

Auburn Aviation Association

PROPWASH



August 2015

President's Message

MEETINGS

Tuesday August 3

7:00 p.m. Meeting about the fate of the Clark Hangar.
Wings Restaurant Porch.

Wednesday August 4

6:00 p.m. Follow up meeting about the Clark Hangar.
Terminal Building.

Wednesday August 5

5:30 p.m. Socializing
6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner and General Membership Meeting



Gerald Glasser, former pilot of the famous SR-71 Blackbird will talk about his time flying the world's fastest aircraft.

NOTICES

Welcome to new member
Scott Woodland—Roseville

AUGUST BBQ

August is AAA anniversary month & our annual BBQ. AAA will provide hot dogs, hamburgers & condiments.

Please bring a dish to share:

A-H—Salad
K-P— Side Dish
R-Z—Dessert or Side Dish

Our Membership Roster is overdue for a biennial reprint. Now is a good time to verify if your dues are current so that you will not be dropped from the new edition. You can renew via our newsletter, Propwash.

Due to an additional unexpected sponsor, the Scholarship Committee was tasked with selecting a fourth candidate from the 21 applicants we received. Matthew Wirsch, from Auburn, was the applicant that garnered the most votes. It is through the generosity of members like Nancy Thym and others that we are able to support these aviation-minded youths. Thanks to all!

Congratulations to the Nevada County Airport group for a splendid "AirFest". The Friday night dinner/dance featuring the "Sister Swing" group was a huge success. Saturday lots of aircraft were on display, a duo of Patriots flew a couple of routines and a variety of fly-bys filled the skies most of the day. Additionally, there were many different types of flying machines on the ramp, as well as military vehicles, a veritable cruise day of automobiles and some world-class radio control aerobatics. And...the weather was perfect - what more could one ask for?

It's not too early to start considering whether we should host an Air Fair in 2016. A major concern is that many of our key personnel and committee chairpersons have retired after our very successful event in 2014.

As many of you may know, the Auburn City Council has voted on a ninety day period (until Oct. 22nd) for the "Save the Bill Clark Hanger" group to come up with a viable plan to keep the hangar in its present location possibly functioning as a museum. Anyone interested in being part of this effort should contact Councilman, Dr. Bill Kirby, flyingsurgeon210@yahoo.com, who is acting as the committee facilitator. The first meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday, August 4th, 6PM, in the Airport Lounge.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our 31st Annual BBQ Dinner Meeting on the 5th of August. Check for potluck assignments as the menu is a little different. Our guest speaker, Jerry Glasser, former SR-71 pilot, promises to have an exciting presentation that you won't want to miss!

Enjoy our awesome summer flying weather...

Wayne Mooneyham, President



I took my vacation to Alaska in the beginning of June and I think I am still on it. I just can not seem to get back to work.

Last month I forgot to mention that the Ford Tri Motor that visited Lincoln for four days set a record by giving ninety flights to those seeking a ride. Richard Pearl, one of the organizing people of the event came by to tell me about the record. It seems that when the Lincoln EAA chapter had asked for the Tri Motor to visit the Lincoln Airport, the pilots did not even know of Lincoln and were a little apprehensive about bringing the aircraft there, but finally agreed. After a long and extensive advertising campaign by the Lincoln EAA chapter a record was set for the most rides given in a four day period: 90 rides. Just a couple of months prior an airport in Texas had set the record at just over eighty rides. Lincoln easily broke that record. I think the airplane may be back next year and I also think that the EAA now knows where Lincoln Airport is. Thank you to all those from Auburn that made this event so successful.

On the subject of success, Brandon Kane (one of our scholarship winners) and Diane Hammer both earned their Private pilot Certificates just a couple of days ago. Greg Pellerin and Mike Poteet were their respective instructors at Sunshine Flyers. Additionally, Steve Holbert passed his Private Pilot Knowledge test. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

During the last month, Sunshine Flyers sponsored a trip to Sacramento Capitol Airport (SMF). Fourteen people attended and it made for a small convoy of little airplanes into the airport. Tom Molokie sponsored a guided tour of the Flight Inspections Field Office (FIFO). Tom met us out front of the facility and ushered us to parking. Our first order of business was a 45 minute power point presentation to explain their mission. Flight Inspection is responsible for ensuring that all of the navigation aids and instrument approaches are working correctly and accurately, along with your PAPI and VASI lights. Their office is responsible for approximately the western third of the United States. This means that all the navigation aids are checked approximately twice a year, approving the new approaches, and checking the old ones after maintenance. That makes for a lot of flying for the three aircraft they have and the twelve pilots. The pilots fly between six and seven hundred hours per year each plus the paper work. Tom even explained why it took so long to get our PAPI system approved. From there we went to the hangar where we are able to see the aircraft they fly as well as crawl around inside the aircraft. They fly Lear 60's and the aircraft in a corporate configuration might hold as many as eight people in the back plus two up front. In their configuration maybe two can fit in the back with two up front. The rest of the airplane is packed with electronic equipment. There is so much equipment running in the back that keeping everything cool is a major problem for them and sometimes they must break off a mission and go to altitude just to cool things off. The second part of our tour was a visit

to the control tower at the Capitol airport. I am sure that it was with Tom's help that we were able to go up there. Our group was broken down into two parts because of the limited space but we all managed to get a controllers eye view of the airport and how things work. The tower jobs are basically broken down to four positions. The Tower Controller directs the aircraft to a landing and coordinates the take offs. The Ground Controller helps keep the traffic flow on the ground smooth and prevents those traffic jams from the parking area to the end of the runway. This job can get really hectic when the fog moves in and the controller cannot see the ground from the tower. The Clearance Delivery Controller helps to be sure that every one has their clearance before take off to prevent a traffic jam in the air. This helps to free up the Ground Controller when things get really busy. Last but not least is the Supervisor. No job is complete without one. Actually the Supervisor is there for training purposes and to help in case some one gets overwhelmed or just acts as another pair of eyes to look for aircraft. Thanks, Tom, for helping coordinate the visit and to Diane for being the driving force at Auburn to get the tour done. Everyone one had a great time. I am looking forward to our next tour.

A while back I mentioned a plaque that was found buried in one of the storage rooms in the terminal for more than 35 years. This plaque was to thank a small group of people who came together in the late sixties and early seventies to save the Auburn Airport from becoming a garbage dump. Bottom line is they acquired federal funding to create the airport we know today. The current plan is to have the plaque placed at the bottom of the flag pole for all to see and to remember their efforts. I am hoping for a rededication ceremony when that happens and invite all those named on the plaque who are still around so that they can be personally thanked for their efforts. Walt Wilson and Bernie Schroder are heading this project.

One last thing before I go this month. While this may be the last thing, it is not the least important. Al Casner and his wife, Debbie, have gained a 90 day reprieve on the Bill Clark hangar and will be having a meeting on the patio of Wings Restaurant on Aug 3rd at 7:00pm. Any one wishing to participate in helping to formulate a plan to save the building and possibly have the makings of a museum, please come and show your support and give your input. Additionally, there will be a second meeting on the fourth at the terminal building at 6:00 p.m. After all, it was only through your support were they able to get the delay in the first place. Please come one and all. Bill Kirby will be facilitating on behalf the city. Please come.

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

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



*Top left photo: **Brandon Kane** (AAA scholarship winner) and **Diane Hammer** with 'tin of "victory cookies." Both recently got their private pilot's licenses under instruction at **Sunshine Flyers**. At right: AAA member **Joe Madrigal** (**Alida Martin's** beau) completed the Airman Knowledge Test in June, made his first cross-country flight, is preparing for his solo cross-country flight, and rapidly approaching his check-ride. Flight training is being completed with **Odyssey Aeronautics** under the instruction of **Dave Redmond**. Joe is less than a month away from reaching his goal of achieving his Helicopter Private Pilot License.*

Additional Scholarship Awarded

Because of the generous donation from Al Thym and the Thym family, we are able to award another scholarship this year. We have chosen **Matthew Wirsch**, whom you will meet at the August meeting. Congratulations to all our scholarship winners! Walt Wilson and committee

Donations Always Welcome

We received a \$100 scholarship donation from **Melinda Jacobson** (James' mother) for the scholarship fund. Direct donations to the scholarship fund are welcome. See the Membership & Donation form, page 5.

Scholarship Student Updates from Mach 5

What are we doing as an organization to make a difference? Where are we investing our time, energy and funds? Well, I can answer this for you very simply...Together, we are inspiring and educating the next generation of aviators by making new pilots! The Mach 5 Aviation team wants to thank YOU, the Auburn Aviation Association members, Board and Scholarship Committee, for making it all happen and for making students' dreams come true. The kids you have selected are amazing young people. We adore them and watching them all take flight reminds us why we are in this business in the first place. **Here's a quick update: Jack Bell** recently completed his cross country training, stage check and is getting ready for Private Pilot Checkride very soon! **Michelle Hanson** will probably have completed her first Solo Flight and FAA Written Examination by the time you read this newsletter. There is also rumor of a new student on the near horizon! **Wow!** This part of our job is truly a labor of love and *oh-so rewarding*. Stop by the Flight School and check up these future leaders this summer. You won't be disappointed.

Darcy & Dennis
Mach 5 Aviation, Inc.



Group picture in front of the tower at Sacramento Capitol Airport (SMF). From left: Jon Escalante, Brandon Kane, Tom Molokie, Greg Pellerin, Diane Hammer, Mike Duncan, Joe Esparza, Tyghe Richardson, Dan Garcia, Tammy Meredith, Ruth Ferguson, Ken Ristuben, and Jim Yoakum. Photo taken in front of one of the FIFO Leer Jets during the hangar portion of the tour. Beginning Left: Brandon Kane, Jon Escalante, Greg Pellerin, Mike Duncan, Diane Hammer, Ken Ristuben, Jim Yoakum, Joe Esparza, Ruth Ferguson, Neil Brown, Tammy Meredith, Tyghe Richardson, Dan Garcia. A huge thanks to Tom Molokie, kneeling, front row. Bottom right—Oscar Bosch at the July meeting, giving a talk about his defection from Cuba at age 18 to come to the United States. Bottom left, scholarship winner Michelle Hanson and her mom, Marla, at the July meeting. The flat cat is a nose gear target for parking planes at the FIFO. Ernie and Bert provide artistic relief in the lobby at FIFO.



Membership and Scholarship Donation Form

Auburn Aviation Association—Membership Form

Fill out and return the form with payment or log on to www.auburnaviationassociation.org and use PayPal or a credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal.

Member Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

eMail: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

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: _____

Grand Total: _____

Mail form plus check payable to:
Auburn Aviation Association
PO Box 6454
Auburn CA 95604-6454

Contact:

Peggy Dwelle
530 305-9101
peggy@4flyers.com

Darcy Brewer
916-517-0717
darcybrewer@gmail.com

AAA is a 501(c)3 Corporation. Donations to the Scholarship Fund are deductible using Tax Exempt ID number: 68-0083066

AAA 2015 Board Members

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Membership | Darcy Brewer & Peggy Dwelle—darcybrewer@gmail.com |
| Scholarship | Walt Wilson—530-878-6640—bonwally@hotmail.com |
| Past President | Bob Snyder—530-210-8537—snyder@jps.net |
| Publicity | Bob Ferber |
| Director Emeritus | Dick Kiger—530-885-4364 — Dolores@jps.net |
| Board Mbr. At Large | Peggy Dwelle —530-305-9101 —peggy@4flyers.com |
| 5AC Chairs | Wayne Mooneyham & Dave Fulton |
| Newsletter Editors | Chris Haven—530-401-6082 — origamigirl5@yahoo.com |
| | Mike Duncan—916-632-9506 — Duncan7kcab@sbcglobal.net |

Send us your news, events, and photos!

AAA 2015 Officers

| |
|---|
| President—Wayne Mooneyham |
| 530-401-0594 waynemooneyham@cebridge.net |
| Vice President —Tim Pinkney |
| 916-719-0630 tim.pinkney@me.com |
| Treasurer—Carol Uhouse |
| 530-878-9496 carol.uhouse@camoves.com |
| Secretary—Joanie Mooneyham |
| 530-401-0595 joaniemooneyham@cebridge.net |