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November 2019

AAA Events

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NOVEMBER MEETING Wednesday, November 6

Auburn resident and commercial pilot Shawn Bickford will present to us on the pleasures of flying in Alaska.

DECEMBER MEETING Wednesday, December 2

Join us for our annual holiday social. There will be potluck, entertainment, and general merriment. No speaker.

JANUARY MEETING Wednesday, January 8

AAA Member Marcia Winborne-Graven will present a 1970's film of her brother, air racer Fred Sebbe, making his way to Oshkosh in an open-air cockpit.

NOV MENU

Please bring a dish as follows:

A-L: Main Dish R-Z: Side Dish M-Q: Dessert

President's Message

It's that time of year again. The leaves are beginning to turn--and collect on the lawn. Pumpkins and jack o' lanterns are showing up. Children--and grown children--are planning their Halloween costumes as they contemplate their expected haul of candy. AND, it's time for the Auburn Aviation Association to elect our new officers for next year.

Our Nominations Committee, headed by **Wayne Mooneyham**, has been working behind the scenes to come up with a slate of candidates to fill our elected posts. They have done, in my opinion, a great job of finding some newer faces to take some of those jobs. The slate of new officers, as proposed, will include a very good mix of new faces and ideas, with seasoned and experienced people.

Here are some of the newer faces:

Our nominee for President is **Randy Leys**. Randy is originally from Saskatchewan, Canada, and learned to fly in southern Texas. He and his wife followed their son here to the Auburn area several years ago. He's instructing at Sunshine Flyers, and is also flying charters part time in a Hawker jet out of McClellan Airport. Randy is a great guy who has a wide range of flying experience.

Doug McDougall is our nominee for Vice-President. Interestingly, Doug is also originally from Saskatchewan. (Do you see a trend here?). He is a recently retired veterinarian, who specialized in treating cats and dogs, and is a partner in a Piper Cherokee Six based here in Auburn. He's a bright guy who has a great sense of humor, and should be a real asset to our organization. Of course, one of our Association's challenges this next year will be for the Board of Directors to put the brakes on our Saskatchewan-born-and-bred officers' attempts to build a hockey rink on the ramp by the fuel pumps.

These two gentlemen were introduced to the membership at our October meeting. The formal election will be held at our November 6th meeting, so put it on your calendar and be there for the festivities and to help us confirm our new officers.

One other item of additional Association news involves our developing an organizational structure to account for and recognize donations to our

endowment. I have been very gratified to see the enthusiastic support for the funding of our endowment. But, because it is a new area of activity for us, we need to make sure that we manage it properly. Aside from simply keeping track of our donations, I feel that it is very important to make a point of thanking each donor for their contribution. You'll be hearing more about this as we finalize our plans.

Blue skies,

Doug Fee



As the Prop Turns

Mike Duncan

The holidays are nearly upon us with Thanksgiving at the end of the month and Christmas is just around the corner from there. A few people have given themselves an early present. **Steve Boeger** soloed at the Lincoln airport with **Randy Leys** as his instructor with help from **Mike Duncan** and **Brandon Brown**.

Randy Leys with Steve Boeger

Camile Tricomo earned her Certified Flight Instructor rating with **Mike Duncan** as her instructor and help from Randy Leys and Kelly Richards. Camille is now working for Sunshine Flyers. And finally, our own new AAA Vice President (Ok Vice President elect) **Doug McDougall** earned his Multi – Engine Commercial Instrument rating. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

During this time of year, not only should we be thankful for what we have but to also think of giving to those who have less. The Salvation Army, the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet, your local church, or any other



organization of your choice. The power outages we are currently experiencing has brought home to each of us how easily we could be the one in need of help from our friends. So let us celebrate the good fortune that we have and be thankful for that. Let us pay it ahead for when we might be the one in need.

Sunshine Flyers has a new mascot. Shown in the accompanying picture is **Eden**. **Kelsey Dashiell**, who works for Sunshine Flyers, has shared custody of Eden with her former employer, a veterinarian. Eden is a golden Lab that is still a puppy. Hopefully we will see Eden about the airport once a week or so.

On the evening of Saturday November the 2nd, Sunshine Flyers will be hosting a paper airplane flying contest. Come enjoy free food and drink for about an hour or so and see who can build the best paper airplane. Spot landing contest? Longest duration? Best aerobatic aircraft? We will start after 5PM and end when we end. Come on out and we will talk airplanes



and enjoy the company. Bring the kids. Weather permitting I would like to see one and all. On satturday November 23 in Lincoln, Laurie Smith and her husband Andy (with help from other 99s) will host a fundraiser for our own Tammy Meredith. See page 7 for a few more details and contact information.

That is about all for now, so may you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

Mach 5 Musings

October has been another busy month for Mach 5. Our students keep impressing us with their dedication and tenacity. Alec Seivert, who just last month passed his instrument checkride has now become a commercial pilot. He acquired his Private Pilot, Instrument, and Commercial licenses in a matter of months. Next is multi-engine training in our Cessna 310. It's possible that Alec will be working as a pilot in less than six months. We wish him the best of luck. Congratulations Alec!

Patrick O'Conner is beginning the same path as Alec by becoming a Private Pilot. He flew through his Private Pilot checkride like an expert. We know he will work hard and be talking about his instrument checkride in no time. Great job, Patrick!

Todd Alter is moving forward as well by completing his first solo flight. Todd is putting in the work multiple

Congratulations are also owed to **Brandon Kane**. It has been a long journey but Brandon is officially a Certified Flight Instructor. Brandon is now instructing at Mach 5 and ready to create a new generation of excellent aviators. Welcome to the Mach 5 Team, Brandon!

Speaking of the Mach 5 Team, Mechanic Blake Cannon has recently completed his first solo. We have loved watching Blake grow here. It was a long road but he made it and is ready to complete the rest of his training. We are with you every step of the way Blake.

Have a fun and safe October KAUN, Happy Halloween.

Commercial Pilot Checkride



2020 Slate of Officers

AAA General members will vote at the November meeting on the slate of officers at right. Nominations are open, so if anyone else wishes to run for office, please contact Wayne Mooneyham at 530-401-0594.

President Randy Leys

Vice President Doug McDougall

Secretary Joanie Mooneyham

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Director - 5AC Wayne Mooneyham

Director - Scholarship Don Wolfe

Director - At Large Peggy Dwelle

Director - Immediate Past President Doug Fee

AAA Logo Items Available

Logo embroidered patches, suitable for stitching on a shirt, jacket or hat, are available for \$7.00 each. We also have AAA hats and Soaring Saturdays shirts for \$15.00 each.

Contact Joanie Mooneyham (530) 401-0595 AAASec1539@gmail.com





Top left: City of Auburn Chief of Police Ryan Kinan addressed some of the issues faced by local law enforcement when he spoke at last month's meeting. Top right: Proposed new 2020 AAA officers Doug McDougall and Randy Leys introduce themselves at the October meeting. Bottom left: Mach 5 student Blake Cannon. Bottom right: Mach 5 student Brandon Kane.



AAA Gift Memberships "20 in 2020"

The AAA Board of Directors has launched the "20 in 2020 Membership Drive" for the upcoming year. We're hopeful that you'll embrace this new program by "gifting" a few memberships over the holidays. What better gift can you offer to your aviation minded friends and family members than the fellowship at Auburn Aviation Association? We've created a new "Gift Membership" Tab on the AAA website "Join Us" page. At the present time, one must be logged Off of the website in order to purchase a gift membership. Click here for instructions on gifting a membership.

After you've gifted a membership, let your friends know about our monthly dinner meetings and excellent guest speakers. Invite them to attend our meetings and enjoy "hangar flying" at its best in the Barnstormer room.

We have added 7 recent new members: Tierra Bickford, Brice Corcoran, Steve Fitzgerald, David Holloway, Chase Morgan, Casey Long and Tom Murray. That leaves only 13 more new members to achieve our goal of "20 in 2020". Please join us in welcoming our new members aboard.

Reno High Sierra Chapter Ninety~Nines International Organization of Women Pilots Section Scholarship Awards Offered to Women:

- ~ \$2,500 TOWARDS A Private Pilot Certificate
- ~ \$3,500 toward an Advanced Rating
- ~ \$1,000 toward Re-currency or Endorsement
- ~ \$1,000 Click Bond "Aviation Discovery"
- ~ \$1,000 JLM "Final Approach/Checkride & FAA test"

CRITERIA:

- Limited to female student pilots and female pilots who reside within a 99 nautical mile radius of the Reno Tahoe International Airport, including the area north of Hwy 50 to the Utah, Idaho and Oregon borders.
- Scholarship is applicable to any category of aircraft i.e. airplane, glider, rotorcraft, lighter-than-air & powered lift.
- Re-currency pilot applicants must be at least 3 years out of currency.
- Student pilots must have solved at the time of application.
- Advanced pilots must have completed at least 5 hours of flight training towards advanced rating/license with a CFI
 at the time of application.
- Endorsement scholarship funds may be used for tailwheel, high performance, complex, seaplane, or emergency training; contact scholarship committee with questions on applicability.



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FOR AN APPLICATION, WRITE TO: Reno High Sierra 99s, P.O. Box 12863, Reno, NV 89510 OR Download PDF version of application at: www.renohighsierra99s.org

Hangar Party/Fundraiser for Tammy

Fellow 99 Laurie Smith and husband Andy are hosting a Holiday Cheer Hangar Party for AAA Membership Director Tammy Meredith, who is fighting cancer. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 23, from 5pm until it's done! There'll be chili, carnival games, a donation jar and a money tree. Bring cash/money! Tammy will attend if she feels up to it.

Adventure Flight 1878 Flightline Drive #2 Lincoln, CA 95648 Laurie's cell: 907-978-2314



Matt Dicicco - AAA Endowment Contributor

I met Matt DiCicco while working at my former airline. I had the honor of accomplishing his Boeing 747-400 check out when he came to the fleet. We flew all over the world many times thereafter and

became close friends.

Matt loves general aviation and owns a Cessna 120, a Cessna 180, and a beautiful hangar at Frazier Lake airport. He still works for the airline and flies his own airplanes during days off. Matt also does some part-time flight instructing.

Matt flew to KAUN a couple of years ago to receive training from our local Cessna 180/185 expert Craig Bednorski. During the visit, Matt, Shawn Bickford and I did some "hangar flying." We discussed our love of aviation, mentoring, and paying it forward.

I told Matt about the growing success we were having at the Auburn Aviation Association. He offered some great tips and thoughts on how to make things better. We added some of his ideas to the program.

Following Matt's visit to KAUN he has become one of AAA's best contributors. Matt has been donating his time as a CFI in the Bay Area and in turn asking his students to make donations to our scholarship endowment fund.

I am humbled by Matt's kindness in supporting our mentoring and scholarship programs here in Auburn. He serves as an excellent example of a mentor, flight instructor and supporter. Matt shares his vast experience in aviation as a CFI and then pays it forward even more by sending funds to AAA. Matt DiCicco is gentleman, excellent pilot and a good friend to all. Join me in thanking Matt for his exceptional support.

Don Wolfe



Fold Up Bicycles

A few years ago my wife, Cathie, talked me into buying fold up bicycles to put in the back of airplane so that when we landed we could venture away from the airport. That year we flew to Idaho for vacation and took a couple of spectacular bike rides. Since then the bikes have mostly been collecting dust. Cathie has suggested a few times that we go to Tahoe but each time the weather was not agreeable. Thunder storms or high density altitude in the afternoon restricted summer days and snow cold took a couple months off the calendar also.

Saturday, October 5, was the perfect day. The weather was warm but not hot. The atmosphere was bone dry so there was not a cloud in the sky. The wind was even forecasted to provide a tailwind going East in the morning and then switch directions just in time to give us a push back to the West in the afternoon.

We arrived at South Lake Tahoe around 11:00 and set up the bikes. Riding out of the Airport, there was short grade that we had to overcome but from there it was mostly downhill all the way to the lake. We followed Highway 50 for about a half mile into town going past restaurants and tourist shops. At the first light 50 broke right to the East and Highway 89 continued straight. From there we followed a side street 2 blocks east of 89 by the name of Eloise Ave.

We were glad to get off the highway because we noticed that the traffic was heavy. So was the bicycle traffic. There were families with kids, people on electric scooters, electric bikes and pedestrians all headed in the same direction we were. When the

Dave Rohlfes

street ended a bike trail continued but this was even more challenging sharing the 5 foot wide path with so many people.

When we saw the turn to Pope Beach we took it. As we neared the lake we were shocked that we practically had the place to our selves. We parked the bikes and sat by the water. It was absolutely incredible. The temperature was perfect. The water was crystal clear. We ate our snacks and drank our waters. A couple of ducks visited us. They must have known Cathie was a soft touch when it comes to sharing crackers. I even talked myself into going for a quick swim.

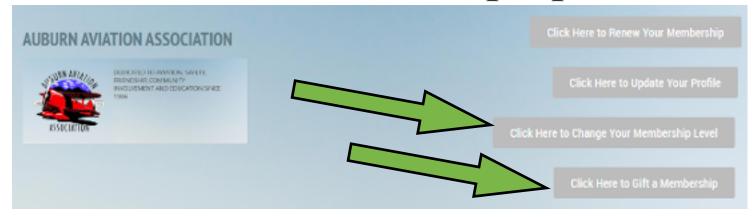
As we rode back we saw that the traffic had only gotten worse. Finally I asked what was going on. It was Octoberfest at Camp Richardson. My German heritage began to duke it out with my better judgement. I didn't think I could have gotten a room on short notice so my better judgement scored a TKO.

The return flight was as stunningly beautiful and morning. There was still a lot of snow between the trees from the storm earlier in the week. The lake was all full blue and flat. That meant a smooth ride even in the late afternoon. Next thing we were lined up on runway 25 ready to touch down.

This was a wonderful day trip. If you have any questions about the route or the fold up bikes I'd love to share it with you when I see you at the next meeting.

Dave and Cathie Rohlfes

More Website Membership Options



Second Lt. Brice Corcoran - AAA Member

A few years ago Tierra Bickford stopped by our hangar with Brice Corcoran. Tierra brought her new friend over to meet Shawn and me and to see our planes. Brice told me that he was working on his Private license and attending college in Utah. Brice and I exchanged email addresses and he returned to college.

Over the next year Brice kept me updated on his progress. He completed college, the Private Pilot License, worked in Idaho as a Fire Fighter, then returned to CA. Brice became interested in flying for the USAF Reserves and began pursuing that goal. The USAFR has KC-10's, C-17's and C-5's at Travis AFB and there was a new KC-135 squadron at Beale AFB. Brice began the process of attaining a pilot training slot with the 314th Air Refueling Squadron at Beale.

Brice attended the very first "AAA Aviation Careers and Interview Training" class in 2018 along with Renata Mackenroth and Tierra Bickford. Even though the class was small, the input from these 3 energetic attendees enabled Larry Borchert and me to make numerous additions and changes to the course. Brice took several of our tips and techniques along with him for his "day long" interview at the 314th Squadron.

Brice was accepted by the 314th and given a pilot training slot earlier this year. Prior to leaving for Officers Candidate School Brice and I accomplished a few basic acro rides in a Citabria. This enabled him to become accustomed to wearing a parachute and seeing the earth upside down in the windshield. I donated my

"time" to Brice and he paid it forward with a donation of his hard earned money to our Flight Scholarship Fund.

Brice will be completing his training in the T-6 Texan II very soon. He's enjoyed doing instrument, acro and formation flying in the 1100 hp T-6 Texan II at Columbus AFB, MS. The next airplane he'll fly is the Raytheon T-1 Jayhawk. This is the military version of the Beechjet 400.

Upon graduation from USAF Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) Brice will be qualified to take the FAA Military Competency Exam and receive his Commercial, Multiengine, Instrument Ratings along with a Type Rating in the Beechjet 400. When Brice is fully competent on the KC-135 and achieves the appropriate requirements, he can apply for the Boeing 707 Type Rating. He will also be qualified to receive his ATP when he achieves 750 hours of military flight time. The normal flight time requirement for the ATP is 1500 hours. The nice thing about of all of this: Brice has been getting paid the whole time!

When Brice completes training in 2020 he'll return to Beale and fly the KC-135 Stratotanker as a Reservist. This will enable him to fly as much as he'd like with the 314th or pursue employment as a professional pilot.

Second Lt. Brice Corcoran serves as an example of the outstanding young people that gravitate to the programs at Auburn Aviation Association. We look forward to hearing about Brice's adventures in aviation at one of our members dinners in the future.





At left: Brice following first solo ride. Old USAF Custom of classmates throwing him in the pool. Above: Brice in formation w T-6 II.

AAA Members List October 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.



Col. C.E. 'Bud' Anderson Fundraiser BRICK ORDER FORM

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