

# PROPWASH



*April*  
*2023*

Dedicated to Aviation, Safety,  
Friendship,  
Community Involvement, and  
Education since 1984

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## Presidents' Message

### "A Cultre of Storytelling"

*By Chris Haven*

“**T**ell me a war

*Chirs Haven and her dad, Tom Dwelle,  
on a quest for cinnamon rolls, in  
Charleston 2022*

story,” my dad would say when I came back from a solo flight early on. This request taps into a valuable part of participating with the flying community: discussion.

Coming from a family with several pilots, there was ample aviation-relevant talk. I heard many protracted tales with hand motions and hyperbole, but also regular monitoring and discussion of the weather, constant references to aviation (and military) terminology, and more than the average young person’s share of how things work mechanically.

Whether the details of a flight are harrowing, humiliating, or heroic, there's something to be learned from sharing them with another pilot. Taking a bit of time to recount the situation, go over the action step by step, deliberate what one did and should have done, and to have the opportunity to hear the opinion of more experienced pilots make for interesting and effective learning. Each month the AAA meeting creates an opportunity to listen and share with people who care about flying.

Talking about flying also gave me something to discuss with Dad. A Vietnam veteran and Air Force fighter pilot, he has more than his fair share of stories. Just check out his forthcoming memoir.

See you at the airport,  
Chris

*"Whether the details of a flight are harrowing, humiliating, or heroic, there's something to be learned from sharing them with another pilot."*





# AAA Events

5AC  
Meeting  
4/4  
6-6:30pm

## *Potluck Menu*

Here's what you can  
bring, according to  
your last name:

MAIN: R-Z  
SIDES: J-Q  
DESERT: A-I

General  
Membership  
Meeting  
4/5  
6-8:30pm

# THIS MONTHS SPEAKER



The April meeting presentation will detail the amazing images and science the **James Webb** Space telescope has provided in its first nine months of operation. After its first images in July 2022, textbooks already needed to be rewritten with all that Webb had/has discovered. Our speaker is past AAA president Tim Pinkney, a NASA Ambassador.

# Auburn Aviation Flight Safety Conference

April 25 • 6pm

Barnstormer Room  
Auburn Airport

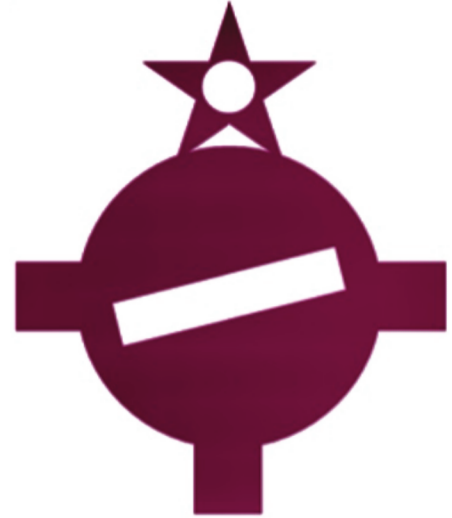
FREE Pizza - 5:30pm

## Discussion Topics Include:

Ground Operations  
Mid-Air Collision Avoidance  
Traffic Patterns  
Noise Abatement

## Presentations:

City of Auburn  
Placer County Sheriff  
CHP  
Local CFI's  
Juan Brown



**Door prize giveaways  
including 2 Lightspeed  
Zulu 3 Headsets!**

## The Traffic Pattern “Back to Basics”



This free event is organized by the Auburn Aviation Association  
Space is limited! Register online by April 24  
Scan the QR code or visit [AuburnAviationAssociation.org](http://AuburnAviationAssociation.org)

## An Update From the Managers Desk of KAUN *by Tyghe Richardson*

Due to our amazing weather at the end of February and beginning of March we had an extremely large volume of helicopters utilizing our facility. As usual our airport was above the fog, below the clouds and just barely out of the snow. Many of the other airports in the area were overrun with an abundance of snow and were unable to accommodate any aircraft traffic. Pacific Gas and Electric utilized our field exclusively for its helicopter operations to assist in the restoration of power to our neighboring communities. We realize this was an inconvenience to many of our airport operations. I would like to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the City of Auburn, PG&E, and of course all that received the benefit of a faster power restoration due to our airport's efforts. Thank you all for being a great group of aviators!

This month's meeting of the AAA will be the first meeting to utilize the new conference system in the Barnstormers room. This new conference system includes an 85-inch television monitor integrated with a wide-angle web camera and a very sensitive microphone. We've tested this equipment and hope that everyone will enjoy

and utilize the new system in the Barnstormers room.

As many of you have noticed we have updated the door locks on the pilot lounge and the main entrance in the terminal building. The code is now the CTAF with the 0.

As the East End hangar project continues to grow closer to completion we have procured and programmed new gate cards for the East End gate access. If you need a gate card, please see me for the appropriate paperwork needed and a card.

This month the City of Auburn entered into a contract with Mead and Hunt Inc. for our on-call airport planning and environmental consulting services. Part of this contract will be a master plan update that is required by the FAA. We have completed this type of update many times since the field was first opened in the 1930's. Once the process gets under way we will be looking for input from the airport community. I am confident that everyone involved in the process wants to hear from you. Expect to see several more updates on this topic in the coming months.

I am currently in the office and on site at the



airport 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays and several other times throughout the week. As always please feel free to contact me with all questions. The door is always open!

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To: Tiedown lessee

From: Airport manager

Re: Crack Sealing

The City of Auburn is planning on performing a crack sealing project of the asphalt tiedown area your aircraft is occupying the first week of April. We will post a notice in the pilot's lounge and the terminal building once we have narrowed the work window down to a few days.

Of course, these dates are subject to change based on the weather.

We expect this project to require 4 hours a day two days in a row.

The aircraft will be moved forward into the taxi ways on alternating rows and then moved back into the tie downs as work is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

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# PILOTS NEEDED

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**

Join fellow CalDART pilots and volunteer at a critical air transportation disaster response exercise to simulate a natural disaster response.

- Fly to one to four airports
- Drop off a virtual shipment to a disaster response professional at each airport or location.
- CalDART flight ops arranges your flight and collects your paperwork.

Sign up by emailing [FltOps@caldart.org](mailto:FltOps@caldart.org).



Disaster Airlift Response Team  
**CalDART**

# As The Prop Turns

*by Mike Duncan*

While we have had a wetter than average winter with rain and snow, we still have more to come. After all, April showers bring May flowers so be on the lookout for more rain. As a result of the wet winter, the whole of the Sacramento and San Joaquin valley are greener and mixed with the California poppy and the purple lupine and the occasional wild roses. It makes for a beautiful flight. In that same light Death Valley has its own bloom of flowers which is pretty spectacular. The occasional rain and clouds will bring some amazing rainbows, particularly around your shadow on the clouds. Go out and enjoy the good spring weather.



Student flights have been somewhat limited because of the weather, but it has been a good time to hit the books. Yeah, the boring part of flying. However, **Corbin Kunst** has been conducting a free ground school on Saturday morning in the pilots lounge of the terminal building. If you wish to join just show up or contact Corbin at [corbin.cfi@gmail.com](mailto:corbin.cfi@gmail.com). It is a great way to keep your head in the flight game , even if you can't fly. He puts on great classes for a rusty pilot or a new student wishing to get some quality ground instruction. Check it out.

**Brooklyn Irvine** wins scholarship. Brooklyn won the Reno 99's scholarship to obtain her Commercial Rating. Currently working on her Instrument and having only completed her Private last June she is rapidly moving ahead for her Commercial Rating. She earned her Complex Endorsement in a Mooney which she will use to obtain her ratings. The Reno area chapter of the 99's is a relatively unknown scholarship, but is still a big help to getting a new rating. For those guys who think the 99's is just for girls it is not. Feel free to apply.





The flight of the Phoenix; a mythical bird rising from the fires of its own destruction. After many months of not being able to fly my Citabria it is finally back in the air. It has a rebuilt

engine, tail wheel assembly, and some new interior parts. The weather is starting to become more spring-like and is the perfect time for breaking in a new engine. So if you see a yellow and blue Citabria circling the airport at about 5000', it is not spying, it is just breaking-in a new engine.



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



The Prop Turner  
Mike Duncan

# Mach 5 Musings

*from the Mach 5 Aviation  
Clubhouse*

With the recent on and off good weather, students of Mach 5 Aviation have been shaking off the rust and finishing up obtaining their goals with training! To start, **Meng L.** completed his commercial multi-engine add-on with **Jake Heppner** as his CFI and Dr. Jim Duvall as his examiner in our Tecnam, N976GV. **Chris G.** accomplished his first solo on February 2nd, the first solo in one of our Diamond DA-40s, N633DS, with his CFI **Sam Golding** cheering him on!

On February 5th, **Christopher N.** finished his IFR training with Mark Montague, as another graduate of our Part 141 program with William Jessup University! On February 9th, **Alex D.** completed his IFR rating, in our first Diamond checkride with Dave Tranquilla. The next day, **Michael B.** completed his commercial checkride



*DPE Dave Tranquilla & Alex Dunbar*



*Patrick McCabe*



*Brian Reina*

*Brian Reina & TS  
Hamilton*



*Darius Aliabadi &  
Charlie Mellor*

under Chester Gault's instruction, in N336AF, with the DPE Carol Zerbe visiting down from Alaska and offering a last-minute slot on her trip!

On February 13th, **Emmanuel "EJ" J.** completed his IFR training, with Jake Heppner as his instructor and Dr. Duvall as his examiner! Our Assistant Chief Flight Instructor **Charlie Mellor** got to graduate **Darius A.** passing his commercial checkride in N8321M, with Mark Montague as his DPE, sharing the day with the student **Sean C.**, who achieved his first solo in N20070 on February 16th, with **Brian Reina** as his CFI!

Brian would also accomplish his own multi-engine instructor license the next day in N976GV, thanks to **Jake Heppner** helping him out and Dr. Duvall performing the checkride! Which then brings us to the day after that, the 18th, where Brian's student **Patrick "Cole" M.** became a brand new licensed pilot, flying N20070 and Mark Montague as his examiner.



*DPE Dave Tranquilla &  
Ryan Blackstone*



*Brian Reina & Sean Collins*



*Chris Gallagher*



*Emmanuel Jimmy*



In March, we had **Ryan B.** finish up his private pilot checkride in N20070 with Dave Tranquilla as his DPE and Brian Reina as his CFI, on the 3rd! That same day, **Bryan C.** accomplished his IFR rating, with as his CFI and Mark Montague as his examiner. On March 15th, our own CFI Brian Nipper achieved his multi-engine commercial add-on with DPE Dr. Jim Duvall! **Dwight S.** achieved his IFR rating under Brian Reina's instruction in N7954G, with Mark Montague as his examiner. And wrapping it up, TS Hamilton soloed for the first time on March 24th, with CFI Brian Reina watching from the ground.

We also would like to introduce our newest CFII to our roster of instructors – **Sarah Reese**, who is coming to us from Sacramento to join our Auburn family. Welcome, Sarah!



# Photos

First officer, Rory Ondracek, shares his flight into KPQI in CRJ-700

"H-20 responded to Johnson Canyon near Donner Summit for a snow mobile accident involving a 43 year old male with a broken leg. Helicopter Rescue Technicians from the Truckee Tahoe Regional Rescue Team were inserted nearby and skied to the patient."

-CHP Valley Division Air Operations





# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

**Auburn Aviation Association**  
**December 16, 2023**  
**9am Auburn New Cemetery**

## Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org). If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:

**Wreaths Across America**

**Mail To: PO Box 249**

**Columbia Falls, ME 04623**

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

*Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission  
to Remember, Honor and Teach!*

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Individual</b> = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
<b>Mailed "In Honor" card</b> = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
<b>Family</b> = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
<b>Small Business</b> = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
<b>Corporate</b> = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**\*GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM\***

### In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

### In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note, **ALL** sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and **NO** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **CAABCD** Fundraising Group ID: **CA0244P**

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

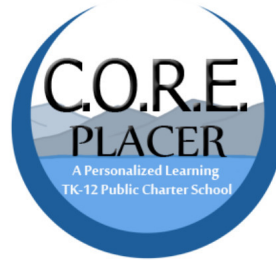
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# Endowment Fund Corporate Sponsors





# 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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Payment: <u>   4   </u> "x8" bricks @ \$500 = \$ <u>          </u>	
<b>Contact Information</b> Name: <input type="text"/> Phone: <input type="text"/> Email: <input type="text"/>	<b><i>Make check payable to:</i></b> <b>Auburn Aviation Association</b> 501 (c) 3      Tax ID# EIN 68-0083066

*Please mail your check payable to "Auburn Aviation Association" to:*  
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**P.O. Box 6454**  
**Auburn, CA 95604**

Contact Doug Fee with questions: [secretary@auburnaviationassociation.org](mailto:secretary@auburnaviationassociation.org)





AAA Members

# LIFETIME MEMBERS

We thank our lifetime members for  
their donations to the AAA  
Endowment

Gold \$2500

Silver \$1500

Bronze \$750

## *Honorary Lifetime Members*

Clarence "Bud" Anderson  
Noah & Renata Mackenroth

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Doug & Yvonne Fee

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Tim Pinkney

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