

Auburn Aviation Association

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April 2014

MEETINGS

Wednesday April 2

6:00 p.m. General Membership
See Potluck menu, below.

Wednesday April 16

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
The board meeting is subject to change dates, but is generally held on the third Wednesday.

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

Mindy & Paul Jacobson
PO Box 1288
Cedar Ridge, CA 95924

AAA Membership Renewals

are due for 2014. It's a bargain at \$20.
Now you can pay online at
www.auburnaviationassociation.org/membership or contact
darcybrewer@gmail.com
(916) 517-0717

POTLUCK

Please bring a pot-luck dish (to serve 8) as listed below by the first letter of your last name.

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

President's Letter



I believe we all have interesting backgrounds that need to be shared so I reached out to one of our newest members for *his* story. Don Treco joined AAA last fall. His longtime love of flying was not dampened despite having been in Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor with his father in 1972 when an F86 Sabre Jet slammed into the restaurant after taking off from Executive Airport. (He does complain,

however, that he never got his sundae!)

Don got his ticket with Horizon Aviation in 1995, and for three years flew as a Flight Officer with CHP Air 21 and Air 23 in C185s. While with CHP Air Ops, he was an instructor in Human Factors, CRM & Aviation Safety, instructing twice a year in Southern California for a variety of law enforcement agencies' air crews.

After retiring from the CHP, Don opened Gumshoe Detective Agency and now flies his crew members for aerial surveillance missions as part of his business. His crew members are trained in ground handling, pre-flight, flight ops, post-flight, aerial surveillance, photography, and radio communications. His C172 is equipped for surveillance with HD digital video, gyro-stabilized optics, radio adaptors that permit communication with Gumshoe ground units on repeated and tactical channels, and more.

Some may also remember Don as the bandleader of Moonlight Swing Big Band from 1996 to 2005, when his band traveled by DC-3 to various gigs including a performance for Bob Hope at the Wings Over Stockton Airshow. A special arrangement of "Thanks for the Memories" was written for Bob & Dolores Hope, who sat in the front row while the band performed from a flatbed Army truck. He remembers a tender moment of Dolores wiping a tear from Bob's eye.

In another aviation-related pastime, Don is also a member of the very small "KHAQQ" Amelia Earhart research organization, led by the son of the Chief Radio Operator on the Coast Guard Cutter *Itasca* and other members who have been featured on National Geographic, the History Channel, etc.

Don looks forward to getting to know the members of the AAA, so please give him a hearty welcome and grilling befitting his occupation and exciting experiences!

Bob Snyder

Auburn Aviation Association Newsletter

Mercey Hot Springs Charter Giveaway

Casey Long with Airventuresalaska.com helped along the AAA scholarship fund this season with his generous donation of a charter trip to Mercey Hot Springs. After his own sister won the drawing, Casey pulled another ticket to reveal Dennis Pearson as the lucky winner. Also a generous soul, Dennis gave the trip to Mach5 mechanic Bob Burnett. At right that's Prop Turner Mike Duncan, AAA President Bob Snyder, and KAHI's Mary West pulling the winning ticket. Thanks again, Airventures Alaska, and to all who bought a raffle chance.



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Spring is here officially. It says so on the calendar. Our non-existent winter has come and gone and the weather is clear and warm. Summer will probably be the same except warmer. The bugs are accumulating on the windows and wings after each flight and the birds are building their nest in the airplanes already. Spring is here.

Tiara Bickford earned her Private Pilot Certificate this past month with Jim Hinson as her examiner. I had the opportunity to fly with Tiara earlier in her training before she went back to paradise (Hawaii) to finish her flight training. Also Rick Hammer managed to get another rating in a sea plane. He is now a Sea Plane pilot as well as and Sea Plane Instructor. Welcome to the club of Sea Plane Instructors. Now, where did we put that float plane?

One of my former students is Chad Sanders. Chad will graduate with a Masters Degree in Aeronautical Engineering next year and his masters project is a jet powered motor glider. With help of his brother, Tyler, and family, Chad has designed a modification to a Schweitzer 126 glider with two fifty pound thrust jet engines from a remote control model. While the engines have been adapted to the glider, the glider itself has not been modified. They used the existing structure and everything is bolted on to the glider. The two engines are mounted behind the pilot and with the movement of a lever, about like a parking brake handle, the engine rotates into the turtle deck behind the pilot. This configuration results in no drag from the engines while gliding, but allows the motors to easily be brought out into the slip stream when needed. The engines have been tested, and they are very loud. First flight should be in May some time. Hope fully I can be there. It is gratifying to see the next generation take an interest in aviation.

Speaking of gliders, I was talking to Richard Pearl the other day and we were wondering if anyone would be interested in another trip to Truckee for some glider flights. We had a great time when we did it last year. "Emergency Landings Made Easy" is what we are calling the event, but Richard says that for glider pilots it should just be called "Normal Landings Made Easy". So whether you are a powered aircraft pilot or a glider pilot come out and have a good time. We are taking names for those

who might be interested. The day comprises two hours of ground school along with two flights in the gliders for only \$225. Soar Truckee reopens in May, so we will schedule the event toward the end of that month. It will be during the middle of the week in order to give us the most amount of time with the instructors and the gliders. Give Richard or me a call if you are interested.

While is nice to see the next generation take an interest in aviation, it is time to celebrate the past generations. To do that, there is a small group who raising funds to build a statue to Col. "Bud" Anderson and his generation to say thank you for all they have done to keep this nation of ours great. Doug Van Howd is building the statue to be installed in the yard at Wings restaurant. Over the next few month there will be several fund raisers to help pay for the statue. You can make a donation direct to the fund VIA AAA. AAA is the organization fronting for the statue and all donations will be tax-deductable. The first event to kick things off is an evening at the movies at the State Theater on the 27th of April starting at six o'clock. Two movies will be shown along with autographed pictures with Col. "Bud" Anderson and other memorabilia. The first of the two movies is about Col. Anderson life and the second is Casa Blanca. If you buy tickets in advance you can get 20% off dinner at Monkey Cat and Tre Pazzi restaurants in downtown Auburn. More events are planned, including a Bar-B-Q at the airport in May and a third event planned for September. The exact date for both of those events is yet to be announced, but keep your ears open.



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

Mike Duncan

The Prop Turner

Photos: center, Rick Hammer; bottom Mike Duncan pre-glide.

Around the Mach5 Clubhouse

One of the AAA scholarship recipients, Natalia Dyzndra, soloed on March 24th with Mach5. Instead of the normal 3 solo landings, she had so much fun she went up for a fourth! She is pictured below with her instructor, Jennifer Meiners. Mary Combs (right) soloed with Mach5 on the 18th of March, also with instructor Jennifer Meiners. Pictured at bottom right is Mach5 student, Colby Hemm, who soloed on 20 March. Stewart Wells is his instructor.

Mach5 student Tom Hancock used to have his private pilot's license. He spent a long time in the army and is now a businessman. He has not "soloed" an airplane in more than thirty years, but he did so again in March with Mach 5. Flying an airplane again was on his "bucket list" and he attended our 10-lesson ground school to help him brush up on his aviation knowledge.

In addition, Mach 5 just finished our private pilot ground school last night. We had 11 students, ranging in age from 16 to 66+. They are in various stages of flying from "never have flown" to owning their own airplane. All will hopefully soon pass their private pilot exam.

Join Mach5 and AAA friends for a fly-out. See photographer Mark E. Loper's photos of the day's destination:

<http://www.markeloper.com/aviation/patriotshangar.html>



Mach 5 Aviation and the Auburn Aviation Association
present



Fly-Out & Patriots Jet Team Tour

- Saturday, May 10th departing around 10:00 AM
- A presentation and tour of the Patriots Jet Team Hangar
- An on-site lunch with the members of the Patriots Team
- A formation flying ground school prior to the flight, and coordination with those wishing to fly in formation



- Please RSVP to Mach 5 Aviation at (530) 889-2000 or mach5aviation@gmail.com
- Let us know if you want to participate in formation flying
- Cost is \$15 per person to cover lunch