his spare time Terry built 2 RV-4's, an RV-8 and a Cubcrafters Carbon Cub. He still owns the Cub and is part owner of an RV-10. Terry is the Vice President of the Board at Port



Townsend Aero Museum and serves there in many capacities. He is also a Captain on a Lear 31 for a corporation in WA. Terry will be flying the Ford Tri-Motor for the EAA as well.

Bill has been VERY busy! He's made THREE Atlantic crossings in an old Lockheed 12. Recently he went to Belgium to flight check the Lockheed following an accident and to train 3 pilots to fly it. Bill also flies float planes for Kenmore Aviation where he is current on the Beaver and Turbine Otter. Bill will be flying a private

Turbine Beaver on amphibious floats too. This plane will be used for transportation to and from a large yacht.

Bill is an instructor and check pilot on the EAA Ford Tri-motor and he crews the Lear 31 with Terry. Bill is the President of the Board at Port Townsend Aero Museum and serves as a flight instructor, as well as a pilot on almost every plane in the museum. In his spare time Bill flies his spotless Red Staggerwing Beech, Red Fairchild 24, RV-8 and Dehavilland Chipmunk, a plane he donated to the PTA museum. He also has a Waco UPF-7 under full restoration at PTA. As you can see, Bill is a very busy guy !

Once upon a time I had the honor of checking out both Terry and Bill on the Boeing 747-4. I also completed Bill's training to be an Instructor/Check Pilot on the 747. It was noted at the gathering that both of these guys made excellent landings during their 747 training. Terry said that his technique was to get the tires within 1/8"



of the runway and then let it settle in. He must be telling the truth because he was really "rolling that 747 on" !

Also in attendance were **Kyle Koukol** and **James Jacobson**. Both of these young men were recently hired by the airlines. Kyle announced that he will be flying for United Airlines and James will fly jets for SkyWest airlines. It was enjoyable to listen to Bill and Terry's adventures in retirement and exciting to hear about Kyle and James future careers at the airlines.

Regardless of age, everyone shared several things in common: our love of aviation, friendship and great flying stories!



# Alaska - Bucket list

On Sat. March 9th four 99s; **Merrilyn Lockerbie, Janet Walsh, Victoria Laiosa, Corinne Schrader** & myself along with Corinne's hubby **Jim**, my friend **Carol Tomasi** & Victoria's son **Isaac** flew out of SMF for a trip of a lifetime to Fairbanks, Alaska for a week. We discovered we were flying to Anchorage with another 99 buddy; **Laurie Smith**. She & hubby **Andy Bibber** own Adventure Flight in Lincoln. ([www.adventureflight.net](http://www.adventureflight.net)) With a 3 hr. layover in Anchorage, Merrilyn coordinated to meet some local friends for lunch. Laurie found the perfect restaurant & bar for us. We arrived in Fairbanks around 4:30 pm. Jim & Corrine flew up the previous day & met us at the airport. Jim offered to be our chauffeur for the week. We had several breakfast meetings to plan the trip which all started with Janet & Merrilyn talking about their bucket lists & realizing they both wanted to see the Northern Lights.

While in Alaska, we had our pick of different excursions. We rode snowmobiles, dog sleds, had dinner with several Fairbanks 99s, went to the UAF museum, shopped at the Santa House in the town of North Pole, found several great restaurants, took an all day ground tour of Denali Park with a beautiful train ride back in the evening. We discovered our tour guide, **Norman**, was a pilot & even ran us by the airport to see his airplanes before hitting the road. He enjoyed having a bunch of crazy women pilots on his tour; we made his day. Carol took a tour to the Arctic Circle & oh, did I mention we also went flying? That was the highlight for me.

Besides a lesson in a Super Cub on skis, we also did a tour around the White Mtns. one day. We flew with Proflite Alaska. ([www.proflitealaska.com](http://www.proflitealaska.com)) **Mike & Kersti** were wonderful hosts. She's a Fairbanks 99. Several people recommended them to us. We were not disappointed!

While the rest of the group took a tour of ice sculptures & a painting class on Sunday 10th, I took a lesson in a Super Cub ski plane. We flew around the area playing & making low passes over the frozen ground. CFI **Tom Trainor** made flying the Super Cub incredibly memorable!! After a couple of attempts, I was able to land on snow without my Instructor's help. I was in heaven!! My lesson was 1.9 with a nice sign off in my logbook.

We had plans to go back later in the week for a tour around the area. I surprised Victoria & Janet with lessons for them in the ski plane after our morning flight.

On Thursday 14th, Victoria (left seat), her son Isaac & Janet flew in an Arrow with Mike (owner & CFI) while Merrilyn & I (left seat) flew in a C-172 with our CFI **Storm**. We had a fantastic flight touring around the White Mountains for about an hour. After lunch, Victoria & Janet enjoyed the same experience in the Super Cub I had earlier in the week.

Thursday night most of the group took a local tour to see the Northern lights. Unfortunately Fairbanks was socked in with overcast skies, Carol (a non pilot) saw them during her Arctic Circle Tour! We were so happy for her.

Friday was a leisurely shopping day in downtown Fairbanks with a great visit to a local cultural center. Saturday came all too quickly as we had to leave. After a stressful event with a temporary lost wallet, one of the ladies having to go back through the TSA line to get a corrected boarding pass, another lady accidentally putting knives purchased as gifts in her carry on (not pretty) & myself getting patted down at TSA, it's a wonder they didn't give us a personal escort to the plane! We all boarded & said goodbye to Alaska for now. We will definitely be back.

## Tammy Meredith

Chair -Placer Gold 99s Chapter



*The Super Cub ski plane flown by (L to R) Victoria Laiosa, Janet Walsh & Tammy Meredith. Janet is holding stuffed bear "**Robby Rudder**," a gift from AAA President **Doug Fee** for my trip. Robby went everywhere with us & will be joining me in my future trips. (Thank you, Doug.)*

# Auburn Aviation Association Flight Scholarships 2019

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The Flight Scholarship Program for 2019 is complete. The applicants have been advised of the results. We had 13 people apply for the two flight scholarships. The interviews occurred on April 6 and April 13, 2019 at Auburn Airport.

The Scholarship Team saw an improvement in performance by this year's candidates. The applicants were well prepared and qualified for the interviews. This made the decision a difficult venture for the Scholarship Committee and one that was not taken lightly.

The Scholarship recipients will be announced at the AAA members meeting on May 1, 2019. We look forward to introducing you to these two young people and sharing a little more about their future plans and goals. Please take a moment to introduce yourself at the meeting and to welcome them to our organization.

Auburn Aviation Association: Paying it forward to the Next Generation!

Don Wolfe, Scholarship Chairman



*Our faithful committee members reviewed submissions and met with applicants. From left to right: **Bonnie Wilson, James Jacobson, Walt Wilson, Renata Mackenroth, Wayne Mooneyham.***

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# Photos



The entire gang snowmobiling (L to R) Carol Tomasi, Tammy Meredith, Jim Schrader (holding the Placer Gold 99 sign) Corinne Schrader, Janet Walsh, Victoria Laiosa, Merrilyn Lockerbie & Victoria's son Isaac.

PS the helmets were heated!



John Herndon and Dennis Pearson ham it up at the Travis Airshow, where Mach 5 had a booth.



**Randy Leys** and **Bryce Fick** in the Sports Star flew wingmen to Chris Sylvia and Jeff Riley In the Gyro Copter.

## 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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**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.

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# 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.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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