

Auburn Aviation Association

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May 2015

President's Message

**Wednesday May 6
5:30 p.m. Come early
for socializing!**

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

"Germany invaded Norway in 1940 and used troop-carrying aircraft to support the conquest. Our speaker, Nancy Thyme, in her presentation "Planes below the Ice" tells how a formation of 13 Junkers Ju 52s (or "Auntie Jus") tri motor aircraft landed on Hartvikvann Lake near Narvik in Norway in 1940 and sank to the bottom of the lake when the ice melted.



Saturday May 16th

**3:00 p.m. Armed Forces Day-
Statue Dedication and Unveiling**

Several activities will mark this day, including the reveal of the Doug Van Howd statue of Col. Bud Anderson. Outside Wings Restaurant.

Welcome to new members:

Tammy Meredith, Auburn
Dan Foster, Auburn
Richard Confer, Jr., Auburn
David J. Robertson (Pamela) Auburn

MAY POTLUCK

Please bring a dish to share.

**A-H—Salad
K-P— Dessert
R-Z—Main Dish**

It's evening and as I put pen to paper and my thought process in gear, I'm thinking back to when I was first introduced to flying. The sometimes intentional and often coincidental twist and turns of fate and how this has dictated my life and career path are brought to mind. What triggered this nostalgic look back in time was reviewing our AAA Scholarship applicant's essays and their responses to the questionnaire. In most every applicant's exposure to aviation there is a person who was in some way responsible for the event that they refer to as "*that's when I knew I wanted to fly*". I, too, remember exactly when that moment occurred for me and the encouragement and support that I received from my Dad and a family friend. Odds are a lot of you can relate to an experience such as this.

I see that moment in some of the applicant's essays - several which are quite moving. I like to think that our Scholarship Program will help start all of the recipients on their way to a fulfilling aviation-related career...so...kudo's to our Aviation Association for being not only a benefactor to these young "want-to-be-aviators" but also as a mentor of sorts. I'm proud to be a part of a group of this caliber.

As a reminder, the unveiling of the Van Howd statue "Honoring All Veterans" is taking place Saturday, May 16th, at 1500 at Wings Restaurant.

It's an event you won't want to miss - hope to see you there!

Wayne Mooneyham
President



Letter From A Past Scholarship Winner

Hello Auburn Aviation Association friends,

I thought I would share my story, nearly 10 years after you awarded me the scholarship while I was in High School.

Growing up in Auburn I had the opportunity to meet many great people at the airport, many of whom welcomed me into their hangars as I paced from one side to the other watching the airplanes land. Through these contacts I was invited to attend meetings at the Auburn Aviation Association and there I learned of a scholarship for flight training. I went through the application / interview process and was awarded a full Private Pilot scholarship with Beau as my instructor. Starting my training in 2003, I was able to train at my pace, earning my Private ticket in October of 2005. Soon after, John Kluecker, a corporate pilot and graduate of the University of North Dakota, came to an Auburn Aviation Association meeting and made a presentation of the program. I was hooked and started my college career at UND two weeks after graduating high school in 2006.

My time at UND was beyond incredible. I got the best training with the best instructors in the most advanced of aircraft. I completed the four year degree in just under 3 years, and also held posts as a Student Advisor for the Assistant Dean of the Aerospace College, President of student organizations as well as a University Flight Instructor. In my time there after graduation, I instructed over 500 hours for students from the USA, China, Japan, and Saudi Arabia. I was also fortunate enough to represent the University at career fair expos around the country including Oshkosh Air Venture for three years. Looking back I cannot express how much I got from my time at this great institution, not just from the academics, but finding the best friends I've ever had and retaining employment as a pilot at the start of and throughout the Great Recession.

With airlines ending a hiring freeze and recall of furloughed pilots in 2010, I found myself fortunate to accept an offer to become a First Officer for Air Wisconsin Airlines Corp in Appleton WI. Primarily an east coast regional airline, AWAC's route structure extends from as far north as Canada to as far south as Florida. While not able to provide the west coast flying I love so much, it did involve operating in and out of the world's busiest airspace. Based in Philadelphia PA, my schedule routinely takes me to all states along the eastern seaboard and many historical airports that make up the worst weather flying the USA has to offer. I have flown approaches into New York's La Guardia in between thunder

2015 Scholarships Awarded

After interviewing 21 very strong candidates, your Scholarship Committee has chosen three promising young pilots as winners. They are: Michelle Hanson, Jack Bell and Brandon Kane. These students and their parents will be our guests at our monthly dinner, May 6. Thank you to all of you who contributed to our scholarship fund. We couldn't do it without you!

Walt Wilson, Wayne Mooneyham, Mary Ann Frank, Marcia Winborne-Graven, James Jacobson, Carol Uhouse

Letter, continued.

storms, as well as approaches over the Potomac River, passing between the South Lawn of the White House and the Pentagon on short final into Washington Reagan.

Two years after my start at Air Wisconsin I took a position in the training department instructing pilots on recurrent training, as well as new hire classes teaching Part 121 Airline Operations and CRJ aircraft systems. I recently took the position as the domicile manager and Assistant Chief Pilot for Air Wisconsin managing the Philadelphia pilot base. No doubt the job has given me a lot of gray hair, but I am able to influence a multi-million dollar operation for the better with experience from my four years flying the line. My two years of instructing for the airline has built a trust among the pilot group and I feel lucky to have their support.

To close my update to everyone back home, I want to thank you all so much for the opportunity you provided me over 10 years ago. The support of so many influenced my life in more ways than I can count. I want you all to know how your gift of \$3,000 led to a life long career - and not just my own. As I write this update, I am returning from a career fair at my old Alma Mater - UND Aerospace. Just yesterday, I interviewed and hired 6 graduates from the UND program to become pilots for Air Wisconsin. Not only did your gift allow me to start my career, it now enables me to start the airline careers of others, also.

All the best,

Dan Fluke
Assistant Chief Pilot / Captain - PHL
Air Wisconsin Airlines Corp.

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As I am sitting here enjoying this prolonged good weather, it is starting to rain... finally. It is not going to be much but it will be appreciated. Another sign spring is here with the hiring of fire fighters and an early fire season, so be on the look out for smoke and the inevitable fire bombers out and about. Check for those TFR and give them room.

Jim Yoakum (pictured) earned his Private Pilots Certificate this past month, at Sunshine Flyers. Greg Pellerin was his instructor and he did it in his own Cessna 182. Early on in his training Jim had decided that he wanted to own his own airplane. Something he could travel comfortably in and get over the mountains. Having started in a Cessna 172 he wanted more than it could offer more speed and load. Hence the C-182. That added a little bit of time to his training but in early April he did it. Congratulations Jim and Greg on a job well done.



Additionally Scott woodland has passed his Commercial knowledge test and in the not too distant future will be getting his Commercial rating. Good show, Scott.

While on the subject of new certificates, our Scholarship Committee is met this month and has winners to announce at our next meeting. The interest in flying by this up-and-coming generation does not seem to be waning. Interviews were conducted for more than 20 applicants for our three \$2500 scholarships (for a total of \$7500). Walt Wilson and our flight schools have done a wonderful job in keeping the interest up and our future looks bright. The monies raised for this scholarship have been through our bi-annual Air Fair, so THANK YOU to all who have helped to support the Air Fair and the Scholarship Fund and to those who work so hard to raise the money and who give direct donations.

What are your plans for this summer? North, east, south, or west? Well, maybe not too far west. Any way you go, an airplane is a great way to see this country. My trip is to take a trip to Alaska in June. Beginning June the 6th I, along with three friends, will be flying two Cessna 180s to Alaska and back for a vacation. For us it is a "bucket list" trip. We have solicited the help of some of the folks who have done the trip several times before and we are looking forward to going. My previous experience with Alaska was seven years ago when I went up to visit a friend in Talkeetna, Alaska over a long 4th of July weekend. Back then I managed to land on a glacier, seemingly to fly into Mount McKinley in a Navajo, land next to a river where we had to cut away some brush to get out, get my Seaplane rating, and not see dark for four days because the sun never seems to set that time of the year that far north. I am not sure exactly what is ahead of us but I am sure it will be an adventure. Hopefully I will have pictures when I get back.



Yesterday I heard a roar of an engine at the airport and was not like any airplane engine I had heard before, and I had to investigate. As I wandered down toward the west end of the

airport I saw an old hot rod and a police car parked at the end of Bill Clark Way and Lindbergh. As things turned out it was a car race of sorts of old pre-1935 cars with souped up four cylinder engines. It is kind of like a drag race but it only goes 500' or so and it is one car at a time. It is also going up hill. It is kind of like the hill climbs of old with mud and dirt flying, only no mud or dirt was flying here. This the second year they have done it here at the airport and aside from the roar of the engines you would never have known they were there. There were a bunch of rat rods, open wheel cars and restored single seat racers there and it was fun to watch. Perhaps they will be back next year.



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

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



Tammy Meredith just retired from the phone company and will devote full-time status to learning to fly. That's the Prop Turner, Mike Duincan, on the right.

STATUE DEDICATION AND UNVEILING OF THE CITY OF AUBURN'S VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FEATURING COL. BUD ANDERSON & "OLD CROW"

*On Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 3 p.m.
Outside Wings Restaurant at the Auburn Airport*

The Statue Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce the completion of the Veteran's Memorial at the Auburn Airport featuring a Doug Van Howd created Bronze of Col. Bud Anderson and his famous P-51 Old Crow. Come join us for a celebration featuring the Band from Bud's Alma Mater, Placer High School, the National Anthem performed by Stacey Anderson and Beale AFB Color Guard presentation.

Motion RC has developed a commemorative series RC Aircraft in the likeness of "Old Crow" and will be giving a demonstration at the event.

The RC "Old Crow" will be available for sale at the TGH Aviation Airport Shop.

The Rotary will be serving hot dogs to the first 300 attendees.

Fawn Ridge Winery and the Auburn Ale House will be selling Wine & Beer.

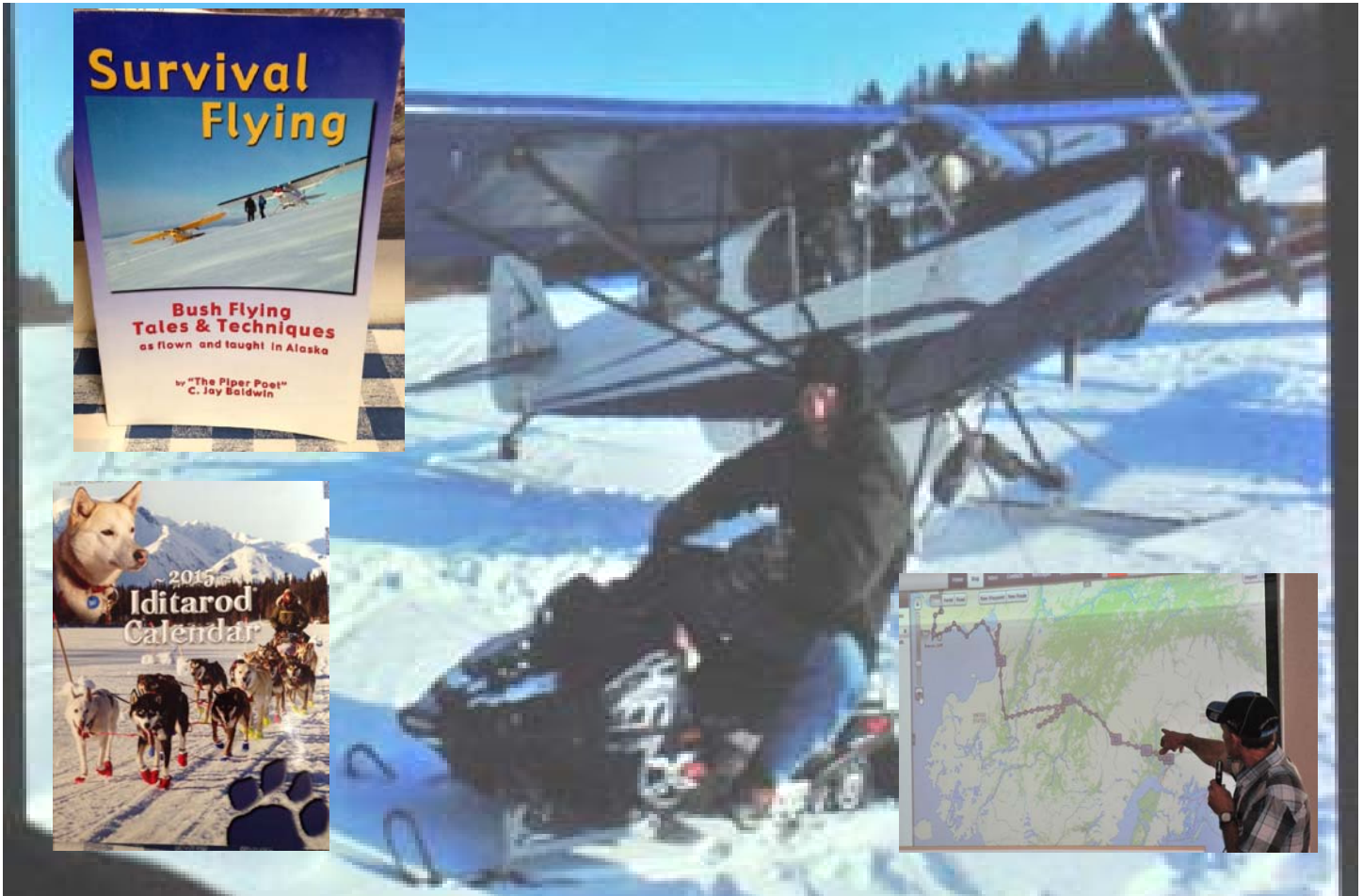


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Free Event sponsored by the Col. Bud Anderson Statue Fundraising Committee

Scenes from April's presentation: Chasing the Iditarod



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