

Auburn Aviation Association

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July 2015

President's Message

MEETINGS

Wednesday July 1

5:30 p.m. Socializing

**6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and
General Membership Meeting**

Oscar Bosch is our speaker. See next page for details.

EVENTS

July 10 & 11

Nevada County Airfest 2015

www.horsedesigns.com/airfest/

August is AAA anniversary month and our annual BBQ. Look for a special menu next month.

NOTICES

Welcome to new members:

Sandra Duffy, CPA

Steven Lease

Neil Munro

Alan & Debbie Casner

Geary & Marysue Tiffany

JOIN US! (Or renew)

\$20. 00 per year

You can bring a check to the meeting. See next page for membership form.

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Click on the membership tab.

JULY POTLUCK

Please bring a dish to share.

A-H—Dessert

K-P— Main Dish

R-Z—Salad or Side

Have you noticed how many young people there are around our airport these days...especially on weekends? Can it be that we are seeing an "Interest in Aviation" renaissance that is occurring? I did see a couple of our scholarship recipients looking like "airport regulars" the other day and one was grinning big after receiving some "aerobatic and unusual attitude and upset recovery" training in a Decathlon.

Speaking of scholarships, the Association is preparing to announce a fourth award for this year due to a late arrival of another donation put forth by our very own Nancy and Alliene Thym. Nancy was a guest speaker at a recent meeting and decided this program is a most worthy cause. Also, special thanks to Marcia Winborne-Graven for her donation of \$1,000 in memory of her brother Fred. Our heartfelt thanks to you all!

The Bill Clark hangar project has been getting lots of attention. The City of Auburn has delayed removing it. Restoring it to a museum has been suggested and the City will probably have it on their meeting agenda in October.

An electronic card gate is scheduled to be installed at the Bud Anderson Drive entrance to the airport in the near future.

Please be aware of the parking areas when you are at the airport and specifically when attending our monthly meetings. The area at the east end of our building is for handicapped parking only and also is an active taxiway. Please use the lots behind our building or park in the Wing's Restaurant lot.

An exciting event that you won't want to miss is the Nevada County AirFest this July 10th and 11th. Friday night is a dinner/dance and Saturday is an event packed full of exciting aviation attractions you won't want to miss. Check out www.horsedesigns.com/airfest/ for attractions and information... see you there!

Wayne Mooneyham, President



July's talk is about Freedom

Independence Day, July 4th is here soon. What does freedom mean to you? Have you ever "solemnly sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States"? Every person who has joined the military has committed that pledge of *their* loyalty to *our* country.

When *you* say our Pledge of Allegiance do you thoughtlessly repeat the words you learned in kindergarten or are you mindful of the importance of the commitment *you* are making as a US citizen? *IF* you did not enjoy our daily freedoms, what would *you* be willing to sacrifice to gain them?

This month's speaker, Oscar Bosch, when he was 18, lived in Cuba under Fidel Castro's regime and wanted his freedom. He decided to escape the Communist controlled island. How does one do that?

Bosch's presentation will share his adventure and the dangers he faced four decades ago when he "Escaped Castro's Cuba by Swimming to Freedom".

After hearing his remarkable story, you may have better understanding and appreciation of just how important our day-to-day freedoms are, as well as have greater insight to the meaningful significance of the words next time you state our Pledge.

Join us for a first hand account of what freedom means to one man and the risks and challenges he was willing to face to live in "the land of the free."



AAA Scholarship Student Updates

WOW! 2015 Auburn Aviation Association scholarship winner Jack Bell (pictured, bottom right) has completed his solo flight with CFI Jake Roach at Mach 5 Aviation and is beginning his cross country training. His solo video was produced by the 'oh-so talented' young pilot, James Jacobson (previous AAA scholarship winner). We encourage you all to carve three minutes out of your day and watch this fantastic video to relive the memories of your first solo or to share in the excitement of his accomplishment. Watch here: <https://vimeo.com/129182760>

Michelle Hanson (pictured) has graduated from high school and just returned from a family trip to begin her intensive flying schedule in the hopes of completing her private pilot training and checkride before she leaves for college in September. Very capable in admin support, you may also find her working the front desk at Mach 5 this summer to supplement her flying fund. These kids are a wonderful investment of our time and funds, and I know they appreciate your support.

Brandon Kane is currently flying with Sunshine Flyers and his instructor is Greg Pellerin. As of this writing he is completing his solo cross-country requirements and should have his certificate by this time next month.

Drop by and say 'hi' to all these fine young flyers, they are always hanging around the airport! Sound familiar?

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Well the Fourth of July is just around the corner. A parade, a few fly-by's, and fireworks. Well maybe not fireworks. It is time to be thankful for our independence and freedom.

Speaking of the freedom, a number of people have started on that freedom of flight that we all enjoy. Carlos Espinoza, Steven Clegg and his wife Rachel, Brian Tucker, John Vodonick, and Mark Bateson all have soloed this past month thanks to their instructors Michael Poteet and Greg Pellerin of Sunshine Flyers. Jeffery Dahle has passed his Commercial Pilots knowledge test. Robert Sullivan has earned his Instrument Rating and is now ready to move on to flying with the Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations to you all on a job well done.

On the weekend of the 6th of June a Ford Tri-motor was down at Lincoln Airport giving rides. This aircraft was brought in by the Experimental Aircraft Association. You may have seen it fly over the Auburn area. In addition, the



Collins Foundation was flying their B-17, B-25, and P-51 out of McClellan for a weekend of aviation history and flying.

Also on the weekend of 6th June, I started my next great aviation adventure to

Alaska with Don Gwinn (in his C-180) and Glenn Frese and Steve Divine (in his C-180), with the help of Sean Bickford and Casey Long who helped us with the planning and encouraged us to make the trip. We planned to be gone for three weeks in order to give us some cushion in case of bad weather and still be able to fly around Alaska for a week or so. Basically our route was along the Alcan highway, but we first had to get there. Our first night was a five hour flight to Sand Point, Idaho. The next day we cross the border at Eckhart, which is a grass strip shared by both the U.S. and Canada. They are very protective of which side of the parking area you are in to be sure that you are in the proper country for inspection. On to Prince George for the evening which was not that far. This was our only diversion for the rest of the trip due to weather. The next day Fort Nelson and on to Whitehorse. From there it is Watson Lake and then Tok to clear customs back into the U.S. Northway for fuel and then on to our first stop in Alaska, Talkeena. At Talkeena we met my friend from Lincoln, Greg Sanoski. Talkeena is literally the end of the road in Alaska. It is on a spur road from the main highway between Anchorage and Fairbanks. What it does have is the main airport for flights up to Mt. McKinley. You can tell

the tourists from the locals because the locals call the mountain Denali. The whole town has a year round population of about 500 people, and it swells to several thousand as the tourists flow thru on a daily basis. The train runs through town and there are four separate air operators who fly the tourists and mountain climbers up to McKinley. We spent five days there flying around the mountain and even arranging a flight to land on the glaciers, with a friend of Greg's, who is 78 years old, landing at several remote strips in our aircraft, and taking a train trip to the lower parts of Mt. McKinley. After five days of visiting Greg, we move on to Wassela where we meet up with Casey Long and have dinner with him and his family at his house on a lake where he keeps his float plane. From Wassela we are off to Soldotna where we meet Steve's friend, Brock. Brock is a fishing guide and runs a small lodge along a river. We end up taking Brock for flight along the Kenai peninsula along the Cook inlet. The flight was pretty memorable because of all the bear and moose we saw in a very short time. We also managed to get in one beach landing while we were at it (pictured below). The next morning we are off to Gustavus, actually a small strip just west of Gustavus. A quick fuel stop in Yakutat and we arrive. Two nights there, a day of halibut fishing, where we all got our limit (which is only one per fisherman) and we are off again. The weather forecast is looking real good for the next few days, so we decide to try heading home along the coast of Alaska. One more overnight stop in Ketchikan and it is back into Canada by way of Prince Rupert, Port Hardy, and then Friday Harbor for reentry into the Lower Forty Eight. The last day is Hillsburgh, Klammath Falls, and home. Our trip ended up being a few days shorter than planned because we did not have any of the anticipated weather delays. It is good to be home. For us it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip and it was a good one. Too many small adventures, memories, and pictures for the newsletter, but you should be able to see some of the pictures on the AAA Facebook page or Sunshine Flyers web page and Facebook page. We will talk about this trip for a long time.



Well that is about all for this month, so good night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



Top left: Mark Bateson, top right: John Vodonick, left center: Rachel Clegg, bottom right: Steve Clegg, bottom left: Carlos Espinoza

More Photos from Alaska



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Type of License (Circle One or More): Student Glider Rotorcraft Other _____

Ratings: Private Commercial CFI Instrument Other _____

Aircraft: _____

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