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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 7
6:00 PM

This month's guest speaker is **Aaron Langley** who is going to tell us about the hours he spent with a big beautiful Russian girl: Annushka, the Antonov AN-2. She's the world's biggest single engine biplane, and I'll bet she doesn't fly like all the others!



5AC MEETING

Thursday, October 15

6:30 PM All interested parties are welcome to attend the 5AC (Auburn Airport Association Airport Advisory Committee). Voting is reserved for AAA members.
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President's Message

"Could you take me for a ride in your plane sometime?" I'm sure most of us have been asked that question. And if you're like me, it's something you're only too happy to do. For many, it will be their first time in a small plane. It's a great chance to share something we love with our friends and our family. It's an opportunity to promote General Aviation, to introduce folks to our airport, and to let people see the world from a new perspective. Sometimes it leads to a new pilot joining the ranks. But it's a heck of a responsibility. Folks who would like a ride seldom have sufficient safety information or understanding to accurately assess the risks. They usually have no idea of my skill, experience, or how well I maintain my aircraft. I guess they could ask me, but no one has. I don't think many consider the extent to which they are counting on me to fly within the rules and regs. But you know what they say: There's safe and there's legal. If I'm flying only just within the limits of the law, I'm legal; however, am I as safe as I could be, am I as safe as I want to be, and am I as safe as those trusting people who asked for a plane ride imagine I am? We owe it to everyone-our guests, our families, and especially ourselves-to be the best pilots we can be. The pandemic has taken a lot of things from us, but it has not entirely been a one-way street. Many of us have more time for things than



VICE PRESIDENT
DOUG MCDUGAL

we usually do. Consider investing some of that time constructively, by maintaining your currency or regaining your proficiency. Perhaps it's time to focus on some piloting skills that could use polishing. Maybe you could add the new rating that you've always wanted. There is a whole new crop of whip-smart

instructors at our airport, as well as some with-shall we say, longer-experience who would be delighted to spend some time with any of us. Who knows what we'll learn? Imagine being a better pilot when the pandemic finally ends.

Doug

CHP OFFICER MARK UHLENBURG'S FINAL FLIGHT BEFORE RETIRING



As The Prop Turns

Another great month has gone by. Only 85 more shopping days to Christmas and the students keep on coming. **Camile Tricomo** helped **Aly Farinha** (Below) earn her Private Pilot Certificate with **James Duvall** as her



designated Pilot Examiner. **Zak (Clown Jumper) Klutts** passed his Instrument Rating with **Mike Duncan** as his instructor. Zak flew all the way from Orange County to Auburn to earn his rating in only two weeks. He then had to go back and take a check ride with a local examiner in Orange County. **Ethan Carlson** (below) soloed in the "mighty" Cessna 152, N24261, with Camile Tricomo as the instructor. Camile also partnered with **Peter Hastert** to get Mr. **Logan Thomas** (photo at right) checked out in the Evektor SportStar. He was able to



add the Light Sport privileges to his Private Pilot Glider rating. Peter was also busy flying with **Julianna Bellissimo** and **Andrew Chuatenko** and they both soloed the same "mighty" Cessna 152. **Sean Deadman** can also be counted among the solo students with the help of his instructor, **Kelly Richards** and his trusty bird,



the Cessna 172. **Allen Davis** managed to solo **Cristian Bivens** in a C-172 at Lincoln. Unfortunately, Cristian managed to break the airplane so his identical twin brother, **Alec Bivens**, was unable to solo. Actually the magneto went bad through no one's fault and that prevented Alec from soloing. With all of these new solos, there is a good chance that there are a couple new Certificates in the future. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

CHP Officer **Mark Uhlenburg** retired this past month after fifteen years of flying helicopters out of the Auburn Airport. After his last official flight, he was given a grand send off by Cal Fire with a nice traditional water archway to announce his retirement, and then on to the party. Thank you Officer **Brandon Hallam** for this video of Mark's last flight returning to base. Congratulations, Mark, and good luck in your retirement.

On a little different subject, one of my customers dropped off an article on the Minden Soaring Club out of Minden, NV. Soaring is another one of those great

adventures in aviation that I think every pilot should at least experience. Anyway, back to the Minden Soaring Club. In the article, the Minden competed with over a thousand other soaring clubs around the world for various records such as highest flight, longest flight, longest duration flight, fastest ground speed attained, etc. All of this is recorded via GPS data and submitted on a weekly basis for thirteen weeks to the contest organizer in Germany. Minden managed to win eight of the thirteen weeks, have the longest distance flight of over 1800 miles, the fastest ground speed recorded of 152.3 mph, and the longest duration flight of over 12hrs and 30 mins. Who would have thought that those kind of numbers were possible in a glider! I think I am ready to get back into a glider.

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

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



Mach 5 Musings

Greetings KAUN!

Hopefully everyone is staying safe and healthy during this turbulent year. First off, we would like to thank our brave firefighters and first responders battling the raging fires affecting all of California. With all the smoke in Auburn this last month, flying has been slow moving; yet as the famous cliché goes, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade". Ground training is thriving and students are working hard with their instructors to progress in their aeronautical knowledge. In addition, instrument students are loving the ability to log actual instrument time as they work towards their IFR ratings.

With our new rusty pilot refresher course,

pilots are sharpening their skills and hopping back into the joys of flying. This month **Michael Brazelton** flew through the refresher course completing it under a week. Not only did Michael get reacquainted with general aviation flying, he also was able to add a single-engine class to his ATP certificate. Way to go Michael!

Already with the cooling weather, autumn is just around the corner. We look forward to the fall season with fuel in our wings and pumpkin spice in our hearts!

Hopefully these fires clear up soon and we can all get back to training and flying. Stay safe KAUN.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds.



Honoring Gary and Clytie Vogt



Presenting the Award of Appreciation are, left to right, AAA President Randy Leys, Gary and Clytie Vogt, AAA Vice President Doug McDougall and AAA Past President Doug Fee.

The AAA board of directors have honored long-serving members Gary and Clytie Vogt with an Award of Appreciation for their years of dedicated service to the organization. Gary has served as club Treasurer for 6 years, and Clytie has helped make our potluck suppers run smoothly and has handled our 50-50 draws at the monthly meetings during all that time and more. In addition to their hard work, their cheerfulness and sense of humor have been invaluable contributions to the club. We look forward to sharing their friendship for many years to come.

by Doug McDougall

AAA members **Helen Dobeck**, **Kelly Richards** and **Peter Hastert** received right seat time in a King Air 200 on the evening of August 25, 2020. AAA member **Captain Craig Bednorski** was in command of the flight. Also along for the flight to receive right seat time was **Ray Anderson** - KGOO, and **Ricky Gutierrez**. AAA's **Don Wolfe**

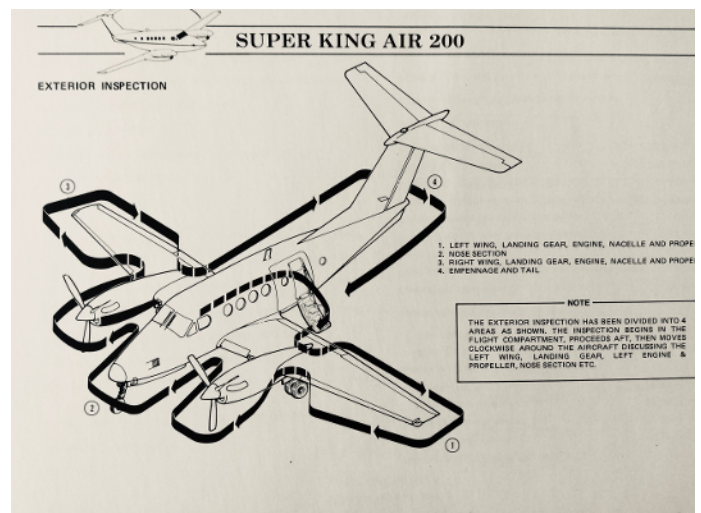


was onboard the aircraft as well. The main goal of the evening was to familiarize these newly rated commercial multiengine pilots with the King Air aircraft. The training should enable them to be more competitive in obtaining employment as a turboprop first officer.

Prior to the flight, Craig and Don conducted a briefing on First Officer

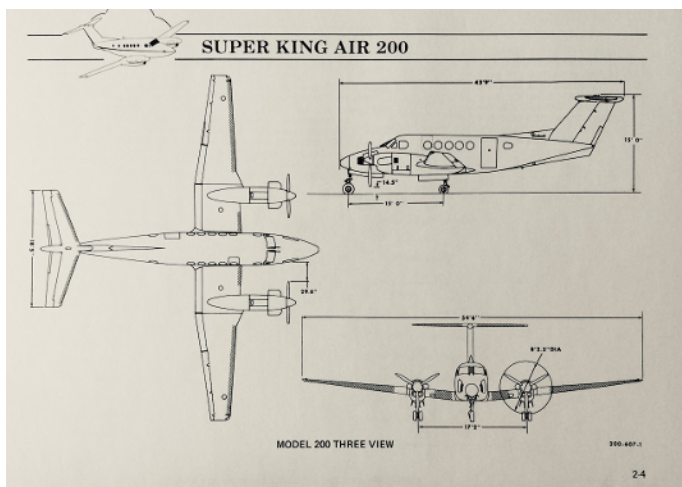
duties, King Air procedures, and high altitude flight. Craig then provided a thorough instructional preflight inspection prior to boarding the airplane. It was a beautiful but smoky evening to fly and the flight went as planned.

A 2 hours King Air Systems Class was then conducted on the evening of September 3, 2020. Don Wolfe facilitated the class via the AAA Zoom meeting program. AAA President, **Captain Randy Leys** and **Captain Tedd Stiles** assisted by providing real world advice on the duties and responsibilities of a corporate pilot as well



as the practical application of the King Air Systems. Randy is currently flying a King Air C-90 and 200 and Tedd is flying a King Air F-90. Attendees were AAA Veep **Doug McDougall**, Helen Dobeck, Kelly Richards, Peter Hastert, and Ray Anderson.

This was our first attempt in conducting an AAA Mentoring program via the Zoom Meeting App. Feedback from the attendees was favorable and suggestions will be used to improve our online mentoring process. Look for more AAA Mentoring Programs via Zoom in the future.



Jason Randall Leys 2021 Scholarship

As many of you know, AAA President Randy Leys and his wife, Lisa, tragically lost their youngest son, Jason, recently. The loss of a child is one of those calamities that a parent can't be prepared for. In recognition of this sad occurrence, AAA is planning to award a scholarship in Jason's name in Spring of 2021.

Jason was 29 and had worked in the food service industry--mostly in restaurants, but also in catering. He was kindhearted, generous and longed to help people. Two years ago, after a trip to Thailand, he told Lisa that he was interested in missions. As a teenager and early 20s, he had opportunities to experience the life of a missionary in Mexico, Belize and Belarus and found it very rewarding. He decided that he wanted to be a pilot like his father and a missionary pilot like his grandfather.

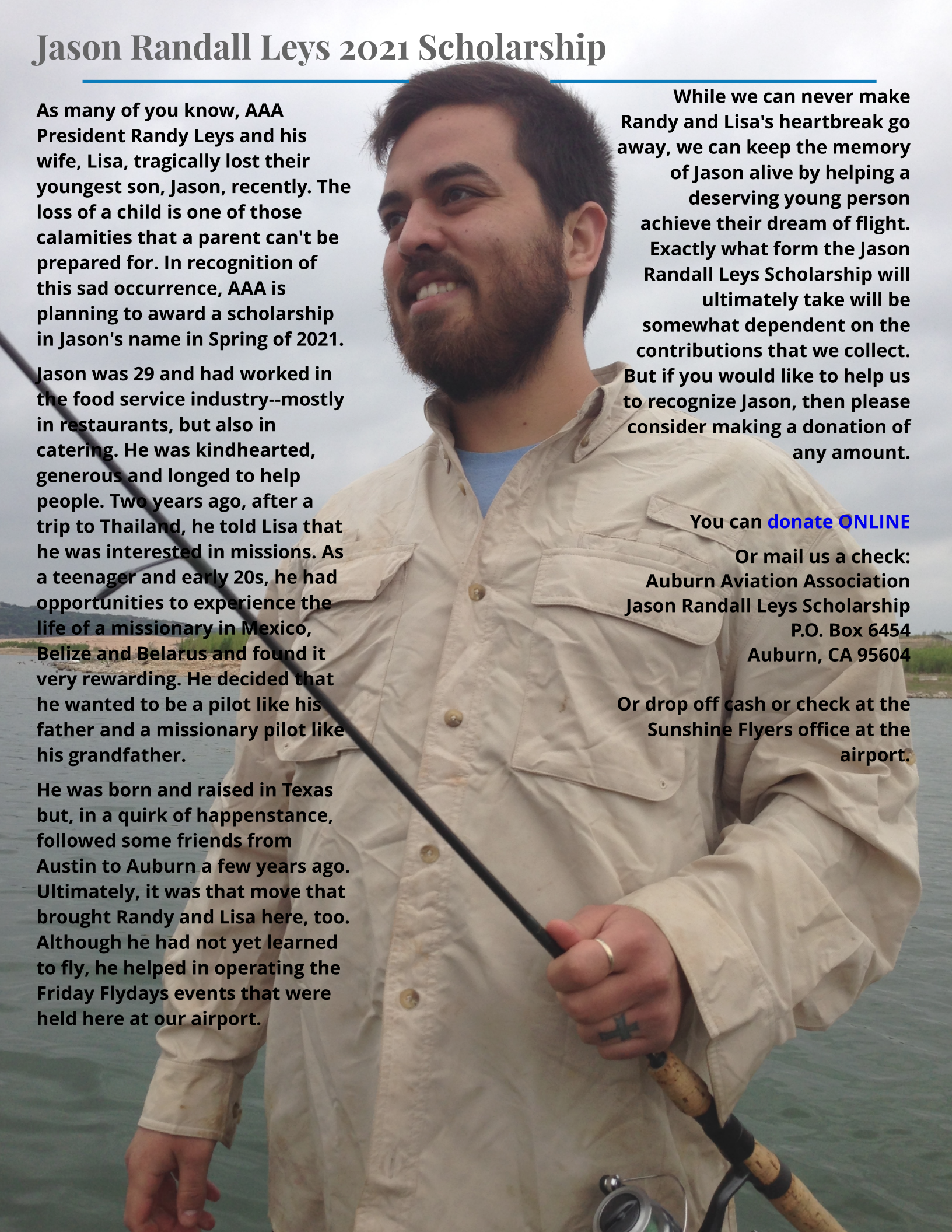
He was born and raised in Texas but, in a quirk of happenstance, followed some friends from Austin to Auburn a few years ago. Ultimately, it was that move that brought Randy and Lisa here, too. Although he had not yet learned to fly, he helped in operating the Friday Flydays events that were held here at our airport.

While we can never make Randy and Lisa's heartbreak go away, we can keep the memory of Jason alive by helping a deserving young person achieve their dream of flight. Exactly what form the Jason Randall Leys Scholarship will ultimately take will be somewhat dependent on the contributions that we collect. But if you would like to help us to recognize Jason, then please consider making a donation of any amount.

You can [donate ONLINE](#)

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Jason Randall Leys Scholarship
P.O. Box 6454
Auburn, CA 95604

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airport.



The Massy 21 & Allis Chalmers WC by Don Wolfe



President **Randy Leys'** message in the September Propwash brought back many memories for our membership. The Massy 21 Combine provided Randy with levers and controls to fly around the planet and the Universe. A bicycle was my first plane, followed by our orange 1948 Allis Chalmers WC farm tractor. The switches and controls on that tractor became my cockpit and I had numerous attachments suited for every mission. "Ole Allis" would be my "ride" for years to come on that little farm in Ohio.

The evening missions were my favorite. The air was cool with the smell of fresh soil hanging in the wind. The sky was beautiful in the evening light, especially when the cirrus clouds were high above. I could clearly see airplanes overhead pulling contrails as they flew east and west on Jet Route J-152. In my mind they were B-17's on their way

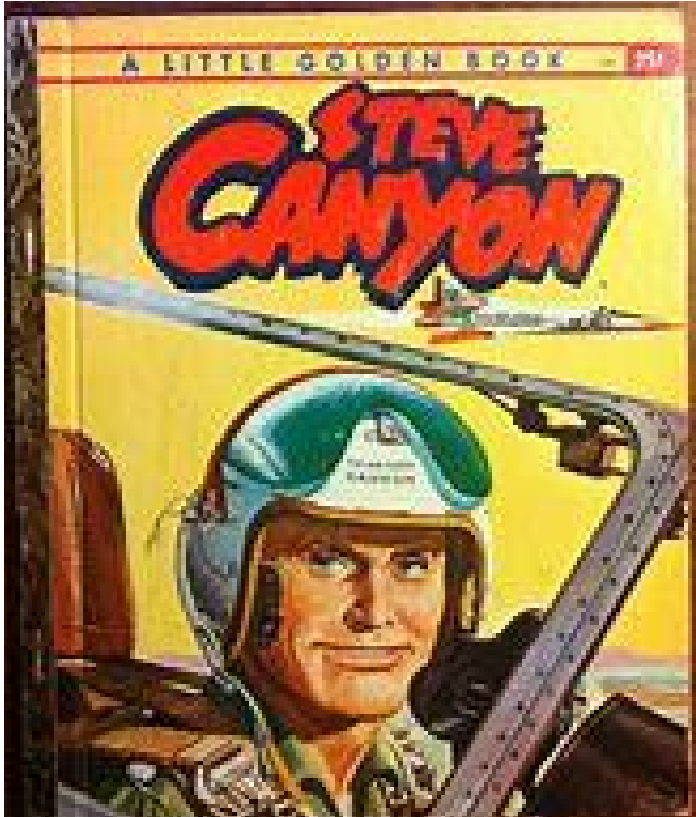
to and from their targets deep inside Germany and "Ole Allis" was my P-51 Mustang. The roar of the engine and blue flames blowing out the stack added to the excitement as I flew low over the fields pulling a disk or plow in search of FW 190's and ME-109's. I'd read about WW2 fighter pilots like Bud Anderson, Johnny Johnson, and Don Gentile flying in Europe and now I was flying with them too.

As the years went by "Ole Allis" changed to crop duster or a Super



Cub that I flew to far-away grass runways in Canada with Clutch Cargo. Occasionally I patrolled the area in Sky King's straight tailed Cessna 310 named Songbird. Sometimes I'd go on a mission in an F-102 with Steve Canyon. The dreams were fueled by aviation books, comic strips, cartoons and the TV series "Sky King".

Mike Long and I were talking about Randy's article a few days ago, too. Mike shared a story about drawing



an instrument panel on the back of his bed head board. When Mike and his sister wanted to fly they'd pull the bed away from the wall, slide their



legs under the bed, sit back and travel all over the world. They even drew a radio on their "instrument panel" so they could talk to those



unfortunate souls stuck on the ground. Great idea Mike, I wish that I would have thought of that!

Who would ever believe that one day most of those childhood dreams would come true? Certainly not me, yet mentors came in to my life and showed me the way. Thank you Randy for the wonderful and creative article about your Massy 21 flying machine. You returned us to a time long ago where imagination and dreams took flight.

Don "Wolfman" Wolfe

Good News

Fall is officially here, which means it's time to swaddle yourself in a blanket and not emerge until the first buds of spring. No, it doesn't matter that in a lot of places the temperature has barely dipped below 65 degrees. We will sweat in our fashionable scarves, clutching our pumpkin-flavored hot beverages of choice, and we will like it! It's called being cozy, and that's very different than just being overly warm. It's being overly warm by choice.

This week's letter is a little shorter

the
Good stuff



than usual, because I'm on vacation (albeit in my house, in the aforementioned blanket). But there's still plenty of Good Stuff to go around!

Click here to read Good News link!

5AC Meeting Minutes Now Available Online

There's been a lot of activity over the past several months on the 5AC Committee (Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee). Much of it concerns the revision and updating of the noise abatement policy at KAUN. **Click Here** to view the 5AC meeting minutes online at the AAA Website. Scroll down the page to find the links. In addition, there will be another virtual meeting of the Committee on October 15. The link to get to the meeting is also on the website, and all are welcome.





2020 marks the 29th year that Wreaths Across America will provide wreaths to honor and celebrate the lives of our Fallen Heroes in the battles to keep our country free. The wreaths will be placed on graves of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marines, Coast Guard and POW/MIAs. The ceremony to place the wreaths is scheduled for 9:00AM, Saturday, December 19th, 2020, at the New Auburn Cemetery, 1040 Collins Dr., Auburn, CA. The ceremony might be different from past years depending on how we will be affected by the Coronavirus orders - i.e., stay at home restrictions, limits of attendees at social events, etc. However, we have until November 11th to complete our orders and participate in this very special program. A side benefit is that our Association receives funds from the sale of the wreaths thus supplementing our scholarship program. Please take a few minutes and complete the form and mail it in with your check to the address on the form.

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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.



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