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Presidents' Message

By Doug McDougall



“Hello AAA members.

I hope your year is off to a great start. This month, I'd like to tell you about goals your AAA Board has set for the coming year:

- 1.** Form a Community Outreach Subcommittee whose task is to develop a presentation on the positive things KAUN brings to the community and the continuing work we do here to make the airport a good neighbor. Phase 2 will involve visiting community groups and associations to spread the good word. Rick Duste has kindly agreed to help with this.
- 2.** Form a short-term Human Resources Subcommittee (HRS). This group would be available on an as-needed basis to assist with support of special events like our Career Day. The HRS would organize and implement all the invaluable tasks that support success: setting up, taking down, cleaning up, looking after parking, providing ice chests, drinks and snacks—important logistics that make an event seem

effortless. Ben Foss has agreed to head up this very important group. You could say he's the man of the "HRS".

- 3.** Explore the possibility of hosting an "Airport Day" in late summer or early fall to boost our profile in the community. The plan is to keep it simple so as not to over-tax our volunteer base.

- 4.** Partner with EAA 526 to do one or two organized flyouts during the season. Watch this space for further details in the next couple of months.

- 5.** Get an article published in a national aviation magazine about our AAA/EAA scholarship program. We would like to inspire similar programs at other locations across the country, as well as have our success recognized. Getchell scholarship winner and aviation writer Tenley Ong has been recruited to head this effort.

These are the main ideas we're working on for our AAA year. I invite all members to share their thoughts with your AAA board, whose names appear on the last page of this newsletter. Let us know what you think of these ideas, and let us know what you'd like to see happen. Remember-the AAA belongs to you, our members!



Events

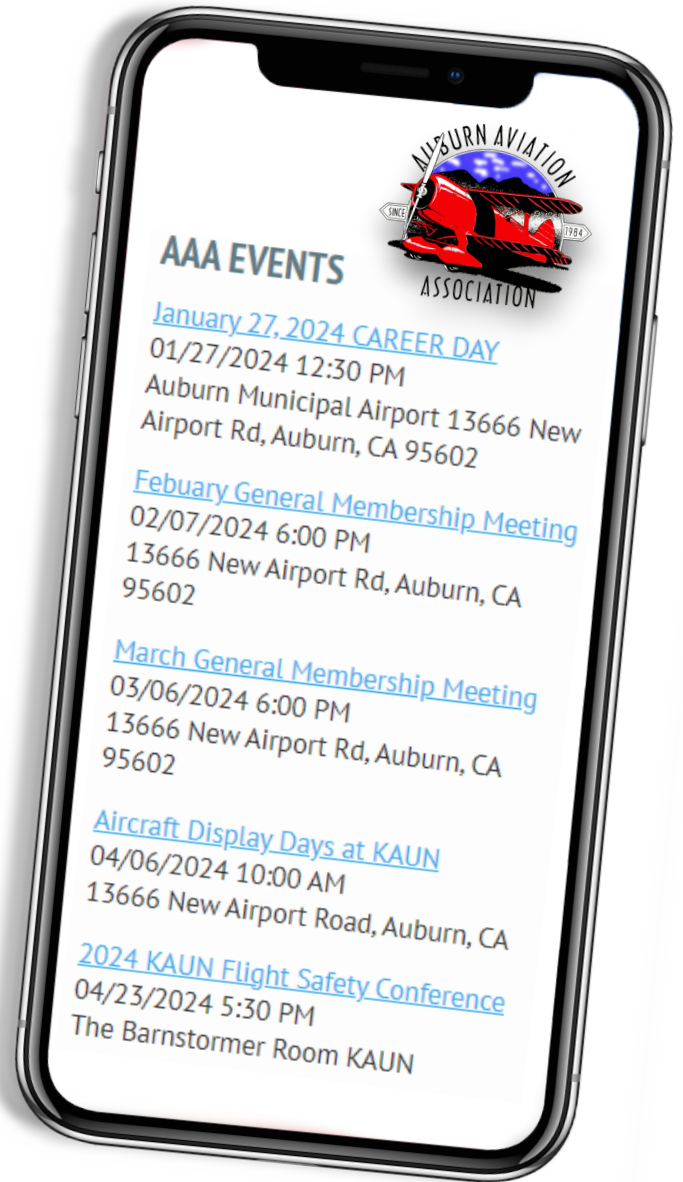
Menu

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

SIDE OR SALAD: A-L

MAIN DISH: M-R

DESSERT: S-Z



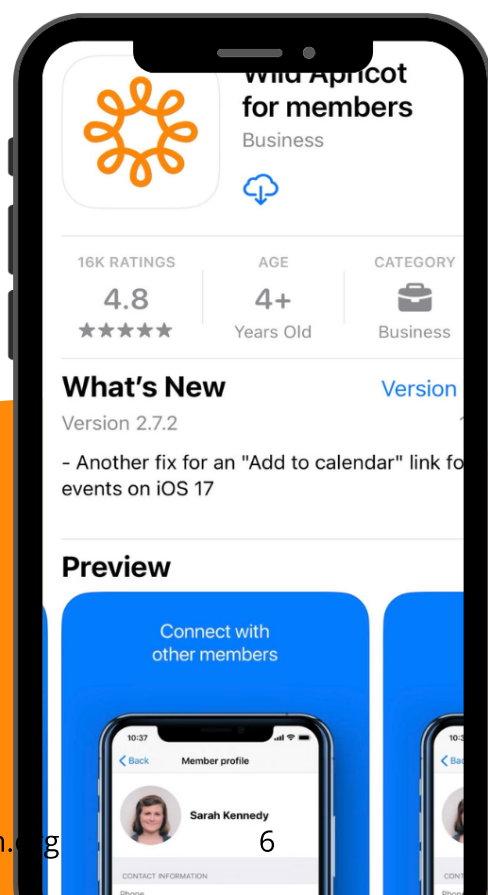


Our membership directory is online! Download the Wild Apricot Member App and then login with the same user name and password you use on the website.

Members in good standing can access four tabs:

- Members directory
- Events listings, including Zoom links and MENU for the potlucks
- My Tickets, where you can view events for which you have registered (Safety Conference, Career Day)
 - My Profile

Click here if you need to join or renew your membership so you can access this convenient information.



An Update from the Manager's Desk at KAUN

by Tyghe Richardson

ALL CFI MEETING!

With the support of our AUN flight schools we have scheduled the first “all” AUN Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) safety meeting. This meeting will be held on February 6th. Since the Airport is a home base to many flight schools and CFIs the goal of this meeting is to provide a venue for CFI's to share information, gain different perspectives and promote the safety based culture that the Auburn Airport is known for. This event will consist of a panel of three speakers, two from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Auburn Airport Safety Meeting Coordinator. We expect this to become an annual event.



The public works crew cleaned up vegetation that was starting to affect airfield operation and pilot safety. This month they removed the brush that was affecting the north edge and the approach end of 25. Of course, this is an ongoing project that is likely to never really end. Before the rains in January, the first round of weed control was applied to the airport's grassy areas.

PG&E removed several trees that were starting to affect the Part 77 surface on the approach end of 25. The continued review of these

surfaces provides us with a safe transitional surface that is free of obstructions.

We have officially changed the daily airport inspection reports to a digital format. This change is expected to shorten response times for airport repairs, especially the lights.

The most important thing in this article is that **THE RUNWAY WILL BE CLOSED** February 6th from 9:45am-12:15pm. This will be for the pavement condition study. The crew will be on the airfield most of the day to conduct nondestructive pavement testing. Please remember to plan accordingly.

As always, please feel free to contact me with all questions. The door is always open!

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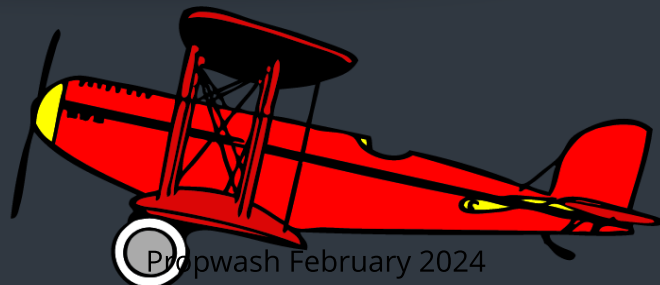


HAPPY 102ND BIRTHDAY

Brig. Gen Bud Anderson



Brig. Gen Bud Anderson celebrated his 102nd birthday with some friends in at home in Auburn. He was in good spirits and shared a few of his memorable fighter plane dogfights from WW2. Much to Bud's delight the group joined in to sing Happy Birthday. Bud's son Jim, also a retired USAF fighter pilot was there too.



As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

This past month has been good for birthdays. **General “Bud” Anderson** has celebrated his 102nd birthday with family and friends.

Congratulations to you Sir! Check out the attached picture.

Recently promoted to Brigadier General, General Anderson is still a great mentor and role model for all of us here at the Auburn Airport. His contributions to aviation



have truly been historic with his accomplishments from WWII triple Ace to flight test to role model for generations to come. Congratulations again Sir.

While on the subject of birthdays, Auburn Aviation Association is celebrating its 40th birthday this year. From its humble beginning in 1984 to today as a force in aviation. **Dick Kiger** started the organization to help represent the users of the airport to the city of Auburn. He went before the city to try and get some things done at the airport and he

was ignored because it was just him and did not represent any one else. A lone voice in the woods. Two months later he came back to the same committee to say that he represented the Auburn Aviation Association. At that time, we were less than a dozen members, but the city started to listen to him. We have grown from this small group, meeting in a hangar, to a group of over two hundred members from all over the country. Our scholarship program has grown from \$700.00 to \$100,000.00 per year. Additionally, we provide mentorship and role models for the next generation of pilots, air traffic controllers, aircraft mechanics, and many other aviation career paths.

We have influence beyond our boundaries with other airports and other pilot organizations. We have a scholarship program which is the envy of many organizations. The city of Auburn has learned, after much controversy, the great wealth of knowledge about aviation that they can tap into through our sub committee of the Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee (AAAAAC or better known as the 5AC). As that TV commercial from many years ago said, "We have come a long way baby". Thank all of you for the support you have shown to make us who we are today and the legacy you are creating for the future.

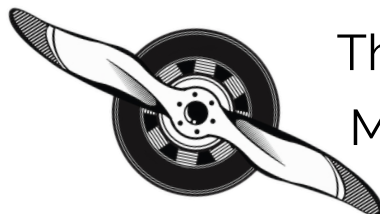
Another FAA and Auburn Aviation Association sponsored Flight Instructor meeting is coming up on the 6th of February. The meeting will have two representatives from the FAA Safety (FAASTeam) Team and one representative from AAA.

The meeting will begin at 10:00am and last about two hours depending on the many questions asked. Any questions that you wish to be discussed should be submitted to Tyghe Richardson by February 1, 2024. The Flight Instructor is the first line of defense against poor operating procedures. These meetings are good to keep safety at the forefront of everyone's mind when operating an aircraft or near an aircraft. While the meeting is primarily for flight Instructors, everyone is invited. I hope to see you there.

Another event to attend this month is our annual Career Day which will be held on Saturday January 27th starting at 12:30 in the terminal building (the Barnstormer building adjacent to the fuel island). Please be sure to tell everyone you know who is interested in aviation. It is their opportunity to talk to people from all aspects of aviation.

Accomplishments: **Kristin Kopp** (nickname "KiKi") passed several of her knowledge tests for Advanced ground Instructor (AGI), Fundamental of Instruction (FOI), and Flight Instructor-Airplane (FIA). Kiki started flying about eighteen months ago and has advanced pretty rapidly toward her instructor rating and should be completed by spring time. Congratulations Kiki on a job well done.

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



The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

Christian Watt Checking In

Since 2020 I've been in Pax River working for Lockheed as a propulsion flight test engineer (FTE) on the CH-53K. Cool place to be and a whole lot of aviation and boats in that area (Ann Sweeny could attest to that!).



Loved my time out there but in January 2023, I moved back to CA, but to Palmdale! Since then I've continued my time as a Structures Flight Test Engineer on the F-35! Quite a big difference from a heavy rotorcraft to a pointy nose fast fighter jet! I've been making the commute from Palmdale to

Edwards AFB to work on this program and I definitely understand the importance of what I do day to day.

The original reason I moved to MD was to hone my skills as an FTE and get experience so that I would have a better shot at getting into a school in Mojave. Since 2018 I've set my goal to get into that school and I am proud to say that I will be leaving Lockheed to pursue my goal of being a Graduate Assistant at the National Test Pilot School!! This is a three year program where I'll be earning a Masters in Flight Test Engineering and working as a Graduate Assistant. I'll even get to fly onboard their fleet of aircraft to gather data and conduct experiments; I'll even get a snazzy blue flight suit!

Quite excited for my new chapter but I still miss the AAA community!

The Mach 5 Aerochronicles

Since the stormy skies have caused a hiatus from UPRT and other VFR flying, at Mach 5 we have been using our time on the ground to reflect on the events of 2023 and look forward to the adventures that 2024 has in store.

In all the excitement of the new year, let us take a moment to look back on some of the accomplishments our awesome students had in 2023 with a short recap. Last year Mach 5 had 54 students pass their checkrides, and 31 first solos! We had a tie between Private Pilot and Instrument Ratings for the highest type of checkride passed, at 14 checkrides each! Seven of our accomplished students were scholarship recipients, including five from our very own Auburn Aviation Association and Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation. In our partnership with William Jessup University, 14 of their Aviation students and alumni had accomplishments with us this year, earning their ratings and progressing through their degrees with flying colors!



Chris Riddle Private Pilot



Lastly, we are proud to support our employees in furthering their career paths, with nine Mach 5 Employees meeting their flying milestones such as new certificates, and first student solos! Back in the present: so far in 2024 our student **Mo Taeb (CFI: Erick Gutierrez)** took to the skies

with his first solo during a break in the gray, and **Chris Riddle** can officially carry passengers after passing his Private Pilot checkride in our Diamond DA40. A huge congratulations to Mo and Chris!

In addition to celebrating the achievements of our own outstanding students, Mach 5 remains dedicated to community outreach and inspiring the next generation of pilots to earn their wings. This January, we contributed an Introductory Flight for Aviation Career Day, and we are delighted to announce our donation of 15 hours of dual instruction for this year's Auburn Aviation Association Scholarships.

Last but certainly not least, we are providing both a pilot and aircraft for the Young Eagles flights scheduled for March. We are excited to continue to support the community, so keep an eye out for more opportunities we will offer throughout the year. Being a part of this fantastic airport community fills us with pride, and we remain committed to nurturing the spirit of aviation!

Learning from Tragedy: The Importance of Upset Prevention and Recovery Training in Aviation Safety

By Shayden Eagleheart, Mach 5 Aviation

On June 1, 2009, Air France Flight 447 crashed into



the Atlantic Ocean.

The accident was caused by a combination of factors, including technical issues,

weather conditions, and human error. One key component was the crew's inability to effectively recover from a high-altitude upset.

Case studies of aircraft accidents may be hard to read, as we are often faced with the reality that these things really do happen, and they could happen to us, or someone we know. Despite this, case studies are a valuable and informative way to learn from these tragedies, and to prepare us so they do not happen

again. In the instance of Air France Flight 447, a case study conducted by the NASA Safety Center says that

"The crew's dialogue taken from recovered flight recorder data indicates they reacted to several of the many cues on the instrument panel but could not comprehend the situation" and goes on to say that "A concerted effort to lower the nose and reduce thrust could have possibly recovered AF447 early in the stall, but the crew had not even recognized the unreliable airspeed or the stall." (*"What's Happening?" The Loss of Air France Flight 447*).

In summary, the lack of proper training and experience in dealing with unusual attitudes and upset conditions contributed to their inability to recognize and respond appropriately. However, Flight 447 is not the only one. According to Harvard Business Review, loss of control incidents are "the most prevalent cause of fatalities in commercial aviation today, accounting for 43% of fatalities in 37 separate incidents between 2010

and 2014." So what can we do? We can get training. Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT) focuses on preparing pilots to handle unusual attitudes and recover from upsets effectively.

This month during the breaks in the stormy weather, our Chief Flight Instructor, Dennis Pearson, has been taking to the skies in our aerobatic Decathlon, and not only ensuring each of our Flight Instructors are proficient in Upset Prevention and Recovery, but also training interested students and renters, some traveling from across the country. Our mission is to instruct to a higher level and ensure we are doing our utmost to contribute to safe, competent, and well-educated pilots.

For more information on becoming our next UPRT trained pilot, give us a call or swing by the office. For more information on UPRT as a whole, Advisory Circular 120-111 is a great resource!



Photos



WJU graduate **Christopher Morales** thanks AAA for Birg. Gen Bud Anderson scholarship and continuing mentoring support towards his Commercial licence.

WJU Graduate thanks AAA and EHGF for helping him via mentoring and EHGF flight scholarship. **Gavin** has his Commercial license and is looking for a flying job.





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. 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
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = 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		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		
		Grand Total	

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: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

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Entered: _____

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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(If you would like to order a second brick.)

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Contact Doug Fee with questions: secretary@auburnaviationassociation.org



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

Gold \$2500

Silver \$1500

Bronze \$750

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