

PROPWASH



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Presidents' Message

By Doug McDougall

“**J**t's the new year

and your new AAA President is here with the monthly message for the Propwash.

I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone who worked hard to make the past year a great one for the association. President Chris Haven and the board did a tremendous job, taking our organization onward and upward. We owe them a real debt of gratitude for all they accomplished and for their willingness to step forward and give us all the precious gift of their time. Our organization is blessed with so many members who do just that, and serve our AAA community in so many ways- quietly taking care of very important tasks that are not always in the spotlight, but without which we would grind to a screeching halt.

As I step into the role of President, I look forward to another productive year, knowing that I can count on a group of great people to help the AAA continue to be the kind of organization we're so proud of. I'm committed to working to keep the organization vital and responsive to the member's needs. I encourage all members to get involved. If you're a regular at our monthly meetings, keep coming out! If you haven't been in awhile, maybe it's time to come back and meet all the new members who are turning out every month. Even better, volunteer some time-we have an ongoing need for volunteers of all kinds.

Our board will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to map out our coming year. It's your association, and we want to hear from you. Please share any ideas, concerns or (constructive!) criticisms with me or any board members. My phone number is 530-306-4110.

Doug McDougall

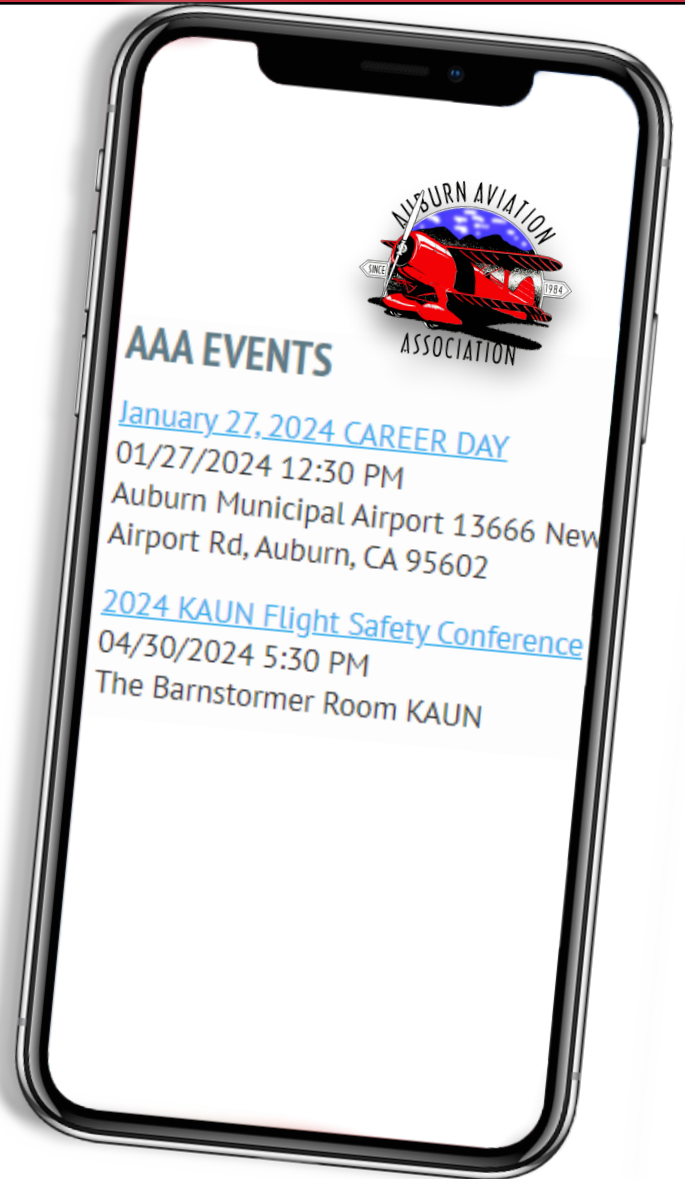


Events

Menu

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

SIDE OR SALAD: A-F
MAIN DISH: M-Z
DESSERT: G-L



The AAA wants to make a special thanks to **Chris Haven, Marleen Wekell, Yvonne Fee, and Paula Celick** for contributing turkey and ham to our holiday feast!





2024 AVIATION CAREER DAY



ABOUT

Discover more about the many exciting career opportunities in different facets of the aviation industry. Meet educators and mentors from numerous aviation career fields. **Free snacks and raffle prizes!** Registration is required and seating is limited, use QR code to reserve your place.

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Captain Tedd Stiles *Retired Airline Pilot*
- Captain Anthony "Judge" Tisdale *Air National Guard Fighter Pilot*
- Lt. Cara Halm *US Coast Guard Pilot*
- Casey Long *Airventures Alaska Bush Pilot*
- Juan Browne *Airline Pilot & Youtuber "Blancolirio"*
- Captain Bryce Mitchell *Metro Fire Sacramento Pilot*
- Lt. Col Josh "Cabo" Gunderson *F-22 Instructor Pilot*

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DETAILS

- SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH
- FLYERS HANGAR
WEST OF MACH 5
AUBURN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
- 12:30 PM START
1:00 PM PRESENTATION



Propwash January 2024

2024 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

APPLICATIONS CLOSE JANUARY 31, 2024

Aviation Scholarships
administered by
Auburn Aviation Association



The **Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation**, **Chapter 526 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)**, **Auburn Aviation Association (AAA)**, **Mach 5 Aviation**, and the **Richard Conte Foundation** are offering scholarship opportunities for 2024. The goal is to expose qualified applicants to the exciting world of aviation and its related careers.

Eleven scholarships are available at KAUN in 2024 and 2 Private Pilot Scholarships at The Aerospace Museum of California.

EAA Air Academy: **Two applicants** who will be age 14 or 15 as of June 28, 2024, will each receive full tuition, room, and board plus up to \$900 in air fare reimbursement to attend the June 28- July 3, 2024, session of EAA Basic Air Academy.

Flight Training: **Nine applicants** who must be aged 16 to 25 years old as of February 29, 2024, will receive monies or credit towards pilot training at KAUN, maximum values from \$3,675 (estimated) to \$12,500. The flight scholarships must be used at **Mach 5 Aviation, Sierra Air Helicopters, Sky Trails Aviation, or Sunshine Flyers** for Private Pilot, Instrument or Commercial flight training.

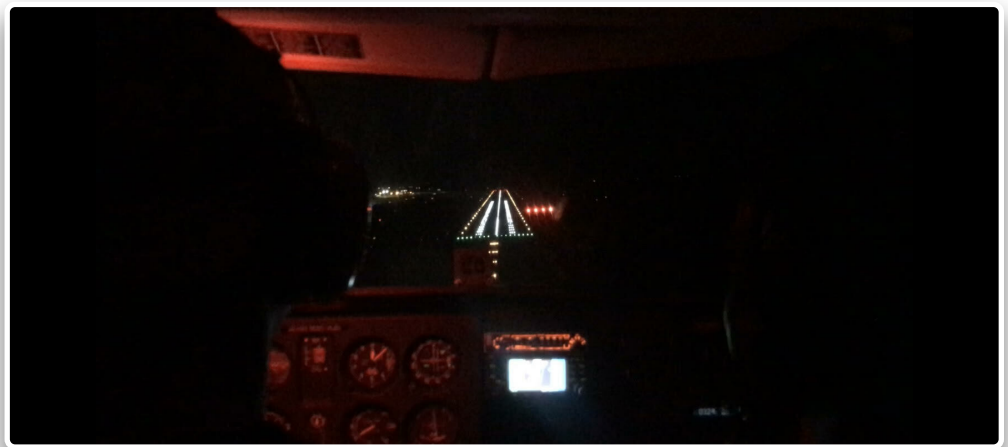
Information and Applications for these scholarships and more can be located with the QR Code



As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

Christmas is over and the new year is upon us. The winter solstice has come and gone. The days are getting longer and the winter weather is upon us. This is the best time to get your night currency done because it is getting darker later and later every day.



Additionally, are you instrument current? Whether you are instrument rated or not, perhaps it is time to get up to speed on your instrument flying. For the non-instrument rated pilots, it is time for you to get some more time under the hood for that inadvertent incursion into the clouds. One of the things I have noticed about

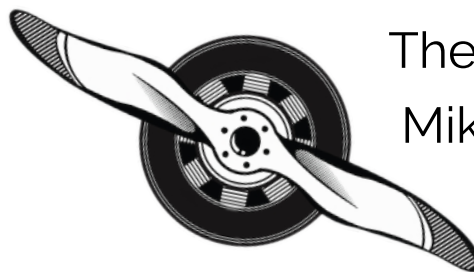


non-instrument rated pilots is how easy it is for them to fly into a cloud. With my students, I would take them for pattern work and tell them to stay out of the clouds. It would never fail that they would fly into a cloud thinking they had to get to a certain altitude or fly a specific track along the ground. They have never been shown how to recognize the onset of that situation and how to get out of it safely. For those of you who are rated, it is time to get recurrent. Minimally, it will remind you how good or bad you are and you will be safer for it.

Even with the bad weather lately, the students and instructors keep flying. Both **Marcus Profitt** and **Rain Wrenn** were able to solo in the Cessna 152 with **David Longo** and **Corbin Kunst** as their respective instructors. And even new students are still coming in with introductory flights they got from Santa Claus this year. Speaking of gifts, it is still not too late to get your scholarship applications in for this year, but time is running out. An application might even be a nice late gift for someone.

Well that is about all for this month. Back to too much celebrating for Christmas and the up and coming New Years parties. Stay safe. Happy New Year to all.

Good Night Miss Daisy.



The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION



“ Back In February of 2013, Nick Moore and I won the AAA scholarship. Well, ten years later we run into each other in Denver international terminal, jumpseating home on the same flight. Haven't seen him since that night. Amazing to see we're both airline pilots now. ”

-Camile Tricomo



Spain Trip

by Steve Schulte

One day I was “reviewing” factual information on Facebook in order to build my knowledge base (LOL) and ran across a request for a Tailwheel Pilot with a considerable amount of Cross Country time. Bored, I answered the advertisement with 4 lines of information – Short and Sweet. Soon after that I got a message from a gentleman in Texas wanting to know if I had any Air Tractor or Agriculture experience.



The next thing I know I'm on a plane to Wichita Falls, Texas to get a Type Rating Exemption and training in the Air Tractor 802 Crop Duster/Fireboss. The plan is to ferry this aircraft to Valencia, Spain.

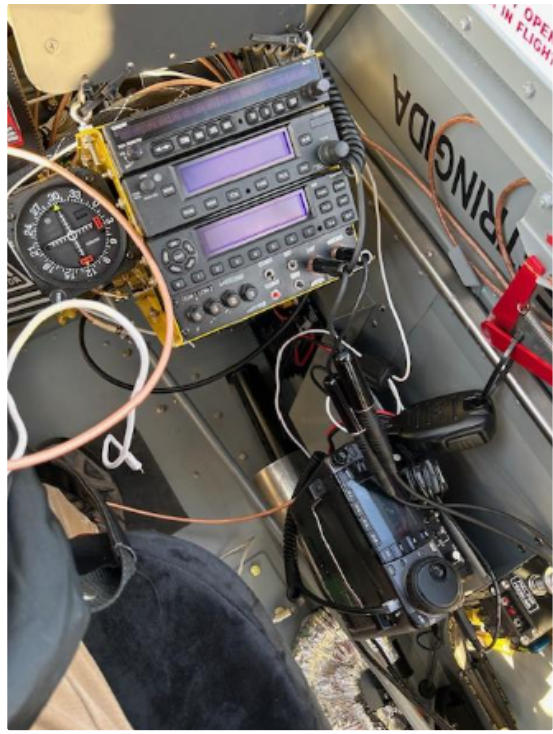
No problem, I thought. How hard could it be? I've been ferrying airplanes across the US for quite a while and this couldn't be much harder. Boy, was I wrong. The planning, installation of the necessary equipment on the airplane, and paperwork was crazy! That took a whole day to get a good start on it all. The Training went well and the day after Thanksgiving I was back on a plane to Dallas to meet up with Sean, the Chief Ferry Pilot and drive up to Wichita Falls to get things moving. The weather window was open, but for 4 days only, so here was our chance!

Saturday, November 25th, we departed Sheppard Air Force base and headed northeast to Portland, Maine, 6 ½ hours cruising at 195kts true (260mph Groundspeed) at FL155. That leg was about 1,400 nautical miles. It was bitter cold as one would expect, but a nice place. Real touristy. Sunday we fueled and left for CYYT, St Johns, Newfoundland. That leg was only 775 Nautical Miles, so a relatively short day and got there with plenty of time to fuel and have a good dinner. Still – COLD!!! We checked the weather and

found that some crud had moved in over our destination, but if we didn't go right then, we would be stuck for 10 days or longer in St Johns.

Monday we got our stuff together, Gumby Survival suits on, rafts accessible, snacks available, and set off over the North Atlantic. Now, when you go "Feet Wet" you are required to make position checks via a HF Radio. After about 2 hours off the coast we discovered we could hear the radio, but not transmit! Our only option was to communicate to the airliners above on 123.45 and have them relay our position checks to Gander or Santa Maria Radio. This solved that problem and it was actually fun to talk to pilots from around the globe. After one particular gal asked me what we were flying about, 16 other Pilots came back and were amazed at our "manhood size" to be flying a Crop Duster across the North Atlantic! Cool!

Finally, I started seeing islands off my right side and picked up the controller for Ponta Delgada or Santa Maria. Visibility was down to 600' and I was going to have to shoot the approach in a Gumby Suit



with portable radios and a Glideslope zip tied to the stack. No problem! Leg 3 completed. We were met by a gaggle of officials and after fueling, were escorted to customs and transportation to the hotel. Future... In the winter the folks there turn the AC off. It was 70 degrees and

humid. I was looking forward to AC. They don't believe in ice for drinks either! 1400 Nautical Miles, 7 hours at FL170.

Tuesday we were off and running. The last leg! Valencia, Spain- Here we come! Another 1200 nautical miles but only 1/2 of that over the



water. Now the worst part of the trip. Portugal, Spain and basically all of Europe is very busy airspace and they are throwing instructions at you constantly. I couldn't understand a damn thing they were saying! Finally figuring out what they wanted me to do we made it to Valencia another 5 ½ hours. 23.4 hours total time to Spain from Texas. All in all a smooth and uneventful trip except for the HF radio failure. The Pratt and Whitney PT-6 hummed right along and gave us an average speed of 190 kts TAS and a Groundspeed (or ocean!) of 275 mph.

This is a condensed version of the trip and it was a true task. You cannot let go of the stick for more than a few seconds and hand flying that beast is not easy to try and hold altitude and heading in the IFR environment. Will I do it again? Probably!

WOMEN IN AVIATION INTERNATIONAL
**SCHOLARSHIPS
CHANGE LIVES**

#IamWAI #IamWAI #IamWAI

Scholarship Winner
Jessica Maviano, WAI 85270

Scholarship Winner
Manuela Cortes, WAI 56648

Scholarship Winner
Charnell Walls, WAI 79058

Women In Aviation International 2024
scholarships are now open, click below to learn
how to apply!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Show Me the Money

The \$12,500 Flight Scholarship

by Don Wolfe

As the AAA Scholarship Director, I've been amazed at the lack of effort many of the scholarship applicants put into applying for a flight scholarship. A few years ago it was obvious that the applicants were putting in very little time on the essay and even less time preparing for the interview. Candidates often reported in casual attire, some wearing flip flops, t-shirts and baseball hats.

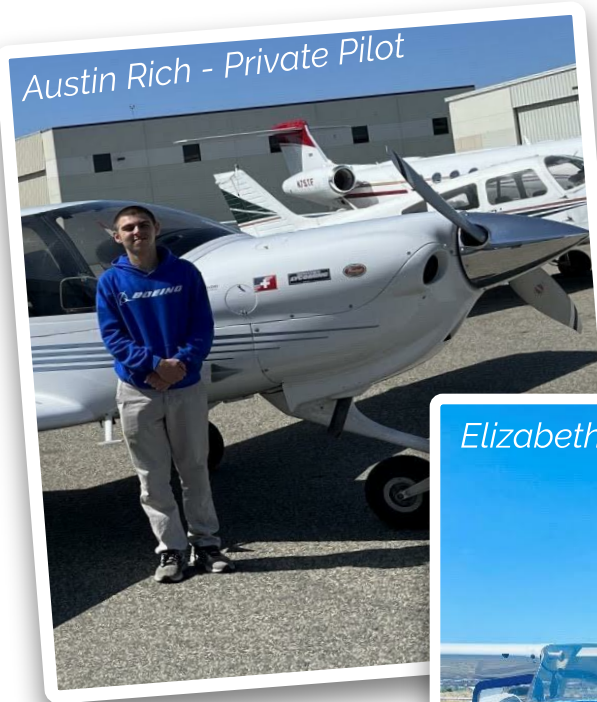
Things have changed. Individuals getting flight scholarships these days have a solid application with proper English and correct spelling. They download the application, complete their essays on a word processor, then copy and paste their answers to the application. These applicants do not wait until the last minute to apply. A system crash or internet failure on the closing day will not derail their application because it's already been filed.

Candidates that are awarded an interview report early, are dressed appropriately and are well prepared. They've completed dozens of practice interviews and videoed the sessions for review and critique. Those that are denied a scholarship apply year after year, often achieving success. We like people that come back again and again, they make good pilots. Those that are awarded a scholarship go on to earn their pilot license. If you want a flight scholarship, this is your competition.

Congratulations, you've made it to this paragraph so pay attention and take notes. Let's do the math on spending time to research application techniques and interview preparation. To net \$12,500 after paying Federal and State income taxes you'll need to earn \$14,125. At \$16 per hour, it takes 882 hours of work to gross \$14,125. That's over 5 months of 40-hour work weeks. If you spend just 10 hours preparing your application and getting ready for an

interview, you'll probably set a new world record around here. You'll also be earning \$1,250 per hour for a successful scholarship award. Hello, is anyone home? It will be a very long time before you ever earn \$1,250 per hour again! **When it comes to scholarships and grants, several hours of study and preparation can net you big bucks.**

Who's in the flying club? It is also worthy of note that 12 scholarship awardees from 2022/2023 earned their pilot licenses and ratings. Others from that group are getting close to certification. These new pilots made the effort to submit a good application and to prepare for an interview. They went on to use the funds efficiently, work hard and achieve their flying goals. If you put in the effort, you too can earn a flight scholarship and join them as a certified aviator. All you need to do is put in the time, make a good effort and be well prepared. "Before Start Application Checklist- Complete!"





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: _____

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

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Contact Information Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	Make check payable to: Auburn Aviation Association 501 (c) 3 Tax ID# EIN 68-0083066

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Contact Doug Fee with questions: secretary@auburnaviationassociation.org



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Silver \$1500

Bronze \$750

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