



September 2019

AAA Events

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, September 4

Author **Nicholas Warr** will present to us at the meeting. He is author of several books, including [Phase Line Green: The Battle for Hue, 1968](#).

OCTOBER MEETING

Wednesday, October 2

Auburn **Chief of Police Ryan Kinnon** will introduce himself, talk about the police department and answer questions.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, November 6

Auburn resident and commercial pilot **Shawn Bickford** will present to us on the pleasures of flying in Alaska.

SEPT MENU

Please bring a dish as follows:

A-J: Side Dish

K-S: Main Dish

T-Z: Dessert

President's Message

Ways to Give

First of all, let me make it clear that if you don't feel like you're in a position to make a contribution to our new endowment, that's OK. We still want your company at our meetings, we want to socialize with you, and we want to enjoy your camaraderie. We want you to continue enjoying our meetings and our speakers. I don't want any of our members to feel obligated in any way to contribute to our new endowment. That being said, there has been a lot of interest in the endowment, and I've gotten a number of questions about how to go about making a contribution.

So, if you are interested in making a donation, I'd like to try to explain how simply this can all work. First of all, as most of you know, our endowment is being held and managed for us by the Placer Community Foundation (PCF). A registered charitable organization, they have roots going back to 1948 here in Auburn. They currently manage nearly two dozen charitable funds.

If you would like to make a donation to help establish "forever funding" for our Bud Anderson scholarship, it can be very simple:

1. Go to the [PCF website](#). They can accept on-line donations with a credit card or Pay Pal. And, we have a link to the PCF on the home page of our Auburn Aviation Association website.
2. Or, you can write a check made out to "Placer Community Foundation", and mail it to them at P. O. Box 9207, Auburn, CA 95604. If you send them a check, be sure to put "Auburn Aviation Association" in the memo line, so they know which fund to direct your contribution to.
3. Or, the PCF can accept cash donations at their office located at 219 Maple Street, Suite 200, Auburn, CA



Ways To Give, continued.

95603. Their business hours are 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, M-F.

4. Or, If you'd prefer, you can simply put cash or a check (again, made out to PCF) in my hand or that of Don Wolfe, and I guarantee that we will get it to the right place for you.

5. Or, consider a Life Membership in AAA. Your Board of Directors is finishing up details on a new Life Membership plan that will help fund our endowment.

But there are some slightly more complex, yet equally enticing ways you could help out:

1. Include the AAA Endowment in your estate planning. This is actually simpler than it sounds, and PCF (ph. 530-885-4920) can help guide you through the process. It doesn't even necessarily

have to involve changing your will.

2. Or, between the AAA and the PCF, we are in a position to accept donations of real goods that can be turned into donations to the endowment. Airplane, hangar, car, boat, stamp collection, coin collection? Most of these are things that we can work with. It's a bit more complicated, but it's possible.

Finally, keep in mind that both the AAA and PCF are registered charitable organizations. So you can take into account all of the tax ramifications that go with that status.

Again, it's important to me that none of our members feel obligated to make a contribution. But if you would like to do so, you will be helping the Association fund our scholarship forever.

Scholarship Recipients Status Update



Mikeala Sawaya (with parents) Graduate-Sacramento State with Honors "Cum Laude." June 2019: Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the USAF. USAF Pilot Training Class May 2020



Brandon Brown (center) New Certified Flight Instructor working at Sunshine Flyers. Will be attending California Polytechnic State University in September 2019



James Jacobson (right) Graduated University of North Dakota. Completed intensive ATP and Jet Type Rating course at Skywest Airlines. James will be based in Detroit, MI flying the Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ)

As the Prop Turns

by Mike Duncan

Another month is upon us, and the students keep on moving ahead in their aviation careers. At Sunshine Aviation, **Ali "Archer" Saffarien** made his first solo flight with **Mike Duncan** as his instructor. **Camile Tricomo** earned her single engine Commercial Pilot Certificate with **Henry Roberson**, out of Chico, as the Designated Pilot Examiner. Mike Duncan got to put another feather in his CFI



cap as her flight instructor. Additionally, Camile passed her Fundamentals of Instruction and Flight Instructor Airplane Knowledge tests on her way to becoming a flight instructor. She already has her check ride scheduled and hopefully before Thanksgiving she should be a full-fledged instructor. Any volunteers to be her first student? Not too far behind her is **Helen Dobeck**. Helen just passed her Commercial check ride with **Richard Conti** as the examiner and **Randy Leys** as her instructor. Helen is also working toward being a flight instructor. Is it a race to see who gets it first? On a little bit of a different note, Carter McKenzie, actually, **Ensign Carter McKenzie** is in Navy flight training now and has soloed the T-6B Texan II and been approved for solo aerobatics. Although technically it is not his first solo. Carter earned his private pilot certificate here at the Auburn Airport and has moved up in his flying. Carter (Ensign McKenzie) is a great example what our youth can accomplish with our encouragement. Enclosed in the newsletter is a copy of an article that was issued from the Navy Office of Community Outreach. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Two exciting events are coming up. The **Reno Air Races** is the first event from September 11 – 15th. The fastest motor sport will once again bring the excitement of air racing to Reno and the northern California area. The **Air Force Thunderbirds** will perform along with many other exciting acts. The second event is the **California Capital Air Show** October 5th and 6th at Mather Field in Rancho Cordova. Their featured act is the **Blue Angels**. We are fortunate to live so close to these two world-class events.

Threshold Aviation has a new employee. **Jessica Dreschler** will be servicing your airplane from now on along with **Robert Hewitt**. Both are former scholarship recipients and are now working at the airport to help support their aviation habit. Robert has already completed his private and is now working toward his instrument and commercial ratings. Jessica is working toward her private license. Congratulations to both of you on moving ahead with your ambitions in aviation. Keep up the good work.

For those who have not heard yet, our pilot scholarship endowment fund is in business. Thanks to AAA generosity, the initial fund investment started with \$25,000 and several individuals have made contributions. The fund was started to help



Auburn Aviation Association leave a legacy, long after all of us have moved on, to support the next generation of flyers. Our long term goal is to raise enough money to support our scholarship into the foreseeable future. Well that is about all for this month, so GOOD NIGHT Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner, Mike Duncan

Mach 5 Musings

It's been a hot August here at the Auburn Airport -- But if you can't handle the heat get out of the airplane...or better yet get to altitude! We have a new pilot to introduce this month, congratulations **Scott Harshbarger** on becoming the newest Pilot in the Sacramento Police Department. I'm sure your brothers in blue are very proud of the accomplishment you made in just three months! We have two students flying close behind who completed their solo flight and soared off into the wild blue yonder without an instructor for the first time. We have their shirt tails to prove it! A pilot who can Solo has their shirt tails cut to show that they no longer need an instructor tugging at their shirt to guide them- a long held tradition in aviation. Congratulations **Noah Harris** and **Bryce Beamer** on your first solo!

Mach 5 had a lot of fun at the Drone Zone event this weekend! The event showcased the many functions of drones as well as the benefits of drone technology in a variety of industries.

Families from across the region were able to enjoy hands-on instruction, activities, and demonstrations by the leaders in this cutting-edge industry! The **California Capital Airshow** puts on several non-profit events such as this to introduce youth to aviation and the many opportunities it creates! Mach 5 was happy to help and inform visitors on the requirements and benefits of achieving a commercial drone license.

Our Private Pilot Ground School has begun! Due to a new partnership with William Jessup University, Mach 5 is now offering a four month long course on the school's campus. With our quality instructors, materials, and new resources, the course is better than ever! These students will be more than ready for their Private Pilot written exam.

Have a wonderful September, Auburn Airport. Blue Skies and Tail Winds



Photos



Mach 5 student **Noah Harris** made his first solo flight. Mike Richardson was his CFI.

Ali "**Archer**" **Saffarien** made his first solo flight under tutelage of Mike Duncan at Sunshine Flyers.



AAA Membership Director **Tammy Meredith** was diagnosed in June with cancer and is now undergoing chemotherapy. Board member and cancer survivor Peggy Dwelle spearheaded getting a pair of PINK boxing gloves and having them signed by many airport locals. These gloves signify to Tammy to KEEP ON FIGHTING. We are behind you. The gloves now hang where Tammy can see them every day.

Carter McKenzie

Loomis Native trains to serve as the next generation of U.S. Naval Aviation Warfighters

By Lt. Paula Knight, Navy Office of Community Outreach
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - A 2013 Del Oro High School graduate and Loomis, California, native is participating in a rigorous training process that transforms officers into U.S. naval aviators.

Ensign Carter McKenzie is a student pilot with the "Boomers" Training Squadron (VT) 27, based in Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. The squadron flies the T-6B Texan II aircraft.

A Navy student pilot is responsible for learning every element of what it means to be a naval aviator. "I enjoy the professionalism, camaraderie and high-speed environment," McKenzie said. "The Navy doesn't expect us to be perfect, but they do expect us to work towards perfection every time we jump in a cockpit."

McKenzie credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Loomis.

"I learned hard work, determination and a strong work ethic playing football," McKenzie said. "One man or woman cannot win a battle, you have to rely on the people around you to do their part."

The T-6B Texan II is a training aircraft that is powered by a 1,100 shaft horsepower, free-turbine, turboprop single-engine, four-bladed propeller, with a cruising speed of 320 mph.

VT-27's primary mission is to train future naval aviators to fly as well as instill leadership and officer values, Navy officials explained. Students must complete four phases of flight training in order to graduate, including aviation pre-flight indoctrination, primary flight training, and advanced flight training.

After successfully completing the rigorous program, naval aviators earn their coveted "Wings of Gold."

After graduation, pilots continue their training to learn how to fly a specific aircraft, such as the Navy's F/A-18 Hornet fighter attack jet aircraft, the P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft or the SH-60 Seahawk helicopter.



They are later assigned to a ship or land-based squadron.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's

surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

McKenzie plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, McKenzie is most proud of having his officer bars put upon his shoulders.

"Wearing the rank of ensign reminds me every day that I get to work with very high caliber individuals," McKenzie said.

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for McKenzie, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. McKenzie is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My grandfather was an enlisted Navy submariner and my father was an enlisted medical radiology technician in the Air Force," McKenzie said. "I get to continue the legacy by serving and giving back."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, McKenzie and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

With the amount of opportunity this country has given me, it's only fair that I give part of my time back to ensure others are given the same," McKenzie said.

Posted 4th June by [Navy](#)



Gone West - Fred Immen

Dear AAA Members,

It is with deep sadness that I wish to let you know of the passing of my father, Fred Immen. He passed away on July 13 after a bacterial staph infection took him down a week prior. During that week of bed rest, he talked often of his love of flying and how all he wanted to do was to get into his plane and fly away. He passed peacefully with his family at his side proud to be the oldest family member in recorded history (92 11/12 years). I believe his spirit is now flying free, soaring through the high heavens where there are no FAA regulations or nasty weather conditions to ground his aircraft. During his life flying was his breath and solace, a time to soar above the bounds of earth and feel free.

I feel compelled to share a little of his history, as I am sure he didn't share too much with you, as was his bent. I was always so astounded and impressed with his aviation history and flying abilities up to the last time he flew in June. He was always humble about his experiences and accolades in the

aviation field. You may only remember him as a tough old bird and not very personable, that was just his façade – he was a very intelligent, solemn man with great integrity, thorough thinking abilities and humility. But, if you got him talking, he would share his knowledge and learning experiences freely. As I have been going through his papers and work history I am finding out even more about this amazing man. We lived together for 12 years and although I got some stories out of him, there was much he never thought to brag about, though he certainly could have. When he was a young lad his mother took him to see a barnstormer; he fell in love with planes then and there. Only 17 when he joined the Navy and

learned to fly in a Stearman bi-plane, he could fly before he could drive. He went on to fly a total of 39 types of aircraft! Although the war ended before he was finished his training, he was proud to have been an active serviceman on D-Day. He was given the option of continuing his full time service or to go into the reserves and receive a full ride to finish his structural engineering degree from Cornell University (he had taken a leave from college to join the war effort). He opted for the Navy reserve where he spent the next 20+ years steadily moving up to become lieutenant commander of an elite helicopter squadron. He was hired by Boeing right out of college and became one of original designers of the B52

bomber. Eventually he moved on to helicopter design. When the government approached Boeing looking for top engineers, dad was hired away to work as a civilian for the Army's aviation sector. He was awarded several aviation awards; the one he was most proud of being the FAA's Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" award.



Dad was a long time member of the EAA, always joining the nearest chapter to where he lived. He so enjoyed being an active member and always looked forward to the various events: fly-ins, meetings, air shows and in particular the Young Eagles. He not only wanted his own children to love aviation, but also all children. In his quiet way he always tried to be of help and support. Thank you for welcoming him into your group and giving him a place to share and be surrounded by other aviation enthusiasts.

Warmly,
Robin

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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.



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**Text on dark colored shirts will be light gold-
Text on light colored shirts will be black**

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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Membership & Scholarship Donation Form

Auburn Aviation Association—Membership and Donation Form

Fill out and return the form payment or log on to www.auburnaviationassociation.org to use PayPal or credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time.

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(Up to two contact and email addresses per family membership)

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