

Auburn Aviation Association

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June 2014

President's Letter

MEETINGS

Wednesday June 4

6:00 p.m. General Membership
Don Treco is a member of Amelia Earhart research group KHAQQ and a former CHP Flight Officer who currently flies for his Gumshoe Detective Agency. Don will talk about some Earhart disappearance theories and their credibility. See Potluck menu, below.

Wednesday June 18

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

EVENTS

Monday, June 23

6:00 p.m. Auburn Air Fair Mtg
New volunteers welcome.
Future meetings: 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22.

AAA Membership

Membership is a bargain at \$20.
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POTLUCK

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

A-H—Salad/Side Dish

K-P—Dessert

R-Z—Main Dish



The California Capital Airshow is a big deal. It's a massive effort led by our own Darcy Brewer that is much more than a two-day thrilling weekend. It's a year-round effort dedicated to creating opportunities for young people in aviation, aeronautics and aerospace-related fields. As a nonprofit organization, the Airshow provides scholarships to young people interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers. During the two-day annual event, the **Launch Pad** is a hands-on, interactive exhibit for teens sponsored by Aerojet Rocketdyne—clearly the Airshow's commitment to our region's youth. Sound familiar? They have a mission much like the Auburn Aviation Association!

But that's not all. On Sunday, May 18, Stephanie and I attended a wonderful Airshow event at Mather Airport called **Positive Altitude**. In its fourth year, the afternoon included almost 300 at-risk young people from all over the region for an eye-popping aviation experience that introduced them to positive role models and experiences. This year, the event included an inspirational speaker. Tony Magee captured their imagination and demonstrated that a career in aviation-related fields was a door to success in life AND available to anyone willing to work hard. Tony served 17 years as a senior materials engineer for the Space Shuttle and a materials engineering professor at Cal State Northridge. Today, he is the Director of STEM Education Outreach for Aerojet Rocketdyne.

Some of the students were given the experience of controlling an airplane on short flights over Mather, thanks to the many pilots who volunteered their airplanes and flying skills. But Positive Altitude isn't solely about the thrill of flying. It is about recognizing the opportunities that lie ahead and the tools needed for success. Tony's message exposed these young people to a life beyond their neighborhood, showing them the possibilities that lie over the horizon.

My dream is that the Auburn Aviation Air Fair will also inspire our youth to reach beyond the horizon and achieve the greatness we all know they possess. I hope it's yours, too!

P.S. You may want to treat the young folks in your family to Tony's book, *Can't Shove a Great Life into a Small Dream*.

Bob Snyder

Auburn Aviation Association Meeting Photos



Photos clockwise from top left: Jerry and Nora Poole are always nicely turned out for the meeting. Lynn and Bob Lombard enjoy their meal. Speaker Drew Townsend with his lovely wife. Martin Scheyhing sits next to "nose artist" and prospective member Maria Group.

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This past month we have had two fundraisers for the Col. "Bud" Anderson statue. The first of these was called A Night at the Movies with an American Hero and held at the State Theater. All of the seats were sold out. Memorabilia items were sold along with Col. Anderson's autographed book, *To Fly and Fight*. The evening started with a forty five minute movie on Bud's life showing how he was raised in the Newcastle area, met his life-long wife Eli, his induction into the Army, his training to be a fighter pilot, his 16 1/4 victories, and his flight test days. The second movie of the night was *Casa Blanca*. Both movies were great. The second event featured more barbecue, airplane static displays and several talks by Col. Anderson on his flight test days and war years. Between both events, more than \$16,000 were added to the kitty. This far exceeded the anticipate amount. Thanks goes to Bob Riordon for organizing and executing the dinner and to all those who helped him. Rich Anderson and Jennifer Henry of TGH deserve recognition for heading the committee to organize the night at the movies. Many thanks also go to the AAA their part in coordinating the donations. A third event will be held on October 10th to put the fundraising over the hump. The event at the Ridge Golf Club banquet room will feature a big band sound and singers and dancers. Check out the web site at www.budandersonfundraiser.org for further details or contact Jennifer Henry at TGH.

James "Will" Cannon earned his Commercial Certificate in only two weeks with Mike Duncan as his instructor. After about six years and seven hundred hours of flight time, Will decided to quit procrastinating and get his Commercial ticket. From here he hopes to get a job crop dusting. Also on the list of folks getting ahead in their flying, both Ken Ristuben and Jon Escalante soloed this past month in Sunshine Flyers C-172. Mike Potet was instructor for both Ken and for Jon. The students are both working on their cross country flights and should have their tickets in the not too far off future. Good luck to all.

Emergency landing day at Truckee is coming up. Are any of you ready to see what is like to land with no power? This year we will going up on June 20th, a Friday. For those who have never been in a glider, it is a great experience in power-off landing and can help to improve your ability to judge a power off landing in your powered craft. It's a fun day, and depending on how long you want to stay, they usually have a bonfire and some grilling in the evening to start the weekend after the flying is over. Camping is also available if you wish to spend the night. Check with Richard Pearl or me for more information.

Well that is about all for this month, so Good Night Miss Daisy. Mike Duncan, The Prop Turner



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