

Auburn Aviation Association

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March 2014

President's Letter

MEETINGS

Wednesday March 5

6:00 p.m. General Membership
Please bring a dish to serve 8 or more people according to the first letter of your last name.

A-H—Salad/Side Dish

K-P—Dessert

R-Z—Main Dish

Wednesday March 19

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

The board meeting is subject to change dates, but is generally held on the third Wednesday.

Tuesday, March 25

6:00 p.m. 5AC Meeting

EVENTS

Monday, March 31 (new date)

6:00 p.m. Auburn Air Fair Mtg

New volunteers welcome.

Future meetings: 4/28, 5/19, 6/23,
7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22.

NOTICES

Please welcome new members

John Burke of Granite Bay

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As I sit down to write this message for March, my head is filled with thoughts of the Valentine's Day dinner I shared with close friends. At our table was a list of thought provoking questions. The last question was "Who is your role model and why?" I couldn't help but flash back to the Auburn Aviation

Scholarship interviews that I participated in early in February. The young men and women that Walt Wilson rounded up were once again exceptional. All of these young people were focused on a career in aviation. This could only have happened from seeing and admiring people involved in flying. What they observed was so powerful in their lives that they began to plan their futures as aviators. If we identify these influencers as "mentors," it is easy to see how powerful a role they play.

These mentors come in all shapes and sizes. They may be someone the young person will never actually meet, such as movie stars in an aviation-related movie, or writers who create fictional characters that inspire us to emulate their actions. They could be real people revealed in a biography or newspaper article that describes admirable lives and actions. They can be mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents, older brothers and sisters, even close friends' relatives. Where they come from is not of great importance—what matters is the impactful role they play in guiding the future actions of our best and brightest.

My hope in this world is that each of us recognizes the importance of mentors and devotes a little time to helping someone along life's path. Encourage others to have a mentor, be a mentor in every way you can in your daily lives, and aspire to follow in the footsteps of your personal mentor or mentors.

Finally, I encourage you to keep David and Chris Haven and family in your prayers as David makes a speedy recovery from cancer surgery.

Bob Snyder

Auburn Aviation Association Newsletter

2014 Flight Scholarship Winners

Thanks to all of you, we have selected three outstanding AAA scholarship winners this year. Supported by our air fair, donations and proceeds from the sale of drawings by Fred Sebby from the Reno Air Races, we are giving \$2500 worth of flying lessons to each of these promising young people. Profits from our prize package of a trip to Mercy Hot Springs very generously donated by Casey Long also funded these scholarships. The winners are: James Jacobson, Chris Wentz and Natalia Dzyndra. We interviewed ten exceptional candidates and our final decision was very difficult, as always. We feel confident these three pilots will make us proud!
Thank you for your support.



Scholarship Committee: Walt Wilson, Wayne Mooneyham, Carol Uhouse, Bob Snyder and Marcia Winborne-Graven



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Late Winter??? I sure hope we get more rain and snow fall. It is nice to see the politicians jumping on the band wagon to build more dams and reservoirs and save water now that there isn't any around. What happened to the water bonds of 2006 and the Auburn Dam project? Well, Mother Nature will take care of the problem eventually, despite what the politicians do, and I can get back to landing in the water with an airplane. Splish, splash!!

Sunshine Flyers is finishing up their ground school and the students will be taking their tests shortly. There is some good student activity on the airport. The students are of all ages, male and female and they represent the future of aviation and Auburn Airport. Thanks to all of you who have encouraged, sponsored, and taught that next generation.

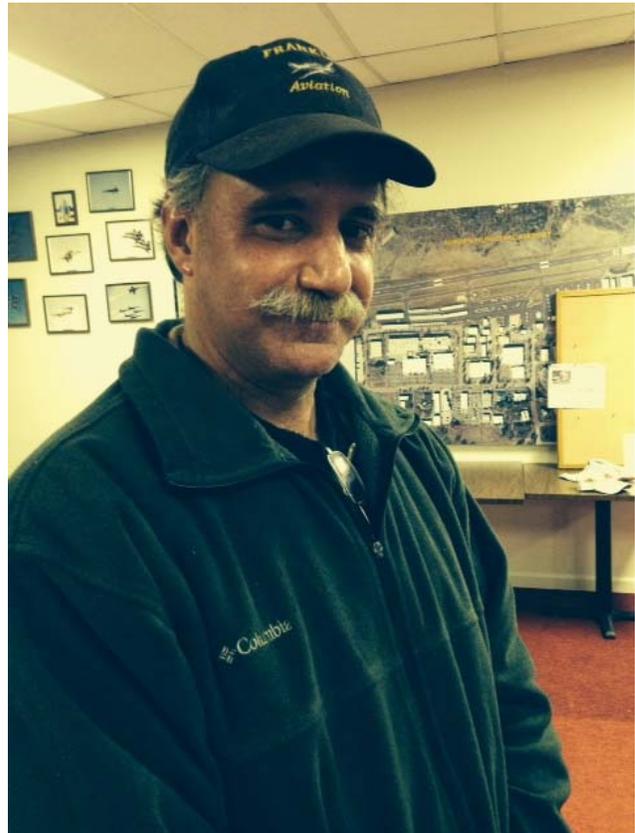
While I am on the subject of the next generation, John Crawford of Sierra Air Helicopter, has the newest and youngest new pilot, actually, a new Commercial pilot. Austin Bowa, 18 years old, on his birthday earned his Commercial ticket in the R-22 helicopter. Austin earned his pilot at seventeen and shortly after earned his helicopter instrument rating in the R-44. I think Austin really wants to be a helicopter pilot. Congratulations to both of you on a job well done.

Is anyone familiar with the Auburn display days? Those are the days in which the aircraft owners get to display their aircraft to the public and for that they get a property tax break on the aircraft. There are a couple of other requirements such as the airplane must be at least 35 years old and cannot be used commercially. Additionally the aircraft must be on display to the public twelve days a year. Every year Auburn display days are done during the first and third weekend of April and August (months that begin with and "A"). To validate your display time just check with Beau Perry for signatures and exact dates and times. If you cannot make those dates, the Lincoln regional Pilots Association (LRPA) also has some display days. At Lincoln the display days are the third Saturday of the month. The added benefit of the Lincoln is that the pilots have persuaded the city of Lincoln to lower their fuel prices for the whole weekend. Usually you can buy fuel twenty to thirty cents per gallon cheaper for the whole weekend and that is below their already-low rates.

Scholarship raffle is coming up here pretty quick. Casey Long of Alaska Airventures has volunteered his airplane to take a couple to Mercy Hot Spring for a day of hiking, biking and soaking in the mineral hot springs for only ten dollars. Well not exactly. For ten dollars you can buy a ticket to win this trip. There will be a limited number of tickets sold (300 at \$10 each for a total of \$3000.00) and all of the money will go to a scholarship

for a young person to get a pilot's license. The drawing will be conducted on KAH1 radio on the 28th of February at 12:30. Tickets can be purchased through Sunshine Flyers and Mach 5 Aviation. Please come and show your support for the scholarship fund.

Grass Valley's long-standing aviation champion Tim



O'Brien presented at the February meeting about his involvement with the Reno Air Races. Tim has been instrumental in helping chair Joanie Mooneyham produce the Auburn Air Fair. Keep an eye out for opportunities to volunteer with this event scheduled for September 27.

Let us recognize those members who organize the set-up and clean-up of the meal each month. Don't forget to bring your dish.

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

Mike Duncan
The Prop Turner

POTLUCK

MARCH MENU

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Around the Mach5 Clubhouse

It has been a fantastic month around 'The Clubhouse' at Mach 5 Aviation! Though we desperately need rain, the up-side of the long streak of good weather is that we have had the honor of helping some fantastic people achieve their flying goals! Our husband-wife team who travel from Alaska to fly with us in the winter had two great successes: Mark R. achieved his Commercial Pilot rating and his wife, Jennifer SOLO'd. Congratulations to them and to their instructors Beau Perry/Andrew Moon flying with Mark (below) and John Kluncker flying with Jennifer (right)



And then there's Todd P. (below) After his initial solo with CFI Andrew Moon, he got so excited he went out and bought a Cessna 182! So Auburn is also now home to yet another airplane.



Congratulations to Tim H. (above), who also achieved his Commercial pilot rating with his CFI Andrew Moon.

Speaking of aircraft making Auburn their new home, Greg P. is the proud new owner of this beautiful, highly advanced Cirrus SR-22 aircraft. When Greg's insurance required a Cirrus Factory Trained Flight Instructor (CSIP) to provide dual instruction, they of course called CSIP Certified Dennis Pearson to get him up to speed quickly. It was a fantastic opportunity to use the flight down from Medford Oregon to get this happy new owner fully spun-up on the use of glass-panel aircraft and the integration with advanced auto-pilot systems. And the Cirrus is simply a joy to fly! Congratulations to Greg!

Finally, we are honored to have been chosen by the three new AAA Scholarship winners as the flight training center to begin their aviation journey. We couldn't agree more with Bob Snyder's observations one page one. Having the opportunity to mentor young folks is both humbling and awe-inspiring. They are fantastic kids and it is a joy and a privilege to be a part of their growth both as people and student pilots. We wish them, and all of our fellow aviators the very best that life has to offer!

