

Auburn Aviation Association

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May 2016

President's Message

MEETINGS

Wednesday May 4th

5:30 p.m. Socializing

**6:00 p.m. General
Membership Meeting &
Potluck.**

Montie Vanlandingham—Aerial firefighter with Sacramento Metro Fire — is the speaker. He'll talk about using helicopters to fight fires in the region.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kenneth Nielsen, Auburn

NOTICES

Advertising rates for our 2016-17 **AAA Member Directory** are \$100 half-page \$250 full-page color.

Deadline May 1st!

Peggy Dwelle

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Your badge is ready! Pick it up for \$13.00 at the next meeting.

MAY

POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a dish to share:

A-E Dessert

F-Q Main Dish

R-Z Salad/Side Dish

Airshow season is ramping up throughout the U.S. and there are many opportunities to see terrific acts in the Sacramento area. Starting off the season is our neighbor's **Lincoln AirFair** on June 11. The event is Co-Chaired by AAA member Richard Pearl who is seeking more volunteers. To volunteer and for further information visit their web-site: www.LincolnAirFest.com

The following weekend is the **Truckee Tahoe Air Show**, June 18-19, with planners touting their event as focused on "Space, Science and Beyond."

Wings Over Watsonville, scheduled for September 3, dubs itself as "Fun, Family, and Free!"

The U.S. Navy's Blue Angels will be the featured performer at the **Reno Air Races** on September 14-18 at Stead Airport, a few miles from downtown Reno.

Then comes the 11th year of the nationally recognized **California Capital Airshow**, October 1-2, with the Navy's "Blues" again flying the tightest formation of any flight demonstration team. CCA is one of the largest and most highly respected airshows in the nation. Many of our AAA members have volunteered there year after year and always come back for more. See their web site at www.californiacapitalairshow.com

to become a volunteer. All of the action takes place at Mather Airport in Rancho Cordova.

Our very own **Thunder in the Sky** occurs this year on October 8. This year AAA is not organizing or running the event but we strongly support it! The AAA liaison, Joanie Mooneyham, says the show will be very family focused. She also said they are looking for motivated volunteers.

Lastly, the **Nut Tree Air Fair** is Oct 15 with classic, vintage and warbird aircraft on display.

So dust off your flying skills, link up with some AAA members and head out to the beautiful skies to see some beautiful planes and outstanding airmanship.

P.S. Despite a surge in airline travel, there were one-third as many fatal plane accidents in 2014 than there were in 1971, according to the Aviation Safety Network. Last year, the rate was 0.24 out of 1 million departures. That means less than 1 accident for every 4 million flights. The single most dangerous part about flying... is driving to the airport!



April showers bring May flowers, and with that our scholarships have been presented to our new budding flowers—I mean pilots. Out of the six applicants who applied we were forced to pick only three. All of our applicants have historically been more than qualified and it is always hard to pick the most deserving. However, we have. The winners are (drum roll please) Justin Holtz of Grass Valley, attending Sierra College, Robert Hewett of Citrus Heights, attending Valley Christian Academy, and Isabel Sacksteder of Penn Valley, attending Forest Charter School. Thanks to our generous donors and air fair participants. Thanks also to the committee: Walt Wilson, Tim Pinkney, Wayne Mooneyham, James Jacobson, Bob Snyder and Marcia Winborne-Graven. \$2500.00 is a heck of a kick start to getting their ticket. I am happy to report that 2015 scholarship winner Jack Bell has been accepted to the Air Force Academy. Congratulations on your appointment, Jack. Speaking of inspiring young people to fly, the Young Eagles program will be flying on May 14th from 9:00am to Noon.

To those who are already pilots and are advancing their proficiency

and ratings, congratulations go to Dan Garcia and Tyler Haymore for earning their Commercial Ratings. Foryst Van Dyke earned his Instrument Rating to go along with his recently acquired Commercial Rating. Respective instructors Michael Poteet (Sunshine Flyers), Michael Duncan (Sunshine Flyers), and those from Mach 5 Aviation should be congratulated on a job well done.

Well our new gas pumps are up and running. In with the new and out with the old. New pumps, new hose reel, new hoses, new credit card machine. It will take a little bit of a learning curve to get used to it but it does seem to work better. If you have any questions about the system or just need help learning how it work just ask the folks at Threshold Aviation. They will be more than happy to lend you a hand. No more waiting 5 - 10 minutes for the pumps to prime themselves in the morning. The system also prints out your receipt without having to come back later for it. It is a good thing that it was up and working before the truck broke down. The truck should be running again by the time most of you receive this newsletter.

A new plaque has been installed at the base of the flag pole. Actually it is an old plaque that was found in a storage room by Walt Wilson. Back in the 1970's a group of local businessmen and individuals banded together to save



the Auburn Airport. (This group is also the forerunner to our own 5AC). After several years of hard work and running all over California, they acquired FAA grant money to save the airport from becoming a landfill. The city had presented the plaque in a small ceremony and mounted it in front of the city building on the airport. However, several days later it disappeared—for almost forty years. It was only rediscovered about two years ago. If you want to view it, just drive by the flag pole on Rickenbacker Way. Congratulations to all those mentioned on the plaque for saving the airport for the future generations.



Tom Palmer, one of our long time members, is greatly involved in preserving the Hmong people's culture. Tom became involve with the Hmong during his tour of Vietnam as a forward air controller and later as a Raven. The "Ravens" were part of our secret war where we were not supposed to be, flying in support of the Hmong. The Hmong were our strong allies during this era in our secret war in Thailand and Cambodia in trying to curtail the traffic on the Ho Chi Min Trail. Many came to America as refugees after being forced out of their land and homes during the withdrawal of US troops and many settled in California's central valley. From May 7th through the 15th there will be a display at the Merced Fairgrounds to honor this community of people. This same exhibit will be coming to the Sacramento sometime in the fall if you miss it in Merced. www.hmongstory40.org

Well, my Citabria is back flying. After more than a year down, I had run out of excuses for why it should not fly. With help from my friends (mostly nagging me, which was greatly needed and appreciated) the airplane flies again. I am thinking that maybe a "Flight of the Phoenix" party is in order. It sure is nice to have it back in the air. Now back to flying it.

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

The Prop turner
Mike Duncan

At left: Tyler Haymore is pictured with Ashley Schneider, designated pilot examiner, after he passed his Commercial Check-ride. Above: The long-lost plaque is now mounted and displayed at the foot of the flag pole.

Photos



Top left: Mike Duncan congratulates Caleb Kanomata on achieving his first solo flight at the end of March. Middle left: Meeting guest Everton Edgar is working toward his light sport pilot certificate. Middle right: Thanks to SOFIA Flight Engineer Chris Farinha for presenting last month. He is pictured here with his sister-in-law Tina on his right and his wife, Nikki, on his left. Sunshine Flyers donated a flight for special-needs teen Baylie Sear and mother Holly Sear. Bud Anderson and a producer from Channel 10 showed up to make the day complete.

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