



# PROPWASH

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# President's Message

*By Doug McDougall*

“ Until recently it's

been a great summer! As we began to see the end of the season, we had avoided extremely high temperatures and smokey conditions. At the end of August, Rosemarie and I left for a 2-week trip to Canada and while we were enjoying a wonderful time up there, the roof fell in as the worst heat of the summer descended on Northern California. Our 2-day trip home was just beginning when a friend texted to let us know a fire had broken out in the canyon near Foresthill. Even though we were prepared, it was an eye-opener to come over the Sierras at Squaw Valley. Through the smoke we watched an apocalyptic clouds developing over the fire, directly



ahead of us. Rosemarie suggested a left turn of 20 degrees, which proved to be an excellent choice. We kept a healthy distance from the TFR, and by the time we were nearing Placerville, we were completely out of the smoke and could see KAUN and the Foresthill Bridge.

Many had their lives disrupted by the Mosquito Fire. Quite a few spent the better part of 2 weeks evacuated. Our AAA President, Chase Morgan was certainly among those affected. The evidence: A call about a week after the fire broke out asking me if I'd please write the President's Message for this month's Propwash. He explained that he was working hard to move the site of his upcoming wedding from Foresthill to another venue near Nevada City. I certainly couldn't turn him down. As you can see from the photos, things worked out, and their wedding came off without any further hitches. Congratulations Chase and Natalie!

Soon after his call, we got the best September rain this part of the world has seen in at least the last 20 years. As a result, a lot of people displaced by the fire were able to return to their homes, and the progress of the fire was slowed substantially.



There has been considerable dialogue between Placer County and aircraft owners regarding tax assessments since the 2022 tax bills came out over the summer. Many aircraft have seen their assessed values increase. At the last 5AC meeting, Jaime Kirkpatrick from the Placer County Assessor's Office gave an excellent explanation of the process The county goes through in valuing aircraft for taxation purposes. It is important to note that small errors made when filling out the form can result in significant errors in the process, often not in the owners' favor. If you have any questions about that process, Jamie urged folks to



contact the Placer County Assessor's Office to review your valuation form and verify that everything on it is correct. They can be reached by email at [asrbusiness@placer.ca.gov](mailto:asrbusiness@placer.ca.gov) or on the phone at 530-889-4300. Any money you save by doing so can be re-invested in Avgas.

This time of the year is nomination season for the board of AAA. It is the Past President's duty to fill out the roster of nominations to the AAA board for the coming year, and our Randy Leys been working hard for the past 2 months doing just that. He has assembled a great roster of people ready and willing to take on the challenges of various board positions. Thanks, Randy for your hard work on this and for the great job you've done.

Now it's time for us as members of AAA to do our part. Be sure to attend our regular monthly meeting on Oct. 5 to bring forward any nominations you may have, and to vote in the new board. It's only with our members' participation that we can keep KAUN's reputation as the best small airport in Northern California.





# I WANT **YOU** TO VOLUNTEER FOR AAA

*We're looking for volunteers! There are numerous opportunities to lend a hand at your neighborhood airport; consider offering one of your abilities.*

*If you're interested in participating, speak up at the following meeting or call Randy Leys at (956) 453-7050...*





## AAA Events

5AC Meeting  
10/4  
6-6:30

Our speaker this month will be **General Mike Peters, USAF (ret.)** who was among the first on the scene at Mount St. Helen's eruption, and who continued to work there throughout the rescue and recovery mission. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Mike's firsthand account of his dramatic story.

### *Potluck Menu*

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

MAIN: M-Z  
SIDES: G-L  
DESERT: A-F

General  
Membership  
Meeting  
10/5  
6-8:30

Both meetings will broadcast via ZOOM. Use same [link](#) for both.



# Airport Manager Report

## *by Jonathan Wright*

Dear Auburn Airport Community,

As we enter October, the City's major projects are all coming to a head. In fact, both the East End Hangar project and the helicopter parking area project are starting simultaneously on October 3, 2022, which will create a lot of vehicle traffic over the next three months. We will do our best to minimize the impact on our stakeholders as these projects progress but there will be some. Please communicate any issues with Amber ([acarrell@auburn.ca.gov](mailto:acarrell@auburn.ca.gov)) or I directly and we will work to get them resolved immediately. Again, I keep getting asked the question about runway closures and at this time we are not expecting any runway closures during this process, only temporary taxiway detours.

Speaking of construction, you will notice that I posted a NOTAM regarding a giant (250' tall) crane 1.5 miles southwest of Runway 25. This crane is part of Placer County's ongoing expansion of their buildings at the

Helicopter Pad Base Schedule - Revised 4

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
1	GMI - Mobilization	5 days	Mon 9/26/22	Fri 9/30/22
2	GMI - Install SWPPP	1 day	Mon 10/3/22	Mon 10/3/22
3	F3 - Survey	1 day	Mon 10/3/22	Mon 10/3/22
4	RE - Install Temp Lighting Circuit	1 day	Tue 10/4/22	Tue 10/4/22
5	GMI - Clear, Grub, & Demo	1 day	Wed 10/5/22	Wed 10/5/22
21	RE - Install Elevated Fixtures, cable & transformers on the north side of the taxiway	1 day	Wed 10/5/22	Wed 10/5/22
6	RE - Demo 2 Fixture, cans & wire & 450 ft ductbank	2 days	Thu 10/6/22	Fri 10/7/22
7	GMI - Mass Grading	5 days	Mon 10/10/22	Fri 10/14/22
8	RE - Excavate & Install Conduits and cans on north side of taxiway A	5 days	Mon 10/10/22	Fri 10/14/22
9	F3 - Survey	1 day	Fri 10/14/22	Fri 10/14/22
10	GMI - Finish Grading	3 days	Mon 10/17/22	Wed 10/19/22
28	RE - Install Conduit, pour panel pad, install panel rack, pull cable back to vault, tie into junction box	7 days	Mon 10/17/22	Tue 10/25/22
12	GMI - AB under Concrete	1 day	Thu 10/20/22	Thu 10/20/22
29	RE - Excavate & install conduits and cans for receptacles	3 days	Wed 10/26/22	Fri 10/28/22
14	RE - Auger & Install L-868 Can and concrete encase at pavement lights	3 days	Mon 10/31/22	Wed 11/2/22
11	RE - Excavate, Install Conduits, counterpoise, & concrete encase for in-pavement lights	2 days	Tue 11/1/22	Wed 11/2/22
15	HC - Concrete	8 days	Tue 11/1/22	Thu 11/10/22
13	F3 - Survey	1 day	Thu 11/10/22	Thu 11/10/22
16	GMI - AB under AC	3 days	Fri 11/11/22	Tue 11/15/22
17	VPC - AC Paving	2 days	Wed 11/16/22	Thu 11/17/22
18	F3 - Survey	1 day	Fri 11/18/22	Fri 11/18/22
19	HC - Joint Sealant	2 days	Fri 11/18/22	Mon 11/21/22
20	RE - Core & Install extensions, spacers, dam rings, epoxy, pull wire, & blank lids	2 days	Fri 11/18/22	Mon 11/21/22
30	RE - Pull wire for receptacles, install risers & receptacle housings	1 day	Tue 11/22/22	Tue 11/22/22
32	RE - Install in-pavement fixtures	1 day	Wed 11/23/22	Wed 11/23/22
22	PF - Install Fence	2 days	Mon 11/28/22	Tue 11/29/22
23	STM - Striping	4 days	Mon 11/28/22	Thu 12/1/22
33	RE- Test fixtures & do burn in	1 day	Mon 11/28/22	Mon 11/28/22
24	RE - Electrical Light & Unlighted Sign Install	2 days	Tue 11/29/22	Wed 11/30/22
31	RE - Install reflectors	1 day	Fri 12/2/22	Fri 12/2/22
25	GMI - Demo Old Pad	1 day	Mon 12/5/22	Mon 12/5/22
26	SS - Hydroseed	1 day	Tue 12/6/22	Tue 12/6/22
27	GMI - Final Cleanup	2 days	Wed 12/7/22	Thu 12/8/22
34	RE - Clean up & demobilize	2 days	Wed 12/7/22	Thu 12/8/22

County's campus located off Bell Road. Expect it to be there for the next 6 months at least.

Leases are an ongoing topic of discussion at the airport, and most of you are tired of hearing me talk about them. However, it has come to my attention that some leases and subleases may have been sold without the benefit of City approval. I am not here to make anyone's transaction any harder, but all airport leases do require the approval of the City prior to transferring ownership. I can usually get the process of lease assignment done within 45 days so please keep this step-in mind when deciding to sell or sublet your hangar.

Welp, here we go again. The Federal Government has announced the second round of their terminal building grants and this time with more guidance. We are being told that it is best to break the project down into smaller pieces and apply for multiple rounds rather than trying to fund the entire terminal building replacement under one grant. This brings in a certain level of project uncertainty but if we can get through the design phase with the current federal funds then we will be ready for whatever funding is made available in the future. This is the strategy I will embrace on this next application.



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We are finally hiring help for the airport. If you or someone you know is interested in entering the field of local government and working with all of the many projects we have going at the airport, we are hiring a Management Analyst to help me to be as effective in serving the airport as I can be. This would be a great opportunity for someone who can work independently, is project focused and likes to get stuff done.

Finally, as a reminder, the City's new airport fee schedule goes into effect October 1, 2022.

As always, it is my privilege to serve the Auburn aviation community.

Jonathan Wright

The advertisement features a white bus with a colorful mural on its side. The mural depicts a landscape with a river, a bridge, and a person fishing. The text 'AUBURN TRANSIT' and the phone number '330-345-7560' are visible on the bus. To the right of the bus, the text 'Auburn Transit Now Offers On-Demand Bus Service' is displayed in bold. Below this, the service hours '6AM-8PM Mon-Wed' and '6AM-11PM Thur-Sat' are listed, along with the fare '\$3.50 per ride'. Further right, there is a call to action 'Book your trip! DOWNLOAD THE APP' with a smartphone icon, the 'TransLōc' logo, and a QR code.

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# As The Prop Turns

*by Micheal Duncan*

Fall has arrived, the weather is not so hot and hopefully the fires are over. Lincoln is having an Open House on October the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to meet your requirement for your display days for property tax purposes and see some really interesting airplanes. At least one of those 12 days is required. Richard Peril (formerly of Auburn airport) is one of the contact people for volunteers or just the schedule of events.

With the fires and smoke and the hot temperatures flying has been curtailed a little bit, but the pilot certificates are still coming. Prior to his departure to the world of the airlines, **Rory Ondracek** had two students pass their check rides. **Vincent Edson** earned his Private Pilots with **Jim Duvall** as his pilot examiner. Vincent completed his license in a C-152 after going through various problems in his C-150. As it turned out it was a venting problem in the fuel system. It is amazing how a few bugs can prevent the fuel from flowing to the engine, but all is well now. He is off and running in his own airplane and having a great time. Rory's second student was **Miguel Gonzalez** earning





Rory Ondracek & Vincent  
Edson



Matthew Carlson &  
Brooklyn Irvine



Rory Ondracek & Miguel  
Gonzalez

his Multi-engine rating. Miguel earned the multi-engine rating in Sky Trails Aviation's Cessna 310 with James Duvall as the Designated Pilot Examiner. As I wrote, this was Rory's last student at Auburn due to moving on to the airlines. Most recently; **Matthew Carlson** received his instrument rating with the help of safety pilot, **Brooklyn Irvine**, and, **CFII Helen Dobeck**, through **DPE Dave Tranquilla**. Congratulations to all on a job well done and good luck in your future flying.

For those looking for hangars, the earth work has started and the hangars are on the way to being built. While not cheap, they have said that your first born is not required. Completion time should be about late spring assuming there will not be any delays for weather, etc. Check with Jonathan Wright (Airport manager) for contact information for the builder. Further updates will come each month otherwise.

On a sad note for this month, Richard Conte died in an airplane accident on September 4<sup>th</sup> during a training flight. Richard was a popular DPE locally and had his own charter service and a/c management business. Richard spent a lot of time helping and mentoring other pilots into aviation. Additionally he worked with various local law enforcement agencies in training their pilots in helicopters and maintaining their proficiency. A very

highly proficient pilot, excellent instructor, and great mentor of pilots. In that light an endowment has been set up to help fund up and coming pilots to achieve their goals. Check out the endowment foundation in this issue to make donations. Richard will be missed for all the things he has done, but will be remembered through this endowment.

Elections for AAA are coming up next month. A list of candidates has been proposed, but there is still room for anyone wanting to serve the association. Be prepared to volunteer.

The Capital Airshow will be on the weekend of the 30 of September. There should be some great military as well civilian static as well as aerial displays. It is a great family affair for anyone even vaguely interested in aviation.

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

The Prop Turner

Mike Duncan



# "PAY IT FORWARD" STUDENT AVIATION FUND

## *In Memory of Richard Conte*

RICHARD JEAN MICHEL CONTE WAS BORN IN PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI ON OCTOBER 7, 1953. HE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES AS A YOUNG BOY AND ATTENDED ASCENSION SCHOOL IN NEW YORK FROM JUNE 1966-1968. IN 1972 RICHARD GRADUATED FROM NEW YORK AVIATION HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE HONOR SOCIETY AND THE JR. ROTC. RICHARD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1973-1977 AND LATER SERVED TWELVE YEARS AS A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF FOLSOM AND CITY OF OAKLAND (CA) POLICE DEPARTMENTS. RICHARD WORKED FOR TEN YEARS AS A PILOT FOR THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE BEFORE TAKING A POSITION AS A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FLIGHT SAFETY INSPECTOR. RICHARD WORKED AT THE FAA FLIGHT STANDARDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN SACRAMENTO FOR 33 YEARS WHERE HE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, INVESTIGATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR THE PRODUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT. RICHARD SPECIALIZED IN THE OPERATIONS AREA WHERE HE EVALUATED AIRMAN, TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES. RICHARD RETIRED FROM THE FAA IN 2016.

IN RETIREMENT, RICHARD AND HIS WIFE TERRI WERE PARTNERS IN A SUCCESSFUL AIRCRAFT MANAGEMENT AND AVIATION CONSULTING BUSINESS. RICHARD LEVERAGED HIS DECADES OF EXPERIENCE IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE OWNERS WITH A TURNKEY SOLUTION FOR RELIABLE AND DEPENDABLE AIRCRAFT MANAGEMENT.

RICHARD ALSO LOVED TO SHARE HIS AVIATION KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND PASSION WITH YOUNG ADULTS, NEW PILOTS, AND ASPIRING PROFESSIONAL AVIATORS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR AND AN FAA DESIGNATED PILOT EXAMINER. DURING HIS LIFETIME, RICHARD LITERALLY INSPIRED, INSTRUCTED, CERTIFIED, AND TYPE-RATED THOUSANDS OF PILOTS. RICHARD ALWAYS HAD A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATORS AND GENEROUSLY DONATED HIS TIME AND SERVICES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AIR AMBULANCE COMPANIES, AND THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD MAKING SURE THEY WERE PREPARED FOR THEIR CRITICAL MISSIONS. RICHARD VOLUNTEERED AS A RESERVE OFFICER FOR THE SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WAS SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING INITIAL AND RECURRENT TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICER PILOTS.

TRAGICALLY, ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2022 RICHARD DIED DOING WHAT HE LOVED MOST... FLYING AND SHARING HIS PASSION FOR ALL THINGS AVIATION. RICHARD SPENT MOST OF HIS ADULT LIFE SOARING IN THE SKY AMONGST THE CLOUDS. HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A PILOT REQUIRED THAT HE WORK TWO JOBS AND ENDURE A TWO HOUR ROUND TRIP BUS RIDE TO TAKE FLYING LESSONS. THROUGH HIS DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND RESOLVE RICHARD EARNED HIS PILOT CERTIFICATIONS AND ALL HIS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR RATINGS. ON HIS PATH TO FLIGHT EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE, RICHARD WITNESSED THE STRUGGLE OF MANY OTHER ASPIRING PILOTS. AS A RESULT, RICHARD HAD A KEEN EYE FOR THOSE WITH THE DEDICATION, DETERMINATION, AND WILL TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL PILOTS. IN LIFE RICHARD PROVIDED THE INSPIRATION, THE OPPORTUNITY, AND THE MEANS FOR MANY YOUNG ADULTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. IN HONOR OF HIS LIFE AND HIS GENEROUS SPIRIT OF GIVING, WE ARE CREATING THE "PAY IT FORWARD" STUDENT AVIATION FUND IN MEMORY OF RICHARD CONTE. THE 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION WILL ULTIMATELY PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG AVIATORS SO THEY TOO CAN ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS. UNTIL THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS APPROVED, PLACER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HAS OFFERED THEIR PLATFORM TO COLLECT INITIAL DONATIONS. DONORS WILL RECEIVE A GIFT 501(C)(3) GIFT RECEIPT.



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# Mach 5 Musings

*from the Mach 5 Aviation Cluhouse*

Since we last left off, we've had several checkrides and solos, many of which involved pilots close to the heart of Mach 5 Aviation. **Jeff D.**, trained by **Charlie Mellor**, achieved his multi-engine rating in our twin-

engine Tecnam on August 25th! **Joel S.**, who trained out of his own Grumman with **Jake Heppner** training

him as his CFI, achieved his private pilot's license! Jake also trained **James H.**, who obtained his private pilot license on September 23rd! **Chester Gault** trained up two of Mach 5's newest CFIs: **Patrick O'C.** and

**David W.** both achieved their CFI licenses on August 26th and September 2nd. One of our CFIs just



upgraded from being a CFI to a CFII; thanks to **Simon Berman**, **Sam G.** is now ready for students seeking



*Simon Berman, Dennis H., & Chester Gault*

to expand their knowledge and training with an instrument rating.

This month, we also had **Austin H.** complete his first solo on September 14th under the guidance of **Jake**

**Heppner. Brian C.** also soloed on September 20th as a student under Sam Golding. Last, but certainly not

least, our resident goofball mechanic **Dennis H.** achieved a rather awesome birthday present on

September 22nd by soloing his first flight at KOVE after receiving training from

**Chester Gault and Simon**

**Berman.** This month, we unveiled our new Diamond DA-40 to our Mach 5 students and renters! This low-wing

airplane is sleek, sexy, and one of our more advanced primary trainers on our roster. Already



this

aircraft is rising to the top as one of our most popular aircraft to achieve a license or rating in!

Between September 30th and October 2nd , Mach 5 Aviation will be present at the California Capital Airshow! Be sure to stop by at KMHR and visit our booth to hang out with our amazing crew of staff and

instructors, get personal with some of our aircraft on display, and get some exclusive Mach 5 swag!

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We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Richard Conte. Our heavy hearts go

out to his family and friends – Richard Conte was highly respected as a DPE, and many of Mach 5's students owe the achievement of their licenses and ratings to his experienced judgement and wisdom.

We will miss him greatly.

Blue skies.

# Back to Alaska for More Fun!

*by Tammy Meredith*



My 2nd trip back to Alaska with more Sierra Gold 99 members along with family members planned for several years was finally here.

Sept. 6th - We all got up at O'dark 30 to be at the airport by 4:30am.

One of our members wasn't feeling well, so she

stayed home & off we flew, 7 adults, 4 boys.

Our flight was uneventful & landed in Anchorage by early afternoon. We discovered it had been raining for several weeks prior to our arrival and was still raining.

Our first hurdle was to find the rest of our group at the airport after getting the vehicles. Rachel & I picked up the 14 place van & 4 place car at the rental agency & promptly headed back to the airport to pick up our clan. We pulled into a non-public parking lot belonging to some business where they had clear "no parking" signs at the end of their lot, of course, very close to where our group was waiting patiently for us. (Did I mention Anchorage airport has lousy signage?)

Rachel was in the car, she jumped out to get our group's attention when I saw a man in my outside mirror walking towards us with an attitude in his walk. I jumped out of the van & apologized explaining we were having trouble finding our way back to pick up our group. He did not care. Rachel was already off getting our group to head towards the vehicles when I told her we had to go "now" Once we drove



around to where we could pick them up, we were on our way to the local Costco. You see we were going to be there for the week. Did I mention we had 7 adults & 4 boys?

Merrilyn & I stayed in the van while everyone else went shopping. They came back with enough food to feed us for a month. Unfortunately, everything was in Costco size. It was still better to have food for meals to fix before leaving everyday & fixing dinners at night.

For lodging, we found this wonderful farm called "The



Grove" just outside of Talkeetna. This location made it possible to stay a week with a family & be able to have money left over for fun.

The "lodge" had 2 bedrooms downstairs where us 3 senior ladies stayed. It had a washer/dryer, 1.5 bathrooms, a kitchen, living room, tv room (for the kids) & a very large sitting area upstairs by the kitchen. There were 2 other bldgs. For each family of 4; a tiny house & a small log cabin.



We fell in love with it. The wife decorated the entire place, it was so perfect. They had a coffee/tea bar, some food in the fridge & lots of room for the kids to play outside. Their little boy was so excited to have someone to play with.

They had pigs, chickens, a couple of reindeer & Zeke, the dog, who greeted us every time we came & went.



Wed. Sept. 7th - Rain off & on all day. Our first excursion was with "Mayan's Jet Boat on the river" Our pilot of the boat was very knowledgeable about the area. He even made sure we saw a pair of Bald Eagles!! They were so beautiful.

The back of the boat was outside & way more exciting so guess where most of us spent the entire ride?

We also docked for a short hike to a "trapper's cabin" & "fish camp"

We ran a little late getting back due to the driver making sure both sides of the boat were able to see & photograph the beautiful birds. (this part is important for later)

After we returned to land, the 2 families, Victoria, Nick & boys & Rachel, Justin & boys drove to a local playground they had seen earlier. When they returned, they were all excited as they had given a ride to a lady with 2 kids (in the rain) She explained her husband was running late from his job & she needed a ride back to her car. It was discovered her husband was our Jet Boat pilot earlier that day! They all laughed when they realized the connection. The wife was so









appreciative she gave a bottle of birch syrup to our group as a thank you. We made pancakes the next day!

Thurs: Sept. 8th - Rain off & on all day. The next excursion was flying & landing on a glacier with "K2 Aviation" Due to weather, they worked with us to push out the flight a day or so.

We decided to head into Talkeetna to soak up the ambience of a small Alaskan town, we were not disappointed!

Once we all had a round of shopping, we decided to check out Denali Brewery for lunch & of course, beer.

Fri. Sept 9th - Rain off & on all day. While Rachel, Justin & the boys drove to Anchorage for a little disc golf (they saw a very large moose laying next to the side of the road) & Nick & the boys went on a hike, Victoria, Merrilyn, Carol & I drove to "Alaska Floats & Skis" for a fun afternoon flying float planes.

Victoria & I flew in our own

planes with a CFI & Merrilyn & Carol shared a plane with theirs. Merrilyn took controls while our non pilot friend, Carol, played photographer & captured the best shots of the day.



We flew to Rainbow Lake where we landed & got out to enjoy the beautiful mountainous surrounding. Our CFI's were so much fun! They assisted in making sure we had every possible beautiful backdrop for our photographs. Our mascot, Robbie Rudder, joined us again on this trip.

This was the flight school I would be training with the following week.

Eventually, we had to climb back into our planes & fly back to Christiansen Lake, what a day!!

You can imagine how happy I was!!

Sat. Sept. 10th - Rain off & on all day. At 5am we all jumped into the van & drove 2 1/2 hrs. up to Denali to drop off the 2 families for a fun morning of riding ATV's.

Merrilyn, Carol & I took a leisurely day photographing the fall colors along the highway on the way back. What a surprise & bonus to see the beautiful reds, oranges, yellows & golds. Staying in touch with K2 during the day, we discovered they could take us on their 6:30pm glacier flight. The ATVers would take the train back just in time to pick them up & rush over to take the flight. 9 of us flew in a



Dehavilland DHC-3 Otter. Unfortunately we couldn't land on the glacier due to new snowfall. The pilot gave us a great flight telling us a lot of the history of glaciers in the area along with flying over & as far back as he could so we could enjoy the view & get lots of photos. The 4 boys were so excited!! He was perfect for the job.

Sun. Sept 11th - Rain off & on all day. Well, it's our last day in



Alaska as a group. One of our 99s, Laurie Smith, commutes weekly up to Nome to work in the FSS (Flight Service Station) She also thought it would be good for us to see how the FSS works for pilots in Alaska. She had given me instructions to pick up some Seattle Chocolates on our layover to deliver to the FSS in Talkeetna & Alaska Floats & Skis.

Candy in hand, Merrilyn, Carol & I drove out to the airport





in Talkeetna.

Now, I assumed it would be like getting into Fort Knox, so I knocked on the door & waited. A voice told me to step in. I slowly opened the door to a friendly face saying "come on in" We went in, I introduced ourselves & explained

my assignment of delivering the candy. Come to find out, Chris, who was working that day, is a friend of Laurie's! Chris was so excited to meet us & give us the nickel tour. Personally, as a pilot, I appreciated understanding more how the skies were watched there.

It gave me good insight since I would be on the radio in a few days. Once we were finished, we invited Kris to join us at Denali Brewery when she got off work. We surprised Laurie with a selfie from our table.

After a nice meal & visit, we said good-bye to Chris & proceeded to do more shopping. There was a great place I wanted to go back to & check out the back half of the shop I had missed the first time.

"Once In A Blue Moose" was, by far, the best place for shopping. I bought so much stuff, I had to ship it to myself. Something I would repeat with more stuff & a new habit I've decided to adopt when traveling.



Mon. Sept 12th - Rain off & on all day.

Well, I woke up to an empty house. All the others had left early for their flight home. It was kind of eerie as there was so much noise & laughter for days prior.

I packed up myself & our leftover food, leaving some for the family who ran the farm.

I finished getting gas & some food for the week & headed to Alaska Floats & Skis to start my training for my seaplane rating.

For those that don't know, Don Lee owned the flight school for many, many years. He sold it to his daughter, Missy, a few years back. I met Don a few years ago when he was in Auburn to put on a seminar about his experiences in Alaska. It was so nice to see him again, he loved the chocolates I delivered from Laurie. (She got her tail wheel endorsement from him years ago)

When I arrived, I got settled in my room & quickly went to the office to see about flying that day.

My CFI, Adam, & I went out for my first official lesson. I was so excited. I had trained a little with Kevin Sloan of "[flytruckeetahoe.com](http://flytruckeetahoe.com)" so I had a little knowledge going out. It definitely helped.

I continued to train with multiple flights every day that week with my check ride planned for Friday before heading out to the airport for the red eye Saturday morning.

The weather wasn't cooperating (did I mention it rained every day?) I also discovered I still have some fatigue & unfortunately wasn't able to last as long as needed with my



lessons.

By midweek, Adam & I talked & I decided to cancel the check ride. Rather than try to stay later to finish up what I needed to do with the weather & having to reschedule another DPE, I decided to just have some fun flights the rest of the week. It was the best decision to make. The flight school made sure I flew as much as I wanted. I had a blast!!

On my last flight, the sun finally came out after burning off fog that hindered my first flight earlier in the day.

I discovered Bennett, the CFI on my first fun flight & now my last, grew up in Truckee, Ca. (I lived there as a kid) & now resides in Auburn & has flown out of AUN!!! What a small world.

He took me to an area where he had seen moose & I'm happy to report I finally saw one! The picture isn't really clear, but I now know they exist in Alaska!!

I had packed earlier & finally loaded the car. I was dragging my feet leaving. I had such a wonderful time in Alaska, especially flying. We met such wonderful people & had fantastic experiences. I eventually said my good-byes & started the long drive to Anchorage. I caught the red eye at 1am Saturday morning.

I'm in the processing of putting an album together.

I've also decided Alaska is my new favorite destination. I'll be going back. Alaska Floats & Skis has a "bush pilot" course I would like to experience.

For anyone who's considering going to Alaska...do it! You won't be disappointed. I wasn't.









# 2023 AOPA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Made possible through donations to the AOPA Foundation, the more than \$1 million in scholarships are a major benefit of AOPA membership, helping members reach their aviation goals.

- Scholarship applications **open Sept. 5, 2022**, with awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$14,000 for primary flight training, advanced ratings/certificates, and aviation maintenance.
- Open to AOPA members that are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent legal residents
- Some scholarships also require applicants to meet additional criteria (see **listings below**)
- Scholarship applications will close **February 10, 2023**, at 11:59 EDT.

You need only submit one application that will be automatically considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible.

FREE AOPA "AV8RS" memberships are available for youth ages 13-18 at the following link:<https://www.aopa.org/membership>. Benefits are the same as regular membership, however the Flight Training magazine is sent digitally. This is a great opportunity to discover more about aviation and to apply for an AOPA scholarship.

The AOPA has opened the application process for their 2023 scholarship program. A link to the application and additional information can be found under the "scholarship" tab of our AAA web site. Applicants must be a member of AOPA.

# Local Scholarship/Grant Recipients Promote Aviation at The Reno Air Races

*by Don Wolfe*

One of the featured events at the Reno Air Races is a display of vintage, classic and military airplanes of considerable quality hosted by the National Aviation Heritage Invitational (NAHI).



*Andrew Chubatenko & District 5 Supervisor Cindy*

This remarkable collection of machines is judged for the authenticity and quality of the restoration. The Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation extended invitations to

the 2022 flight scholarship and A&P grant recipients to attend the Races and promote the scholarship/grant programs offered by EHGF, AAA and EAA 526 at the NAHI event.

EHGF Board members Ken Dwelle (Hawker Sea Fury) and Ben Marsh (SNJ-4 Texan) had their

restored aircraft on display for the NAHI competition. The scholarship recipients interacted with the crowd in this area and energized many youngsters to pursue aviation. This was an excellent mentoring opportunity created by the Getchell Foundation.

The winner of this year's event was "Summer of 1942" the SNJ-4 restored, owned and flown by Ben Marsh. Ben's aircraft saw active service with the U. S. Navy from August 1942 to 1946 and was stationed at NAS Jacksonville, Corpus Christi and Sanford as an advanced trainer. Graduating pilots would then transition into single engine fighter or attack aircraft, such the Wildcat or Hellcat, Dauntless or Avenger, etc. After the war, Ben's SNJ competed in the 1948 and '49 Cleveland Air Races, flown by Helen McBride.



*Mia McKnight*





*Kadie Jacobs*

Later, it was converted into a Zero replica, before being gutted and stored for 20 years.

Ben's restoration spanned eight and a half years (14,000 hours--not including volunteer hours) to return it to flight status. It features authentic installations of

gun and bomb systems as well as radio and oxygen systems. It features a period correct paint scheme circa NAS JAX 1943 and many other details. When asked about the SNJ-4 Texan Ben remarked; "it is a delight to fly and truly is the most remarkable adventure of my life." Well Ben, that NAHI Trophy is pretty impressive too!



*Tenley Ong*







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# Kelly Richards' Play With Fire

*an original piece*



At the conclusion of his season, Sunshine Flyers CFI; who flew smoke jumpers for a time based out of Fairbanks, Alaska, and subsequently Winthrop, Washington, through Bighorn Airways,

provides us with an update.

Beginning in March of this year, Kelly traveled to the Bighorn Airways training base in Wyoming to begin his preparation as a pilot for smoke jumping operations, then formally left in May to Washington. He was to tame the beast of a turboprop-powered, STOL cargo aircraft designated the "CASA C-212" that is specifically designed for dropping jumpers and freight. The majority of

Kelly's missions involved performing reconnaissance in low-lying mountainous terrain before dropping smoke jumpers and their gear onto the fires to douse them. Both parties' skill *and* nerve are needed for this. He served as the first officer on his crew, which also included a captain, five jumpers, and a jumpmaster.



Kelly considers his first season to be a success and anticipates returning for his second the following year. He is scheduled to return and resume his hazardous duties as an

audacious flight instructor in about a week. Wish him luck!













Photos











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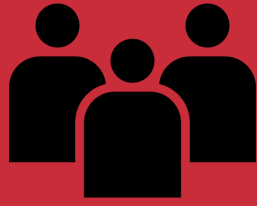
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Commemorative Bricks are available for sale to be installed around the Monument at Auburn Airport. As many of you know, our Association has taken on the task of ordering the bricks for the amazing Doug Van Howd monument honoring WWII veterans. For 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.

