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ASSOCIATION 1998

**April 2022** 

## AAA Events Click for links

#### 5AC MEETING April 5th 6:00 PM Zoom Meeting

All interested parties are welcome to login to hear from our liaison with the city. Zoom only.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### Wed, April 6 6:00 PM Barnstormer Room & Zoom Meeting

Guest speaker John Kleunker, Kitfox owner. Zoom & Live Meeting. Scholarship recipients and their families will attend. Potluck.

#### 2022 Auburn Flight Safety Conference April 26th, 5:30 PM

See page 10 for details. Register online to secure a seat or attend over Zoom.

#### **4/6 POTLUCK MENU**

Bring extra for scholarship families!

A-I: Side Dish J-Q: Main Dish R-Z: Dessert

# President's Message

Well, Happy April! The flowers and the pollen are back! The scholarship team has been working hard at interviewing and deciding on our top candidates, Excellent work by **Don Wolfe**, **Doug McDougall** and the remainder of the panel!

This last week we had a great opportunity to show a group of homeschoolers around the airport. **Randy Leys** and Mach 5's Events Coordinator **Susanne Flom** did a wonderful job coordinating with EAA, CHP and the Dwelles to give these kids the opportunity to learn about our airport and the opportunities it offers. I'm sure we have some future scholarship applicants in this bunch. We are excited to continue this community outreach in the future!

Don't forget that Auburn's aircraft display days happen this month. Click on the events link to see dates.

I look forward to seeing y'all on Wednesday to hear about John Kluenker's Kitfox adventures!

Chase Morgan, President



## As The Prop Turns By Michael Duncan

March is about over and the leprechauns are going back into hiding, the rainbows and pots of gold are disappearing, but some students are still going for their own pots of gold. Lance Toman was able to move closer to his pot of gold by soloing with Rick Hinds in a C-172. Additionally Nate Olchefske earned his Private Pilots Certificate. Wade Mayorga signed him off for the check ride with a little previous help from Helen Dobeck. Mario Dinucci and Vincent Edson also both soloed this past March with instructor Rory Ondracek. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

One of the great things that has occurred in the last five or so years is the inclusion of more of the youth in AAA. More members, AAA office holders and the expansion of our scholarship program. Just recently I received a letter from and eleven year old who has been flying with Sunshine Flyers. His grandfather has been fostering his interest in aviation. The young man is named **Max Schulz**. Max wrote this letter.

My First Flight Lesson - Max Schulz

Have you ever flown in an airplane? I had been going to my local airport for a long time to look at airplanes. Today I was going to take a flight lesson for the first time. I was kind of scared to fly in a small plane. My grandpa came to the house to pick me up and take me to the airport.



We got there and I met my instructor.

We went out to the plane and did the checks to make sure everything was safe. We got in the plane and started it up. I was feeling a little scared and excited at the same time. I could hear the engine roar as we taxied out to the run up area. We checked everything inside the airplane to make sure it was safe to fly. We got on the runway and I was shaking a little bit. We powered it up and the engine roared as we went speeding down the runway. The next thing I know, we were in the air. As time passed, I felt a lot better about flying and my instructor told me to do a few 360s. As I did the airplane

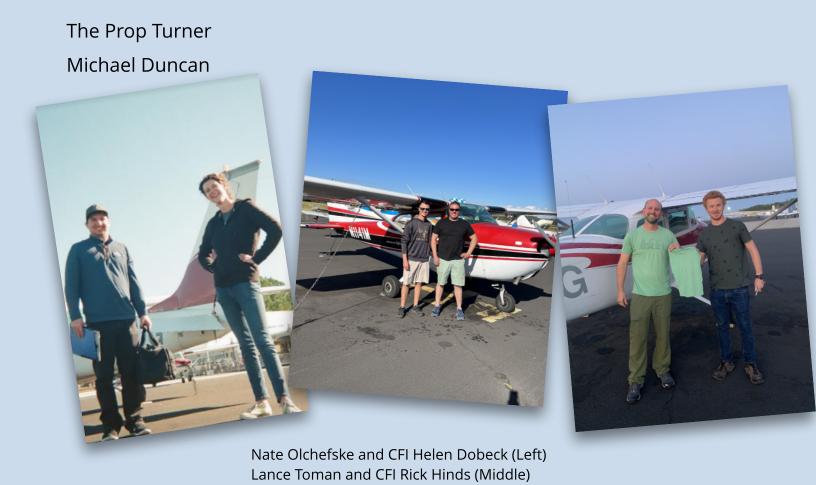
## As The Prop Turns, cont.

was turning smooth as butter. After about an hour of cruising around and doing turns, it was time to head back to the airport. We turned around, headed away from Folsom Lake and headed towards Auburn. I was a lot more confident flying a plane than I was before the takeoff. We got to Auburn and landed the plane. We taxied off the runway and parked the plane, turned it off, and took our headsets off.

We got out of the plane and my grandpa greeted me and asked me how my flight was. I got my flight time jotted down in my log book and scheduled my next lesson. We hung out a little while my grandpa talked to my instructor and I was watching planes take off. I had a lot of fun that day and learned what I wanted to do in the future.

This letter reinforces the reasons we have our scholarship program and it reinforces my belief in the future of aviation beyond our life time.

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



Mario Dinucci and CFI Rory Ondracek (Right)

The Pilot Training Seminar held in March was a huge success! 22 dedicated aviators participated in our Turbo Cessna 182 and G1000 training event. Lots of fun and facts were shared! and FAA WINGS credits were earned! The next Pilot Seminar will be clearing the path for many multiengine ratings this spring in our new Twin Tecnam P2006T with a G950. This cool rig is a real 'head turner''. Not only has the Mach5 team fallen in love with this incredibly efficient, Italian designed twin-engine beast, but government agencies love this 'special mission' platform and you will, too!.

Save the Date: Saturday April 23, 08:00-12:00. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Visit the Event Site of our website www.mach5aviation or call (530) 889-2000 for details and to register. You can count on us for many more Pilot Proficiency and Specialty Training Seminars throughout the year, so buckle up!



What's more fun than kids at the airport? Nothing! Mach 5 was happy to swing open our doors on a sunny Friday morning to 30 aviators and their parents to enjoy a



tour of the Airport. Their visit included CHP Helicopters, a presentation by the EAA, a walk through the priceless treasures in the Dwelle hangar and the opportunity to sit in our fancy Turbo Cessna to take pictures. A few not-so-tired and clearly committed future pilots got to check out the visiting de Havilland Chipmunk and peek inside the mighty Antonov.

Thank you to everybody who volunteered to help with this special students hands-onlearning experience!

We are proud to play a key role in the William Jessup University (WJU) Aviation Program. Their leadership and several donors recently visited our charming airport for a tour, to hang out at the M5 Clubhouse and they even logged some flight time. What an amazing program and learning environment WJU offers our next generation of leaders in aviation career fields. Watch out, UND!

And last but not least: We are welcoming Jake Heppner, Brian Nipper, and Ryan Juba to our busy roster of CFIs.

And to congratulate our talented students:

Josh M. flew his first solo on February 11th, 2022. CFI was Bennett Carlson.

Candace F. soloed on February 21st, 2022 with CFI Dennis Pearson.

Patrick M. passed his IFR check ride on February 24th, 2022, CFI was Tony Pollizzi

Amanda C. flew her first Solo on February 25th, 2022

Rogelio L. flew his first solo on February 28th, 2022. His CFI was Tony Pollizzi!

Mia M. soloed on February 28th, 2022, with CFI Charles Mellor.

Daniel C. flew his first solo on March 16th, 2022. His CFI was Chester Gault!

Hope to see you all at the Mach 5 BBQ on April 1st from 4:00-7:00 pm! Kindly RSVP and if you'd like to be informed of special events, subscribe to Mach 5 Aviation's text alerts, simply text "Aviation" to 855-948-0370. Fly safe!



MEET OUR AWESOME CREW - SEE OUR NEW AIRCRAFT

Hangar Barbecue

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join the MACH 5 AVIATION team for tasty flamed fare, lively libations, music, prizes and FUN on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 4:00pm-7:00pm 2409 Rickenbacker Way Auburn Municipal Airport, California





Much has happened this month at our Auburn Airport. As far a lease activity, we processed two lease assignments and one lease amendment with several more already in the pipe for next month. This seems to be on par with the amount of activity at the airport.

Speaking of leases, the City commissioned an appraiser to provide an apples to apples assessment of the City's lease rates comparing them to other local airports. It is not surprising to me to see that the Auburn Airport is well below market when it comes to rents. This study was prompted by the airport stakeholder meetings last fall where attendees asked for better transparency when it comes rates and fees. This data will be used to create a contemporary rate schedule that can be published and posted so that users of the airport are clear on all fees. The last official rate schedule appears to have been last updated in the nineties. The spreadsheet below shows how our rates stack up to other airports.

Having a contemporary rate structure means that the Airport has greater financial ability to do projects, maintain infrastructure and provide financial match for grants. This matter will be brought to City Council as a rate schedule sometime in April.

This almost always seems to be the way that things go in small town government. Fix something to keep it operational and then a grant comes out to pay to replace it. That's just what happened with the Airport terminal building. I am happy to report that the roof is done and that it will stop raining inside the building; however, earlier this month the Federal Government Announced a 5-billion-dollar Terminal Replacement Grant program.

According to the Assessor's Office, the terminal building was constructed on or around 1950 and has been slated for replacement in the various versions of the Airport master plans as far back as 1979. The latest version of the Airport Layout Plan actually started to scope the project which will add to the application that the City submitted for its replacement. A new terminal building would be a great addition to the airport and would not only house our existing users but would have larger capacity restrooms, a real state of the art training room, a meeting room with a real kitchen facility and an office for the FBO. Keep your fingers crossed, we should hear back on who is getting the grant in May.

Item	Appraised Rents	Current Rents	Percent of Difference
Box Hangar	\$0.45 Per Sq Ft Per Mo	\$0.27 Per Sq Ft Per Mo	40% Lower
T-Hangar	\$0.40 Per Sq Ft Per Mo	\$0.21 Per Sq Ft Per Mo	47% Lower
Tie-Down	\$70.00 Per Mo	\$40.00 Per Mo	43% Lower
Land Lease	\$0.06 Per Sq Ft Per Mo	\$0.046* Per Sq Ft Per Mo	24% Lower

<sup>\*</sup>Based on highest rent paid. Land rents vary from lease to lease.

If you build it, they will come! This is part of the thought process behind the recently initiated design of the water system to feed the undeveloped east end hangar area. Hangars are in giant demand right now with the City fielding inquires weekly from people looking to rent hangars or tie-downs and right now the waiting list keeps growing since the airfield tiedowns are full and staff is not aware of any current hangars for rent. The waterline is a major development challenges for this site and having it designed will give us an accurate picture of development costs and help us plan the next steps to get it installed. You might see PG&E, City staff and PCWA out visiting the site from time to time over the next month.

Still going: The helicopter parking area is out for bid, the pre-bid walk through has been conducted and by the time you are reading this, we will have opened bids for this project. The pre-bid walk through was well attended which usually indicates a lot of interest in the project and means we should get some pretty competitive bids. The project will take 90 days to complete and the City hopes to have a contractor secured for the project by mid-April with a project start date

shortly thereafter. I appreciate members of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for participating in the walk through as it helped to reinforce to bidders that they are an important part of our airport community and that contractor who receives the award shall ensure that they phase the project so as to not hinder critical air operations. More to come on this project in next months newsletter.

Every year around this time the cracks in the ramp start to grow grass making parts of the airport look like wheat fields. Public Works is already on it. They will be spraying the ramp area on a routine basis starting immediately.

Jonathan Wright
Economic & Planning Manager
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Auburn On-Demand is a city provided ride-share service. Through an App you are able to request a pickup at a location and destination of your choice. Our bus will then pick you up and take you to your requested destination.

On March 12 EAA Chapter 526 held its first Young Eagles flight rally of the year. Seven aircraft flew a total of 41 youngsters, 56% of whom were first-time Young Eagles.

Volunteers included:

#### **Pilots**

Mark Bateson Don Burns Greg Duda Dan Foster Darren Kendall Steve Kendall Andy Robinson Jack Prock

Ground Crew
Andrew Chubatenko
Mitch Faatz
Dan Flom
Doug Fee
Steve Jahr
Frank Kavenik
Keith Leafdale
Jack Prock
Philip Vardara
Marleen Wekell
Don Wolfe

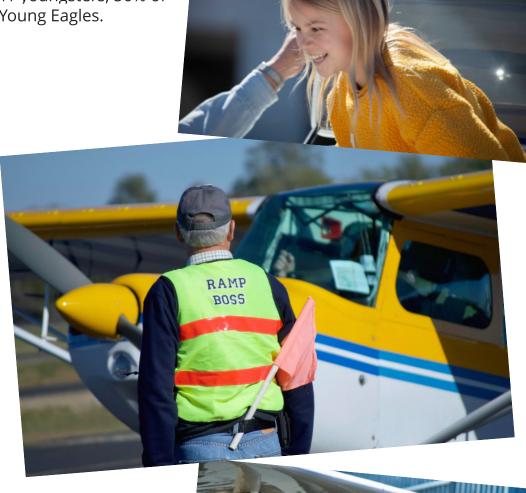


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To see more photos from the flight rally, click here: http://www.eaachapter526.net/flight\_rally\_031222.html

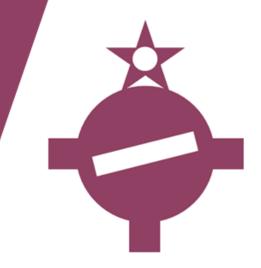
# Auburn Aviation Flight Safety Conference

April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Barnstormer Room – Auburn Airport

5:30 p.m. - Free PIZZA!

Discussion topics presented by local
Certified Flight Instructors

- Traffic Patterns
- IFR Procedures
- Helicopter Training Procedures
- Aircraft Performance
- And more!



Door prize giveaways including two Lightspeed Zulu 3 Headsets.

## "Safety Never Sleeps"





Free event sponsored by the Auburn Aviation Association Space is limited! Register online before April 24th Scan the QR code to register online today!

## **Photos**



2022 Scholarship Interview Team Ken Dwelle, Steven Kendall, Camile Tricomo, James Jacobson, Dan Foster, Doug Fee. Not shown: Doug McDougall, Don Wolfe



182 Training Event (left) and Kids Day (right)
- Mach 5 Aviation



## **Photos**



Bobby Green, owner of this Salt Flat racer named "Old Crow" was in town to have Col. CE Bud Anderson put his autograph on the car. More information can be found by searching oldcrowspeedshop.com

Credit: Don Wolfe





5AC Chair Ken Dwelle got his first solo and type rated in a 1945 TBM Avenger "Turkey" at Ione in March



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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.



#### 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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4" x 8" brick	\$500

Brick 2 (If you would like to order a second brick.)

4" x 8" brick	\$500

	Payment: 4" x 8" bricks @ \$500 = \$
Contact Information  Name: Phone: Email:	Make check payable to: Auburn Aviation Association 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 Joanie Mooneyham with questions: (530) 401-0595 joaniemoono5@gmail.com



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Visit <u>www.auburnaviationassociation.org</u> (allow pop-ups) to join or to pay your annual renewal online. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time. Please select your membership type and optional donation amounts below.

Item	Price
Aviator Membership—One-time fee until age 25	\$10.00
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Bronze Lifetime Membership—includes one additional family member	er \$750.00
Silver Lifetime Membership—includes one additional family member	r \$1,500.00
Gold Lifetime Membership—includes one additional family member	\$2,500.00
Engraved Name Badge	\$13.00
<b>Donation</b> to AAA Educational Endowment	\$
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