

Auburn Aviation Association

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October 2015

President's Message

MEETING

Wednesday October 7

5:30 p.m. Socializing

6:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting & Potluck. Our speaker is AAA member Shawn Bickford, a United Airlines pilot. Bickford will present photos and stories from his 25 years of flying the Alaskan bush.



NOTICES

Advertising rates for our 2016 AAA Member Directory are \$100 half-page \$250 full-page color. Peggy Dwelle (530) 305-9101

WELCOME

Welcome to new members

Allen & Cheryl Weideman—Foresthill
Bob & Shelly Brewer—Colfax

OCTOBER

POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish for 8 to share:

A-H—Dessert
K-P— Main Dish
R-Z—Salad

Our Association held the September Board Meeting on the 22nd of this month with a considerable list of items for discussion. Our most pressing issue was deciding whether or not to sponsor an Air Fair next year. There has been a fair amount of "behind the scenes" discussions with key personnel as to their willingness to commit their time and energy as they have in the past. Most of these folks have either chaired the event or been responsible for main areas for well over 15+ years. All of those asked declined to participate in 2016 for a myriad of reasons. Thus, the decision was made to not have an Air Fair in 2016. Supporting our goal of providing two flying scholarships per year is well within our budget, especially keeping in mind that we have been able to garner several outside contributions to the fund.

A minor but contributing factor in our decision to not sponsor the event was the intention of Lincoln and Truckee both planning air shows at their airports, not to mention the popular Capital Air Show at Mather. Our decision, however, does not rule out a "Thunder in the Sky" event in future years.

October is when we have our elections of officers. The Nominating Committee will present their slate for next year's Board and Committee Members at that meeting. The membership, as you know, may nominate a candidate from the floor at the meeting.

As a parting comment, our AAA Roster will be finalized next February so please "re-up" your membership early so you won't be "left out" of the new edition. If you are not a current, paid-up member, your \$20 dues paid now will cover the rest of this year PLUS all of 2016. It's not too early to join!

Wayne Mooneyham
President



Fall has officially arrived and now it is getting darker sooner. Daylight Savings time is not far behind. At last, I can go night flying and be home before 10:00.

Rachael and Steven Clegg have both soloed their recently acquired Cessna 182. Both are still Student pilots and hope to finish their licenses in their own airplane and that should not be too far in the future. Mike Poteet is their instructor and maybe next newsletter we will read more about them. Brian Tucker (pictured) also got his Private Pilot's License with Greg Pellerin as his instructor (on Bri-



an's left) with examiner Ashley Snyder. Additionally, another ground school of eight people just graduated and all have endorsements for their knowledge tests. Results should be forthcoming soon. All are going for their Light Sport ticket. The reason for them to try for the Light Sport rating is because that is the minimum rating the FAA requires in order to fly a drone commercially. Drones; Light Sport aircraft; it is all kind of new for me but it is going to be fun.

I have just spoken with Al and Debbie Casner about the status of the green hangar. They have been talking to the Placer Historical Society and have since been put in touch with the FAA historical folks and are getting a lot of encouragement from both groups. It seems that the FAA has a whole section within their department that is into preserving aviation history. With a little luck maybe the Feds will be able to help preserve the building and the land as an antique hangar and a place for others to see the history of the airport. Good Luck and keep up the good work.

The other day I thought my office was going to the dogs....and it was, sort of. Tammy Meredith, from my front office, belongs to an animal rescue group and she had arranged for some dogs to be dropped off here on their way to a new home. Pilots for Paws is a group of volunteer pilots who help to transport the animals to new and better homes. Pilots for Paws helps move mostly smaller animals like cats and dogs all over the United States. They work with veterinary clinics and animal shelters to save as many animals as possible. It is really a good use for your airplane and your pilots license. Keep up the good work Tammy and perhaps we can recruit a few pilots from Auburn.

A couple of new plaques will soon be placed on the airport. The first of these is a plaque honoring a small group of people who saved Auburn airport from becoming part of the dump. This group managed to get the airport back on a positive cash flow proposition and did the leg work in order for the airport to receive federal funding. Prior to the mid 1960's there were two runways and no paved taxi ways. Through their efforts one runway was eliminated and the other one runway is runway 25/7 that we know today. As a result of eliminating one runway they were able to create the industrial park. When that project was completed (approximately 1975) a bronze plaque was presented by the airport to honor these people. Within just a few days that disappeared and was not seen again until about a year ago. It was lost for almost forty years. Walt Wilson found it buried in a storage room about a year ago and a process was started to rededicate it. It is to be mounted at the base of the flag pole at the north end of Rickenbacker way. It not only honors those people who fought for our airport but it also shows what can happen to an airport when the users participate in the running of the airport-such as our 5AC group does. The second plaque to be will displayed at the base of the statue of Col. "Bud" Anderson. It will explain who he is and the great generation he represents. The organizing committee will meet at the



Van Howds on the 13th of October to start finalizing the mounting of the Plaque. As the presentation dates get closer and more assured I will be letting everyone know details.

The California Capitol Airshow is coming. It should be a great show with two jet teams and a B-29. This B-29 is the only flying B-29 existing today. A second one is scheduled to start flying perhaps early next year. The B-29 was the first pressurized bomber and its claim to fame is that it dropped the atomic bomb. That particular aircraft (the "Enola Gay") is in the Smithsonian Museum. The California Capital Airshow will be a great event and I am sure that our own Darcy Brewer, CCA's Executive Director, would appreciate your participation.

Look for my report of a tour of the McClellan Coast Guard base and the California Aerospace Museum by Sunshine Flyers customers and friends on October 11.

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

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

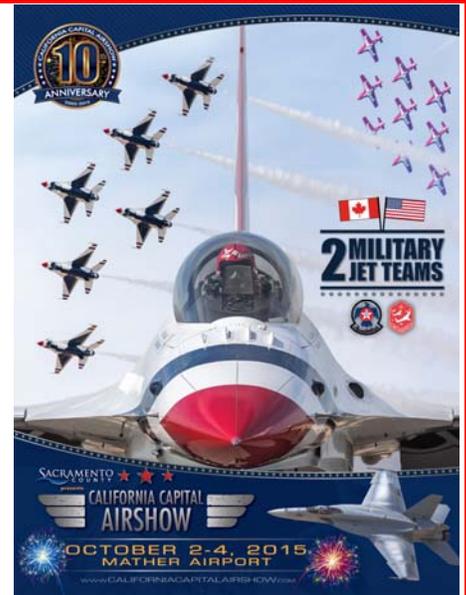
CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW

The California Capital Airshow will be roaring across the skies of our region again this year featuring TWO MILITARY JET TEAMS and our first-ever *Airshow After Dark*! The 10th anniversary celebration will showcase the spine-tingling USAF Thunderbirds and unforgettable RCAF Snowbirds, F-18 Super Hornet, as well as world-class aerobatics, pyrotechnics, barnstorming, over a century of aviation displays and endless entertainment, music, food and exhibits along the ramp. This thrilling, family-friendly, patriotic event has something for everyone and all ages - don't miss the action!

[Click here for tickets and details.](#)

Or watch the cool video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHi1NAbG61U>



AAA Proposed Slate of 2016 Officers

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.



- President — Tim Pinkney
- Vice President — Bryce Mitchell
- Secretary — Joanie Mooneyham
- Treasurer — Gary Vogt
- Newsletter — Chris Haven & Mike Duncan
- Publicity — Alida Miller
- Membership — Larry Borchert
- 5AC Chairman — Wayne Mooneyham
- Scholarship — Walt Wilson
- Emeritus — Dick Kiger

Tim O'Brien 2015

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Click on the membership tab.

Contact Carol Uhouse (530) 906-0863

Wreaths Across America Honors Auburn Heroes

The Auburn Area Republican Women sponsors the laying of wreaths on the graves of local veterans who died for our country. This year's Wreaths Across America event takes place at the New Auburn Cemetery on December 12th at 9:00 a.m. during a National Remembrance Ceremony. You are invited to sponsor one or more wreaths for \$15.00 each. Contact Joanie Mooneyham at (530) 878-0434.

Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

Auburn Aviation Association—Membership 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.

Member Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

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: _____

Annual Membership: \$20.00 each Dues: _____

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): Amount _____ Total: _____

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