

PROPWASH

November 2020



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, Nov 4

6:00 PM This month's speaker is Manny Puerta in his presentation "Operation IceBridge: Flying a NASA science-configured DC-8 over Antarctica to survey polar ice"

See event listing for the Zoom link.



5AC MEETING

Thursday, Jan 14

6:00 PM (new time) All interested parties are welcome to attend the 5AC (Auburn Airport Association Airport Advisory Committee).
KAUN.5ac@gmail.com

President's Message

Time in a bottle!

The first thing I would like to do is thank you all for the great experience of being president of Auburn Aviation Association (Triple Eh!) and the confidence bestowed on me to serve another term. I've especially enjoyed spending this time with AAA and the committee chair members. Not a day goes by that someone isn't quietly doing something to make wishes come true for the new and up coming AV8ORs and mentors of Auburn's aviation community. So much has happened this past year. It seems like an eternity.

I would like to take time to introduce our "AAA" 2021 list of elected leaders. They are featured on the next two pages.

It's an honor and a pleasure to work with this great group of folks, and I look forward to great things in 2021! This experience will definitely go in my future box of memories. This column was inspired by Jim Croce's song "Time in a Bottle."

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Randall Leys

President

PS. Thx Mucho JR



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AAA 2021 Board



First off we have the very astute Dr. Doug McDougall who started his life on a farm in Saskatchewan, Canada just like myself. We lived 161 nautical miles apart as the crow would fly, unaware we were destined to meet in Auburn and become Prez and VP of the AAA and get to fly King Airs together!



Next we have Don Wolfe and Doug Fee "Co-Captains" of the Placer County Scholarship Endowment Fund. Assisted by James Jacobson and coordinated by Nancy Benjamin, they have set fund raising goals only to be shattered in short order.



How about that Joanie Mooneyham, keeping us all informed regarding AAA business matters. Also fundraising moneys for Wreaths Across America as well as other causes. And don't forget about Joanie's arm candy, Wayne, aka "Captain America" retired airline captain and past 5AC Chairperson.



Behind the scenes we have Chris Haven, doing all things technical including managing the website and emails, producing the Propwash monthly news rag, arranging Zoom meetings, and much more. Chris is a local gal, and flies her own Cessna 172. Diane Hammer, private pilot, black belt, and refueler, is a new addition to the communications team, laying out the Propwash.

Mike Duncan, someone I really look up to (he's head and shoulders taller than I am), Propwash contributor and editor. He has more signatures in Auburn area pilot logbooks than Carter has liver pills. (For millennials, it's a saying from back in the day. Just means "a lot.")



And "Mac the Maniac" "Get 'er Done", Mark McElroy, continuing the great work that Wayne Mooneyham and others have fostered over the years with the 5AC, and forging relationships with new Auburn Airport and other City officials, AOPA, FAA etc.



Newbie David "Abacas" Dwelle, filling the shoes of Gary Vogt as newly elected Treasurer. Just a year ago, David was a student pilot and is now creating all kinds of wake turbulence up and down the California coast in a Bonanza A36!



Chase Morgan -Our "hands on" Membership Chairman and student pilot. chase is always ready with his can-do attitude an exciting report of newcomers and renewals.



Last but not least, our former Pitts Special air race pilot and infamous board member "At Large," Peggy Dwelle, making a lot of noise about aircraft being quiet while flying to and from Auburn Airport. This attention has led to many discussions and actions that have reduced noise complaints considerably.



As The Prop Turns

Elections are about over, so I hope you voted.....for your choice of Auburn Aviation Association officers. There is another election out there somewhere and I hope you voted in that one, too. I can now go back to answering my phone and looking at my e-mails again. I think I have about worn out the "Delete" button on my computer.

The smoke is gone for the most part and the weather has been good for flying. The students are out filling the skies. **Mike Polit** soloed **Mike Fonini** in Fonini's airplane, a Cessna 170. Fonini and his partner in the airplane had a hard time finding an instructor until Mike Polit came along. If you see a maroon taildragger out and about the airport that is probably them. You should say hello. Meanwhile, **Peter Hastert** was able to solo **Owen Arreguy** in a Cessna 152. First solos are always an exciting event for both the student and the instructor. This has been a good month for new CFI and "double I" ratings. **Steve Schulte** earned his Initial Certified flight Instructor Rating with **Mike Duncan** as his instructor. Steve can now give instruction in the Taylorcraft, AT-6, and the N3N at Airventures in Lincoln. If anyone is interested in some log-able time in a war bird, now is the time with Steve at Airventures in KLHM. Peter Hastert and **Camile Tricomo** both added Instrument Flight Instructor ratings to their existing instructor ratings, with Mike Duncan signing them off for their check rides. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

From left, Peter Haster, Camile Tricomo and Helen Dobeck. All three are CFI's at Sunshine Flyers with Peter and Camile having just earned their II's.



Owen Arreguy with Peter Hastert



This past month my new landlord has been working on our building (and it has needed it). The most noticeable thing that he has done is to paint the building black. Yes, black; and it is not just the outside. All of the walls inside the hangar are also



Steve Schulte pictured with his red and polished aluminum Cessna 120 after earning his Initial CFI.

black. It has been fun listening to all of the ideas that people have for a black building. Perhaps he is a Raiders fan; perhaps he is a Star Wars groupie! The wood trim is going up now and it is looking better. Then again, I just maybe getting used to it. I am looking forward to the finished product. When everything is completed, he wishes to have a party to introduce himself to the community. Until then, my new address is the black building by the (also black) gazebo.

This past month another of my friends, AAA member, CAP member, and airport advocate, **Larry Adair** died of cancer. Larry had been fighting it for about eight years and seemed to be beating it, but alas, it overtook him. In his memory I have made a donation to our scholarship foundation with hopes of getting a brick for him. For anyone wishing to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Well, that is about all for this month. May everyone have an enjoyable Halloween and don't eat too much candy.

Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan

Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN!

Summer reluctantly is giving way to Fall. Fires are still burning, but the smoke has cleared enough for people to get back into the air. The phenomenon that is Public Safety Power Shutoffs once again has reared its ugly head, but this too shall pass. The oddity that is 2020 speeds toward the end of the year.

October started with a call from the Auburn Journal naming Mach 5 Aviation Best of the Best for flight instruction for 2020! Although not many solos or check rides this month, our students continued making progress for PPLs, instrument ratings, and commercial tickets.

Sac PD's fourth deputy started training for his PPL. **Chad Eggen** is already making great strides in his training with Chief Instructor, **Allen Davis**. We look forward to his continued progress and the day he passes his check ride.

Wesley Mason (pictured), under the guidance of **Bennett Carlson**, achieved his Private Pilot

License! He worked extremely hard throughout his training and hit the home stretch in stride. Wesley is a joy to have as a student; we look forward to his continued training and the great things he will undoubtedly accomplish.

Our very own **Viktoriya Adamovich** will be flying fast movers and bigger metal as she started type training for the Embraer ERJ 135. She will be flying right seat for RVR Aviation out of Texas. Viktoriya will be sorely missed but we could not be prouder to send her off into the great blue skies!

Joining the Mach 5 fleet shortly will be N5148Y, a 2009 Cessna T182T with Garmin G1000 cockpit (see photos). We are looking forward to having the cross-country mountain flying machine further enhance our line-up.

We welcome November with open wings as Halloween closes out October. Then just like that the holiday season is upon us. That's about it for now. Keep the dirty side down.

Blue skies and tailwinds,
The Mach 5 Team!



Larry Adair Gone West, 1933-2020

We're sad to be reporting to you that long time Auburn Aviation Association member Larry Adair went west in early October. A medical issue had kept him out of our sight in recent times but, prior to that, he was a very active AAA member. He was invaluable in ably chairing the 5AC Committee for years, and was responsible for taking on some major airport improvement projects. This was in addition to his being very active in our local Civil Air Patrol Squadron 92. Larry was a good guy who was always fun to have around at our meetings.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, he served a hitch in the U.S. Army before beginning a career largely in underground construction. He was fascinated with airplanes from an early age and learned to fly in 1977. He owned and flew a very nice Cessna 182RG out of Auburn for many years. Larry leaves behind Carol, his wife of 62 years, two sons and several grandchildren.



Upcoming 2021 Scholarships!

Auburn Aviation Association will be opening the online application process for the 2021 Flight Scholarships in December. Steve Kendall, James Jacobson and I will be working on a joint venture application and interview program for AAA and the local EAA Chapter 526. This is the second year for our successful endeavor with EAA Chapter 526.

We are excited to announce that we have 4 Flight Scholarships available in 2021! The flight scholarships are named after: Col. C.E. Bud Anderson, Jason Leys, EAA Chapter 526, and the flight scholarship sponsored by Mach 5 Aviation.

In addition, EAA Chapter 526 is also hopeful to announce 2 scholarship opportunities for local youth to attend EAA Air Academy in 2021.

The official announcement for the 2021 Flight Scholarships and trips to the EAA Academy will be made in December. Stand by for more information.

Don Wolfe
Scholarship Director

Last Year's Recipients, 2020...



Andrew Chubatenko was the recipient of the 2020 Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 526 Scholarship and is a member of the Auburn Aviation Association. Andrew is pictured here with his CFI, Peter Hastert, cutting his shirt tail after his first solo flight!



Benjamin Rubash received the Auburn Aviation Association Scholarship for 2020 and is pictured here actively pursuing his Private Pilot's License.



This fall we conducted a fund raising drive for our Educational Endowment at Placer Community Foundation. We called upon local businesses for corporate donations and promoted bricks for the Col. Bud Anderson statue. To aid in the effort we created a 4 page brochure titled "Auburn Aviation Association 2020 Vision". The brochure discusses our scholarship and mentoring programs and features photos and bios of 8 recent scholarship recipients. **(Click here for link)**

Mike Long assisted in making sales calls in the McClellan airport area by talking to local businesses related to his construction

company. Many of the people Mike called upon use aircraft for business travel and they understand the importance of paying it forward to the next generation of aviators. Mike is responsible for a substantial part of the success we've enjoyed with this fund raising drive. Thank you Mike "Gundog" Long!

The positive response from the corporations and businesses was outstanding and produced over \$11,000 in donations. There was an additional \$3500 raised from new AAA Lifetime memberships and membership upgrades as well as several commemorative bricks for the Col. Bud Anderson Statue. All in all over \$15,000 was collected! In addition to the funds collected, Mach 5 Aviation provided an additional flight scholarship for 2021 by committing 10 hours of dual flight time. Flight Apprentice also pledged an online ground school.

The logos of our corporate sponsors are listed in the Propwash and on our web site. We appreciate the support and commitment these individuals and corporations have made to our programs and organization.

Earlier in the year the AAA Board of Directors set a goal of \$40,000 in our endowment by December 2020. The original deposit of \$25,000 in 2019 plus the recent \$15,000 collected confirms that we have achieved our 2020 goal. We can all be proud of this accomplishment. Each and every one of us has played a part in the success of the Auburn Aviation Association and our programs. Thank you to all of our members for continuing your participation and support.

Next month I will provide a report in the December Propwash with the actual amount of money we have in our endowment. I can promise you one thing; Santa came to Auburn Aviation Association early this year. There is a Big Christmas Surprise coming for all of us.

Cheers!

Don Wolfe
Scholarship Director

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Auburn Aviation Association

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