

Auburn Aviation Association

PROPWASH



March 2015

MEETINGS

Wednesday March 4

6:00 p.m. General Membership.

March meeting attendees will be in for a real treat as retired Lieutenant Colonel Richard Stultz, USAF (Ret) is our featured speaker. Colonel Stultz logged 5,500 hours in fighter jets, including 100 missions over North Vietnam with the legendary F-4 "Phantom" Triple Nickel Fighter Squadron and frequently exceeded Mach 2 in the F-106 "Delta Dart."

Wednesday April 15th

Completed applications are due for AAA flight scholarships and must be postmarked by this date.
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AAA Board Meeting

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5AC Meeting

NOTICES

Welcome new members Dave and Cathy Rohlfses of Newcastle, and Jim and Susan Trefethen of Auburn

Back issues of the Propwash are available on our website at auburnaviationassociation.org

Membership dues are due.

\$20 per family. Bring a check to the meeting, or mail it to:
PO Box 6454, Auburn, 95602
Or pay online at our website. auburnaviationassociation.org
Click on the membership tab.
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President's Message

Our February general meeting was a resounding success for a couple of reasons - our guest speaker, C47 Crew Chief, Noall Bybee was outstanding as he entertained us with his WWII exploits and once again the benefit of advertising our event was evident by our increased attendance which was largely attributed to an article in the Auburn Journal. We had lots of first time attendees - several of whom joined our Association...and we welcome them!

As with every organization, there are always those who work "behind the scenes" and rarely get acknowledged. Two such members are Bernie Schroeder, Director of Public Works and Planning and Walt Wilson, Airport Technician and Liaison with the City of Auburn. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

There are a number of activities in the works for our airport and community that are planned for 2015. The Airport and Business Park signage at Bell and New Airport Road will hopefully get underway in the next few weeks. The official unveiling of the Bud Anderson statue (a tribute to Bud and all veterans so beautifully done by Doug Van Howd) is planned for mid-May. Bids for high resolution security cameras for various locations on the Airport, as well as the entrances, are in progress and an award will be made soon. Planned for later this year is a Card Gate at the East Entrance off Bud Anderson Lane.

Our neighbor aerodrome in Grass Valley is gearing up for their biennial AirFest planned for July 10th & 11th. Their event is always a "do not miss" show of exciting aviation entertainment for all ages. More to come in the future on this local extravaganza... meanwhile, you can follow them on Facebook. Search for Auburn & Nevada County Air Events.

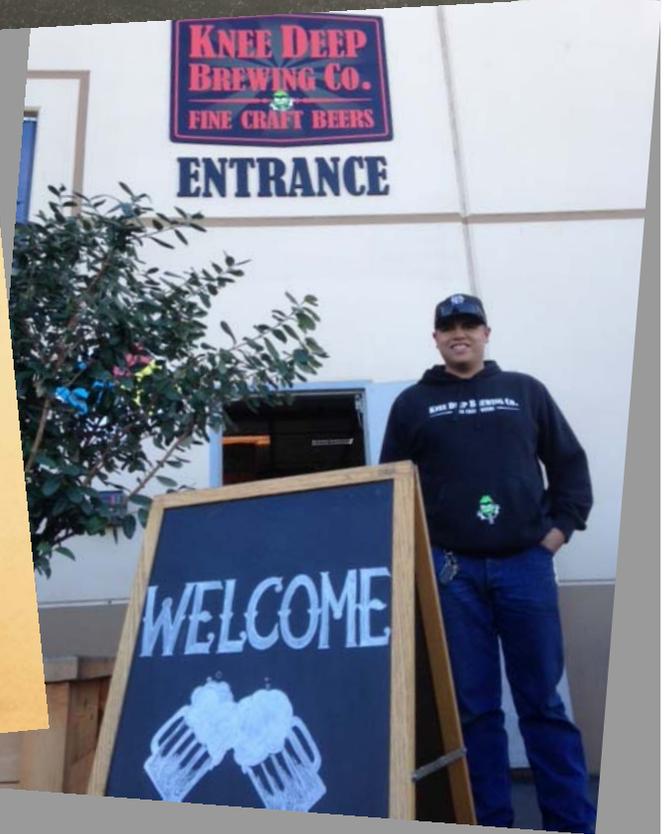
Our March speaker is Col Richard Stulz, USAF (Ret) who has logged 5,500 hrs in fighter jets. He is an accomplished businessman and is well known in aviation circles as a gifted multi-medium artist. March meeting attendees will be in for a real treat!

I'm looking forward to our next meeting and the opportunity of getting to know our new members! See you there...

Wayne Mooneyham, President



Around the Airport



Top left, Amanda at TGH Aviation's Gyro House displays her can-do attitude. Top right, Fog? What fog? Rocklin, Roseville and Sac were soaked in last week, but Auburn had clear blue skies. Bottom left, February speaker WWII Bronze Star recipient and C-47 Crew Chief Noall Bybee Bottom right, Mauro Valdovinos opens up for the evening at Knee Deep Brewery here at the airport.

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It has been a good month, February. Ted Rel passed his written test for the private pilot certificate with just a few weeks of studying and is now on his way to getting the flying portion done. At the pace he is going he should have his ticket in no time. Diane Hammer has soloed with her Dad, Rick Hammer, as instructor. Diane is hoping to get our scholarship as well as the 99's scholarship to help her pay for her lessons. Good luck and congratulations!

While on the subject of the 99's, this is the 30th year anniversary of the local chapter, The Placer Gold 99's. Sue Bell, who just recently earned her Private Pilots Certificate, became the historian of the chapter. Sue let me look through the two old photo albums to see if I would know any of the members. I even found a picture of me in there with the wife of that time. While the wife was considered a 66 (which is a lady getting her license), I was sworn in as a 49er 1/2. That is about as high up as a man could get. Half as good as a woman pilot. The names of many of the members came back to me but not all of them. The likes of Barbara Hall, Jean Coyle, Susan Franklin, Cathy Scanlon, Kellie Gant, Peggy Dwelle, Barbara Walkenhorst, and Nancy Van Howd were just some of the pilots that I recognized in the pictures. The pictures reminded me of the many projects and activities initiated and handled by the 99's at the Auburn Airport. There were pictures of them painting the name on the runway and redoing the numbers and white stripe. They managed to do that without even closing the airport. In total there were about fifteen people on the job with two or three watching for traffic and listening on the radio. When a plane came into land or take off they were asked to land on the left or right side depending on which side had the wet paint. As I recall it was a good thing that the paint dried pretty quickly because some of those pilots were lucky to be on the runway anywhere. The total time to do the painting was only a couple of hours and we were all over having breakfast after that. The 99's also helped us with a flour bombing contest we had at the Air Fair one year. A new car with a sunroof was used as a target. The idea was that if some one could land a one pound flour sack in the sunroof from 100 feet agl at 60 mph or better they could win the car. As thing turned out the car was pretty safe. One year they did a poker run. For those who have never been on one, the idea is to fly to four other designated airports to pick a playing card and the one who has the



best poker hand at the end wins. It was a successful fund raiser. The 99's are also responsible for the compass rose at the Auburn Airport and at several other airports in the local area. The local chapter has also been very active with other chapters in promoting fly out to other airports and trips to the national conventions held all over the country. These are only a few of the things that I remember about the group but there are many more stories to be told about them. Anyone wanting to know more about them or have stories to tell about the local group please contact Jennifer Meiners through Mach 5 or Sue Bell through Sunshine Flyers. I am sure they would be glad to hear from you.

The statue of Bud Anderson made by Doug Van Howd will be unveiled at its permanent location in front of Wings on May 16th. And for all of the support given to the effort by the Auburn Aviation Association, a commemorative brick honoring all veterans will be placed at the base of the statue. Other bricks are available for purchase to honor a veteran of your choice.

During the last few weeks I have had several students ask me about helicopter operations at the airport. I explained about their traffic patterns and their operation and said it was explained in the brochure about the airport. Sure enough when I went to look for one, I could not find one. When I called Walt Wilson he would bring some over to the office as soon as he could find them. Peggy Dwelle showed up the next day looking to update the brochure with the new business and new locations of old ones and reiterate the traffic patterns and noise abatement procedures. It is just amazing how great minds think alike. Hopefully with the information being updated and the city printing up the new brochures we should have them in about a month to six weeks.

If you have old electronics around, call Chris Haven (530) 401-6082 to arrange to drop-off items this Friday February 27 at Flyers Energy HQ at the airport. If you prefer, you can take your items to Placer High School 275 Orange Street from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday February 28 (in the Christmas tree sale lot). Proceeds benefit Placer's 2015 Grad Night Alive.

Welcome to new members Dave and Cathy Rohlfs and Jim and Susan Trefethen. Existing members, remember to pay your dues or you might be cut off from this wonderful newsletter.

Well that is about it for this month, so Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

MARCH POTLUCK

A-H—Salad
K-P— Dessert
R-Z—Main Menu

Photo: Diane Hammer made her first solo flight in February. Diane is working off her flying time at Sunshine Flyers.

It's spring time again and you know what's in the air? MAKING NEW PILOTS! Uh...eh-hem....meaning; Mach 5 Aviation is cranking up a Private Pilot ground school starting 31 March - tell all your friends that if they've been waiting for a reason to begin their quest for a pilot's license...now is the time! Call the office today to enroll (530) 889-2000 – *space is limited*.

Real time IFR: As many people know our fearless fighter-pilot leader at Mach 5 (Dennis Pearson) has been flying quite often to/ from San Jose. While doing so, he has had the opportunity to re-instill his IFR skills by flying approaches to actual IFR minimums of 200ft ceiling and 1/2 mile visibility in some very thick clouds. Many IFR certified pilots will attest that flying in such weather is not for the faint-of-heart! However, Dennis wanted to remind everyone that doing this is completely reasonable for ANY of our IFR certified pilots out there. He says it's a matter of discipline and practice. Have a very disciplined routine for your IFR flying that begins with flight planning and doesn't end until you shut down in the chocks: Know the rules, know the procedures (to include abnormal procedures such as executing a published missed approach), and most of all know yourself. If you don't routinely practice IFR, make the effort to get a safety pilot and DO IT! You will be much more proficient, confident and safe. Then, when you want to go someplace with less than VFR weather, it will be 'routine' for you also.

One of our Instructors, Jen Meiners, had the unique opportunity to help a new aircraft owner bring his new airplane home to Auburn from Norfolk, VA. What an adventure that was, especially given this was during the dead of winter for most of the country. They flew out commercially and completed the aircraft purchase process. Then the adventure began! It would take a small book to fill in all the details but some of the Aeronautical Decision Making they had to deal with included: Poor (ok, simply UGLY) weather conditions, a new/ unknown airplane with unfamiliar avionics. There was a point during a night leg that a "low fuel" light illuminated unexpectedly (THAT will get your attention while IFR at night!), there were of course multiple flight legs to plan, and when they finally got back to California (southern-ish California) the winds were howling so bad they were pretty sure they were actually flying backwards for a while -- strong wind are lots of fun. They made extremely smart and timely decisions the entire way and although they may have had a touch of frazzled nerves, arrived back home at Auburn without a problem. Jen did a fantastic job and the new aircraft owner couldn't have been more pleased to have had the opportunity to fly a "no kidding" cross-country flight to bring his new 'baby' home, and now Auburn is home to yet another terrific airplane!

Dennis had the opportunity to travel back to Washington D.C. as a member of a 20 person group from around the country and meet with the leadership of the FAA. He wanted to pass on that one of the most interesting facets of this trip was the surprise he encountered in seeing that there are people in leadership positions that actually care! Yes, it's true. Many of us talk and joke about how DC is 'out of touch' with the average person. Dennis was pleasantly surprised to find that not only is leadership within the FAA aware of the shortfalls in communication between "the country" and "DC", they are far less "out of touch" than we might think and actually do care about the growth and future of aviation within our country. Who knew?

Join us in offering congrats to the following folks!

Ratings

Dan Hill – Private Pilot (photo top left)
CFIs Beau Perry and Andrew Moon
Tierra Bickford – IFR (photo top right)
CFIs John Kluncker & Andrew Moon

Solos

Nat Griesert, CFI, Jake Roach (photo lower left)
Jim Barton Solo (photo middle left)
CFI's Karen Sutherland & Andrew Moon
Jacob Crosby, CFI Andrew Moon (photo bottom right)
Matt Trojanowski, CFI Andrew Moon (photo middle right)
Ryan Parker, Solo CFI Andrew Moon (not pictured)

New Airplane Owners

Ned Cohen - C182
Sean Booth - C182's





Dear Auburn Aviation Association Members:

We extend our thanks to all of you who obtained CALSTAR memberships last year. Your support was instrumental in helping us advance several initiatives that further strengthened our operations.

We encourage those of you who are not currently enrolled in CALSTAR's Membership Program to join us!

At a rate of \$35 per group member, you will save \$10-\$15 off our individual and family rates.

Please contact us for further information about the benefits of membership at info@calstar.org or (888) 207- 5433.



For those who would like to make a **tax-deductible donation** to support our life-saving operations in Auburn, please access our online donation form through www.calstar.org/membership. Your investment is vital to our efforts and helps support initiatives that benefit communities in Placer County.

Also, if you have not yet seen our **CALSTUFF** products, we invite you to visit www.calstar.org/calstuff to shop for newly-branded apparel and desktop items. The reversible beanie hats have been a huge hit again this winter – get them while they last!

On behalf of everyone at CALSTAR, we thank you for your continued support. Fly safe!

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Auburn Aviation Association Membership Form

Member Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone # – Home: _____ Business: _____ Mobile: _____

Type of License: Student _____ Glider _____ Rotocraft _____ Other _____

Rating(s): Private _____ Commercial _____ CFI _____ Instrument: _____ Other _____

Aircraft Type: _____ Type: _____

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