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May 2020



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MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 6th

This month's General Membership meeting will be held over Zoom. The link will be published in the morning reminder email on May 6th. [Or click here.](#)



During our digital meeting, Don Wolfe will be discussing the Boeing 747 airplane, it's design, operation, and highlights. In spite of it's size, the 747 was one of the fastest airliners ever created. Don flew the 747-400 for over 20 years as an airline pilot including 5 years in the Fleet Week Airshow. Don will share a few back stage stories about the challenges of operating an airliner designed for shallow bank angles and high altitude cruise in a low altitude airshow environment. There are also a few tales from the daily FAA airshow briefing, especially the day the POTUS was in town.

Tune in on Wednesday night May 6 at 18:00 for our monthly AAA meeting. (that's 6 PM for you pilots) Get caught up on the latest news, enjoy a meal and drink of your choice at home and watch a 25 minute presentation on the Beautiful Boeing 747.

Vice President's Message

Anybody remember the old song from the sixties "Big Yellow Taxi"? The refrain went: "Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone?" The lyric summarizes where we are now. We used to take for granted everyday activities like going to the grocery store, going out for dinner, getting a haircut, or walking in our neighborhoods, but suddenly everything is different. I don't think things have ever changed so fast or so much at any time in my life as they have in the past two months.

Yet out of adversity comes opportunity. The pace of life has slowed. Our dog loves the extra attention. We're finding ourselves spending more time on the phone talking to relatives and old friends than we did before shelter in place. We're checking on vulnerable people we know to be sure they're doing alright. Although we are physically distancing, we're socially closer.

It is a good time to reflect on what a wonderful community we have at KAUN. We thrive on the friendly connections we have when we meet at the airport. Now, things are not the same, and we have to think about keeping physical distance from everyone, for their safety as well as our own. It feels awkward. It makes me realize how much the airport, or more accurately, the people who make it such a great place, mean to me, and I look forward to the time when conditions will improve. I don't know when or if airport life will ever be quite the same again for us, but I believe good days and fair weather lie ahead.

We'll get through this crisis in much better shape if we all pull together and look out for each other. A lot of our local businesses are having a very difficult time. Think about steering a little business their way if you can. Many of the stores and restaurants we normally patronize are still open and have found creative ways to continue to be of service to our community. Let's do our part to help get them through this unprecedented economic turmoil.

Here's a glass-half-full view for you: The weather is beautiful. The grass is green, and the blue skies are clearer than they have been in ages. The airport is open, and we can take the opportunity to raise the hangar door and fly in the sky. Maybe take some of your quarantine-stressed housemates with you--pulling back on the elevator has been known to lift the spirits as well as the airplane!

So stay safe and stay healthy, remain calm, be patient, and maintain your physical distance while we wait for this storm to clear!

Doug McDougall
Vice President



KAUN Noise Abatement Guidelines Reminder



AUBURN CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

KAUN

AUBURN AIRPORT & BUSINESS PARK

This pilot guide to noise abatement procedures established at our airport has been prepared to help you operate your aircraft in the quietest manner possible, consistent with safety. The information is designed to help the airport be a good neighbor to the surrounding residential communities. Please comply with these procedures unless deviations are made necessary by weather, air traffic control instructions, an in-flight emergency or other safety considerations.

Thank you for your cooperation!

AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to Aviation, Safety, Friendship,
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MEETINGS: First Wednesday of the
month at 6:30pm
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AIRPORT AND PATTERN INFORMATION

- Departure Paths
- Fixed Wing Pattern
- Rotorcraft Pattern
- Ultralight Pattern

IDENTIFIER: KAUN
ELEVATION: 1536
AIRS: 119.375
FSS: 122.3
CTAF: 122.7
NORCAL APPROACH: 125.4/122.4
PATTERN ALTITUDE:
Fixed Wing - 2500 MSL
Rotorcraft - 2000 MSL
Ultralight - 2000 MSL
RUNWAY LENGTH: 3700 ft
240 ft overruns each end
RUNWAY ORIENTATION: 25/07
PUBLISHED GPS APPROACH available for Runway 07

Spring has arrived.

The weather's beautiful. Planes gotta fly. The airport neighbors open their windows to enjoy the spring air and then they call the city to complain about noise around the airport. This is exacerbated by the fact that most people are now at home. All the time. So this is a reminder to us all to follow the recommended noise abatement guidelines so we can keep doing what we love to do.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

TRAFFIC PATTERN
Fixed wing: TPA 2500 MSL, left traffic both runways.
Use standard pattern entries of 45 degrees.
For closed traffic, comply with AIM procedures.

ROTORCRAFT
TPA 2000 MSL, all patterns south of the airport.
Remain east of Highway 49, north of Bell Road.
Left traffic runway 25; right traffic runway 7.

ULTRALIGHT
TPA 2000 MSL, all patterns north of the airport.
Keep pattern tight and plan landing to turn off at midfield runway.

RUNWAY 25 DEPARTURE
Noise sensitive - 20 degree left turn at departure end of runway, safety permitting. Avoid Rock Creek Mobile Home Park.

RUNWAY 7 DEPARTURE
Climb straight out to 2500 MSL on runway heading.
For closed traffic, comply with AIM procedures.

As The Prop Turns

This past month has not been good for the airport. As you all probably know by now there was an airplane crash at the airport. **Mayor William Kirby's** Cessna 206 crashed late Saturday morning with Kirby and **Randy Leys** on board. Randy, President of Auburn Aviation Association, survived with some relatively minor injuries.

Dr. Kirby did not survive the accident. I knew Bill for more than thirty years. He was one of those people who engendered strong feelings in others - positive or negative - but he was a lifelong community volunteer and always advocated for the airport. Earlier this year he attended a AAA meeting to encourage airport enthusiasts who live in the city to consider running for city council so that we continue to have representation at the municipal level.

Randy was released from the hospital last Tuesday. He expresses sympathy for Dr. Kirby's family and gratitude to several people; John from a nearby neighborhood who arrived on the scene of the accident first and assisted Randy in getting away from the plane, to that first officer at the scene of the accident, and to those at the trauma unit at Sutter Roseville. He is recovering well, and is in the good care of his wife, Lisa, and Son, Jason.

NTSB and FAA results will not be released for three to six months.

Our Airport Manager **Bernie Schroeder** has retired, and our Airport Technician **Walt Wilson** will be retiring in June. City Manager **Bob Richardson** has assigned the Fire Chief **Dave Spencer** as Interim Airport Manager. Perhaps the interim manager will spend some time with the 5AC (Auburn Aviation Association's Airport Advisory Committee) and take advantage of all the experience the members bring to the table.

Well, let's move on to Sunshine Flyers student achievement news. **John Wilson** passed his commercial check ride with DPE **Richard Conte** and **Camile Tricomo** as his instructor. John works for the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and will be flying their Cessna 210. While not flying with commercial students, Camile was able to solo **Claire Ross** in a Cessna 172 at the Auburn Airport. Not to be out

done, **Kelly Richards** has been busy. Kelly has managed to solo **Doug Bolsover** and **Brandon Browne**. Doug soloed in a C-152 and Brandon soloed in C-172, both at Auburn Airport. **Michael Murphy** was another solo for Kelly in the Evektor Sports Star, but this one was actually Mike's second "1st solo." He had soloed in a Remos Light Sport at Sacramento Executive last year. Now they can move on to finishing up their certificates.

AAA Membership Director **Chase Morgan** and **David Sanborn** both completed one more hurdle to their private ticket by passing their private pilot knowledge tests with flying colors.

Now, from out of the past, our own **Renata Mackenroth** has come back, at least for a while. Because of school closures, etc.

Renata came in and checked out in the Light Sport aircraft. For those who do not know Renata, she is a past scholarship winner who was also very much a part of implementing Don Wolfe's mentorship program. Renata, thanks for coming in and keeping current.

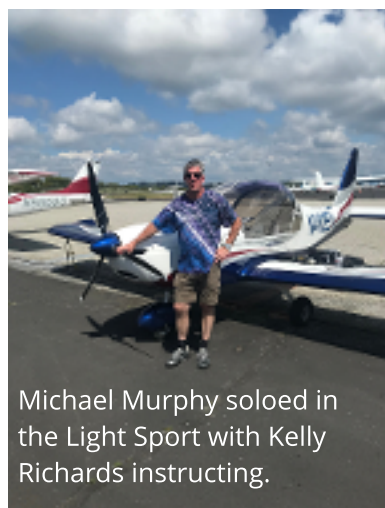
Well that is about all for this month, so, good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



John Wilson after passing Commercial check with Camile Tricomo instructing.



Michael Murphy soloed in the Light Sport with Kelly Richards instructing.



Claire Ross after 1st solo in C-172 with Camile Tricomo as inst. (Note the cut-off shirt on Claire)

Photos

Doug Bolsover made his first solo in a C-152.



Brandon Browne made his first solo in a C-172.



Member Nancy Thym has been practicing social very long distancing from her home in Germany, where she makes beautiful music. Click on the image to go to her YouTube page.



Sunshine Flyers has named their light sport aircraft. Meet Burt.

Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN! We have had some beautiful weather lately and that has made us all feel a bit more hopeful and optimistic. And with the sun coming out, so have the pilots.

We have had a few of our students reach amazing milestones in their training this month. And without further ado, a huge congratulations to: **Scot Ward, Devin McLaughlin, Randy Van Dusen, and Wendy Gammon!**

Scot Ward started April off by passing his private pilot check ride. With that new found confidence from getting his license, Scot is excited and eager to get working on his instrument training. We are very proud of Scot and look forward to his future accomplishments.

Next up are **Devin McLaughlin** and **Randy Van Dusen** for completing their first solos! Devin has been working hard towards this goal under the guidance of his wonderful instructors, **Mike Richardson** and **Brandon Kane**. It has only motivated him to keep pushing towards that check ride. 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, we have every confidence that he will be a licensed pilot in no time. We are thrilled at their progress thus far and expected nothing short of excellence.

To end our month is **Wendy Gammon**. She worked very hard and persevered through the many obstacles thrown at her. In the end, it all paid off when she passed her multi-engine check ride! Wendy is super woman for being able to juggle work, kids, and training. This was a long journey but we are so proud of her and the role model she has become for her kids and future female pilots.

Despite these unprecedented times, we can still find a light through our students and their accomplishments. At Mach 5 we strive to remain a positive and safe environment for our family of staff and patrons. It is important more now than ever to stick together, support one another, and keep the hopes and dreams of our aspiring pilots alive.

A special thank you to Scot, Randy, and Wendy for their services to our communities. Scot works as an EMT, Randy is an officer with the Sacramento Police Department, and Wendy worked as a flight nurse who is now pursuing a life as a commercial pilot. These are all demanding professions providing essential services to our neighborhoods and neighbors. We appreciate all their hard work and their constant positivity and optimism.

Stay safe and healthy KAUN!

Blue Skies and Tailwinds



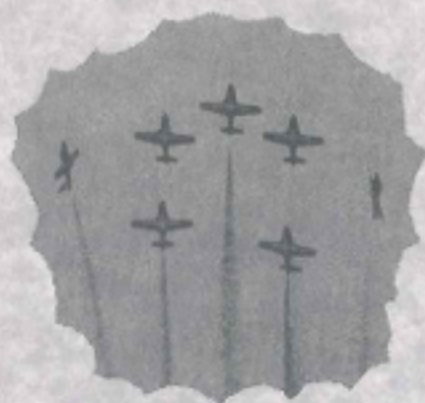
Photos



Congratulations, 2nd Lt. Jack Bell!

Past AAA scholarship recipient Jack Bell graduated from the Air Force Academy this month. Click on Jack's photo to read the news story.

Jack is an example of the outstanding people the AAA committee selects for our scholarship awards each year. The work of AAA is important in helping motivated young people to make their aviation dreams come true.



FLYING HIGH

Flying high above the clouds
I get a chance to try

All the things I dream about
When on the earth I lie

The freedom here upon the breeze
Is what I'm living for

And when I bank and soar and roll
My troubles are no more

Flying up at heaven's gate
I know that I have found

A place where I am really free
Not stuck there on the ground

Whatever happens in my life
And wherever I may roam

Whatever paths my life will take
The sky will call me home.

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WINGS IS OPEN - Let's keep it that way by Don Wolfe



Steve Denny had a small restaurant named "The Peanut Tree" located in the building now occupied by Wings. In the early 90's Gary Mourning was nearing retirement from his job with Air Traffic Control and looking for a business venture. His wife Darlene thought owning a restaurant at the Auburn Airport would be a great idea. The Mourning's decided to buy the Peanut Tree and rename it "Wings."

The Mournings knew little about the restaurant industry. Gary approached fellow ex ATC Controller Brian Metcalf about a joint partnership in the Wings venture. Brian had experience running a successful restaurant and proved to be a good partner in getting Wings off the ground. The Mournings and Metcalfs created a prosperous restaurant operation at KAUN. Wings became a deservedly popular fly-in destination for pilots. Locals from the Auburn community also enjoyed breakfast and lunch at the airport. Eventually the partnership dissolved and Gary moved on to running the Chevron aviation fuel concession at KAUN while Brian and his wife kept the restaurant.

Wings Grill and Espresso Bar is now operated by Conni Horning. Wings is central to the aviation social activities at KAUN. Conni and her crew have created one of the most popular airport restaurants in California, an establishment important to all of us who fly in and out of Auburn. It was common to see a group of 10-20 local pilots at breakfast every Saturday morning. Flyers from the Grass Valley and Placer airports flew in at least one day every week for lunch as well as several loyal pilots with their Van's RV aircraft. Takeout food was available for customers to take back to their hangars or businesses.

Socialization and dining at Wings stopped when the current health pandemic caused a statewide shutdown. Wings' dining areas were closed and our favorite waitresses and staff were all laid off. Conni and her daughters have been trying to make ends meet by offering takeout lunch on Tuesday through Friday 11AM-2 PM. Orders have been coming in, but the limited opportunity for revenue makes it challenging for Conni to sustain the business. We can all help by ordering takeout food and groceries from the online menu.

Wings Grill is the center of socialization at KAUN. The restaurant makes our airport a go-to destination for pilots all over northern California. Hopefully conditions will improve this summer and restaurants can reopen. It will be refreshing to see Conni and those wonderful waitresses again, tell a few flying stories and experience the excellent food. We'll see you on the patio soon!

Menu and support options are available at the following links or call 885-0428.

Wings Grill and Espresso Menu

Go Fund Me: Click or "Search" [Wings Grill Go Fund Me](#) (Processing fees apply. TIPS are optional.)



You might get a sought after "extra" with your grocery order.

An aerial photograph taken from the perspective of someone sitting on a picnic blanket under the wing of an airplane. The foreground shows the underside of the aircraft's wing and a portion of the fuselage. Below, a wide river meanders through a patchwork of green and brown agricultural fields. In the distance, a small town or village is visible, and the horizon is hazy under a cloudy sky.

Airport Picnics

A few flew away to regional airports this past month just to picnic under the wing. Some flew from other airports into Auburn to picnic, and some just drove out to the Auburn airport, where we generally observe 40+ feet of distancing.

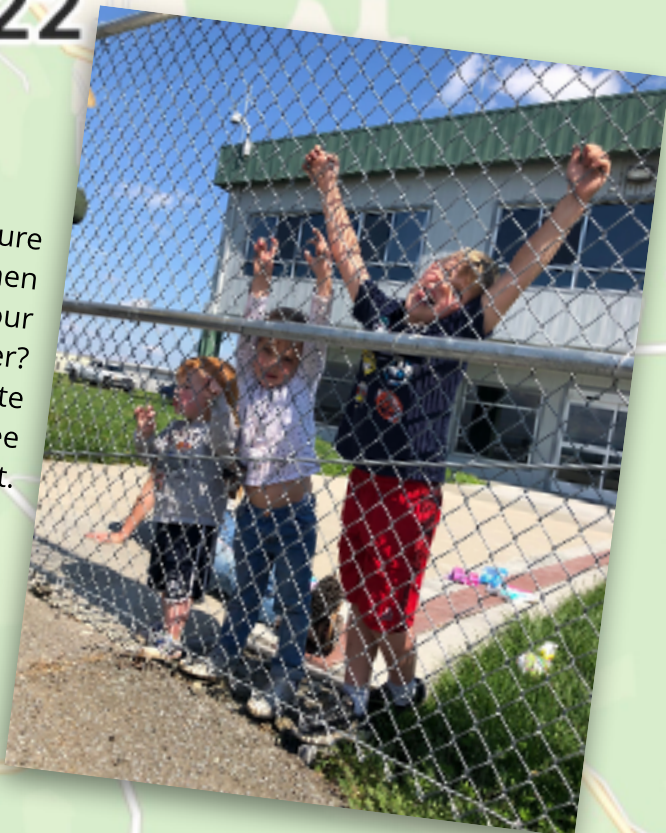
Columbia is such a cute little town, one that David and I did not get to see this trip. Regardless, it was a lovely day to light and have a picnic. Only one plane took off during our hour on the tarmac. It was high-wing twin turbo prop that appeared too large to fly. It lumbered along noisily on the ground, warming up for a long time and then taxiing laboriously to the run up area. Finally it lined up on the runway, and then soared effortlessly into the air like a fish gliding through the water. *Chris Haven*



Columbia Airport 022



Best way to ensure
social distancing when
you fly in to view your
grandkids on Easter?
Don't give them the gate
code. At KVCB Nut Tree
Airport.



At Nut Tree Airport



These are more picnickers on the airport captured by Randy Leys.



Hanging out at the airport these days is definitely different for me. Following restrictions associated with taking radiation as well as due to the Corona virus have me more cautious than normal. My sister & I decided to have a tailgate lunch one Saturday.

We parked in front of the Barnstormer and stayed at least 6 feet apart while enjoying our brown bag lunches and waving at friends on the airport. We had a great view of a visiting helicopter as they finished fueling & took off. What a site!

We then walked around the east end looking at the airplanes and watching the traffic in the pattern. I discovered later that night the tops of my feet had gotten sunburned!

We both needed the fun break & vowed to do it again as soon as we could. The next time I walk around the airport I plan on ordering lunch from our own Wings. I hear their "to go" lunches are as tasty as ever.

Thank you to everyone doing their part to get us through this incredibly difficult time right now. Stay safe.

Tammy Meredith



Gone West – Dr. Bill Kirby



We lost another fellow pilot this month.

Click to read the [Auburn Journal's obituary](#). The following letter is from Kirby's fellow rotarian Steve Grundmeier.

Bill Kirby

I didn't know Bill that well, but from the occasions when we crossed paths socially or at a Rotarian sponsored event, it was readily apparent to me that he loved Rotary. Although a contrarian at times, Dr. Kirby tirelessly supported Rotarian ideals. Bill was a physician on the 100 mile run for 17 years earning a Friend of the Trail Award. He served as the Placer Hillmen Football Team doctor for over 30 years. He was a pilot and worked with the 'Flying Doctors' flying to rural villages to help run free medical clinics. He served as elected director of the Auburn Recreation District as Chairperson. Dr. Kirby served as President of Auburn Little League for four years with seven years on the Board of Directors and many years as a coach. Dr. Kirby

strongly believed in community involvement and giving back.

In my last correspondence with Bill, he shared how much the One Book One Community Literacy Program meant to him. We would see him at several of the One Book One Community events. He was all about "service above self."

Ron Martinez, a fellow Rotarian and past president, says this about Bill: "...through the years of working at the Rotary garden at Virgil Traynor's, Bill was a Sunday morning regular. [He] helped with the barbecuing at ACCEF, Rotary and other community based events. His particular cooking contribution was carving or slicing meats. He often said that as a surgeon, he wasn't much different than any other tradesman, just particularly skillful with a knife.

Many times while working barbecues, a community member who had been a patient of his would approach the food prep area and acknowledge and thank Bill for helping them in their time of need. He was proud that he accepted MediCal patients, when most specialists in our area did not because of the low reimbursement rate."

Several times during the happy/sad bucks portion of our Rotarian lunches, Bill would share about his children, James Kirby and Sarah Kirby-Gonzales, and his two granddaughters, Addison and Chloe . To say he was extremely proud of them, would be an understatement.

[Steve Grundmeier](#)

President Rotary Club of Auburn

AAA Members List May 2019

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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.



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 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:

Endowment Fund Donation (optional): ___\$20 ___\$70 ___\$120 Amount:

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