

Auburn Aviation Association

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March 2016

President's Message

MEETINGS

Tuesday March 1st

5:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Barnstormer Room

Wednesday March 2nd

5:30 p.m. Socializing
**6:00 p.m. General Member-
ship Meeting & Potluck.**

Our speaker is local corporate pilot and CFI John Kluecker. John has more than 5000 flight hours, including 3000 in turboprops and jets. John was awarded "National Top Pilot" after leading the University of North Dakota's Flying Team to First Place at the 2001 NIFA National Championships.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Judy Boucree, Auburn
Dave & Pamela Robertson, Auburn
Roger & Joyce Wofford, Auburn
Dave & Melissa Cowles, Granite Bay

NOTICES

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

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

MARCH

POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a dish to share:

K-S— Main Dish

T-Z — Dessert

A-J— Side Dish/Salad

What do the 'greatest stick and rudder man' Bob Hoover, movie stars Harrison Ford and John Travolta, the last surviving duo of the Doolittle Raiders, the last man to walk on the moon Gene Cernan and the pilot of the first and only, non-stop, unfueled round the world flight Dick Rutan, all have in common? They have been inducted into the *Living Legends of Aviation*.

And, I was privileged to meet them at the 13th *Legends Awards* in LA last month.

When I talked with 94-year old Sargent David Thatcher (pictured p.3), the engineer/gunner on the 7th Doolittle bomber (played by Robert Walker in *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*), why an US Army Air Corp enlisted man was wearing the "Wings of Gold" of a Naval Aviator Officer, he simply replied in a proud, but soft, aged voice, "I had one takeoff from the carrier *Hornet*". Nothing more needed to be said about his one-way trip to Tokyo in a B-25.

The *Living Legends* awards and its *Kiddie Hawk Air Academy* were created with the mission to "spark children's interest and create motivation in various aspects of aviation."

Likewise your association does the same with our scholarship program. Annually, we grant a minimum of two \$2,500 scholarships. They are available to Auburn area students to introduce them to the exciting world of general aviation. Recipients of the award will receive paid ground school and initial flight training. Candidates must be at least 16 and no older than 22, with a third class medical certificate.

If you know a youth who fits the criteria, we want them to submit their Scholarship Package SOON. We all need more and younger aviation types!

In closing, you should know that the average American work week has declined from 66 hours in 1850, to 51 hours in 1909, to 34.8 today, according to the Federal Reserve. Enjoy your weekend!

Fair Winds,
Tim Pinkney

While in LA for the Living Legends of Aviation ceremony, Tim went to view the space shuttle Endeavor. This is the third one on a quest to see all four.



Well, the winds are blowing and the bluster is here until the first Tuesday in November, they tell me, but the weather is has been about average for February. So far everything has been pretty secure against the wind and no damage has been reported. Between the storms we have had some absolutely beautiful weather for flying. In February David Ashe achieved his solo flight with Greg Pellerin as his instructor. David and Greg are pictured below with the Sunshine Flyers Cessna 172.



Additionally, Foryst Van Dyke (pictured below with the Piper Arrow he flew) has earned his Commercial Pilots certificate with Michael Poteet as his instructor. Foryst earned his commercial rating so he could become a crop duster. He is currently working on his instrument rating. Good luck to all on a job well done.



The plaques for the Col. "Bud" Anderson statue have been installed on the west side for all to see. It is nice to have people admiring them and getting their pictures taken in front of them. Even better is that the folks are not climbing all over the statue itself.

The airport fencing project continues. Bids have gone out to put in a cardlock system at the eastern most entrance to the airport, off of Col. "Bud" Anderson way. The last I heard was that the bid was approximately \$70,000. Running the electrical all the way out there is going to be one of the major costs for the gate itself and the card readers.

Another project the city is considering is the need for additional aircraft parking, both transient and permanent. Currently there are only 8 permanent tie-down spaces available on the airport and transient parking overflows into private spots on busy days. Limited parking affects Auburn Airport's ability to grow. We will hear more about this issue in the near future.

Air show season is fast approaching. The Golden West, Watsonville, the California Capitol, Fleet Week in the bay area, and of course our very own Thunder in The Sky are coming up. Save October the 8th for our show, which will be featuring the Army's Golden Knights parachute team. We are currently looking for sponsors so if you know of anyone wanting to be a potential sponsor for the show, call me at Sunshine flyers or Jennifer Henry at TGH.

The Pilot shop reopening has been delayed until April 1. The new owner, John King, has had some delays in getting going but he assures me that April the first is the day. Hopefully I will be able to announce a grand opening ceremony date in the next newsletter.

Scholarship applications for 2016 are due March 15. You can direct qualified prospects to our website www.auburnaviationassociation.com. Click on the Scholarship tab to download guidelines, questions, and application.

Well, that is about all for now, so Good Night and happy St. Patrick's Day, Miss Daisy.

Mike Duncan
The Prop Turner



Photos



Top Left: President Tim Pinkney stands with February speaker Maynard Nelson. Nelson joined the Army Air Corps on Feb 3, 1942 in Seattle and went on to be a bomber pilot in the B-24. Top Center: 2015 scholarship winner Jack Bell soloed in May and achieved his license in August, doing his check ride with Jim Hinson. At the AAA meeting Jack expressed much appreciation for the scholarship saying that we are helping him achieve his long-standing dream of becoming a pilot. Jack trained with Mach5 and is now working around the Hangar at Flyers. He has applied to the Air Force Academy and should hear soon whether he has been accepted. Top Right: Doolittle Raider David Thatcher with Tim Pinkney at the Living Legends of Aviation event in Los Angeles. Left Center: Fellow Living Legends of Aviation Harrison Ford and Bob Hoover. Right Center: New AAA member John Massey is pictured with Dick Rutan. Bottom Left: Tim Pinkney and Dick Rutan. Pinkney and new AAA member Ken Lux recruiting the next generation of new members for AAA.

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