

## Auburn Aviation Association

# PROP WASH



**November 2015**

## President's Message

### MEETING

**Wednesday October 7**

**5:30 p.m. Socializing**

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

Our speaker is combat jet fighter pilot, Col. John Lowery, USAF (ret.) who was among the first pilots to engage in aerial dogfights while flying high-speed jets. All previous air-to-air combat had been flown in piston driven fighters. His presentation, "Jet Age Gladiators" recounts flying the F-86 *Sabre*, the first United States swept wing fighter, during his 43 Korean combat missions.

The History Channel has featured some of his combat flying stories in an episode entitled, "F-86 *Sabre* - Jet Strike!"

A 25-year Air Force veteran, Lowery has over 5,000 military hours flying eight different USAF jets. For the last 26 years he has been a civilian flight instructor in business jets and has logged an additional 8,500 flight hours, totaling 13,500 and as he says, "...and still counting!"

He has been named "Professional Pilot of the Year" and is the author of four aviation-oriented books and is a Professor at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University."

### NOTICES

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### NOVEMBER

### POTLUCK MENU

Bring a dish for 8 to share:

**A-M— Main Dish**

**R-Z —Salad**

**N-Q—Dessert**

Aloha...Our Officers and Directors for the next year have been elected and there are several new faces which should provide the Association with a renewed vitality. Please, introduce yourself to them if you haven't had the opportunity to personally meet them.

Fall appears to have arrived along with our time change...but, where is our wet weather? Maybe writing about the lack of moisture will be the equivalent of a "Rain Dance" - we can only hope! For we aviators, it's been great flying to local destinations, so enjoy the shortened days and cooler weather while the autumn days are with us.

I feel compelled to tell our membership about a recent airport experience that should remind us how fortunate we are to have such an active airport and aviation community. On the island of Maui, on the northwest side is Kapalua West Maui Airport (JHM). Its runway is 3700 feet, about the same as our little Auburn facility. Kapalua has neither an FBO nor private aircraft. It's limited to 70 operations per day (no night flights) and most of those are by Island Air with deHavilland Dash 8 Turbo Props that account for approximately 38 flights per day. Throw in a few helicopter flights and that's the total usage of an otherwise very nice airport and terminal.

Oh, yes, our vacation at the Honua Kai was wonderful, warm and very scenic but the under used and unappreciated West Maui Aerodrome made me nostalgic about how much a part of our lives a small airport can be.

It makes me appreciate what a great facility we have here in Auburn.

In fact, I think I'll go fly around the Auburn foothills, maybe check out the fall leaves - just for the fun of it!

A hui hou...  
(Good-bye until we meet again.)

Wayne  
Mooneyham  
President



Another month has come and gone, the holidays are upon us, and the airport has been busier than ever. Sam Bradley, Trek DiCarlo, Bret McComb, and Rob Meldenhall have all passed their light sport written tests. Additionally Steve Clegg and Dan Garcia have passed written test for their Private Pilot and Commercial Licences respectively. Sam Bradley soloed in a light sport aircraft with Jeremy Larsen as his instructor. Not to be left out, Mike and Julie Cox soloed in a C-172 with Greg Pellerin and Mike Poteet as their respective instructors. Giuseppe Rioni and Chad Tomlinson both soloed with Mike Duncan as their instructor. Justin Staas earned his Commercial helicopter rating with John Crawford, Sierra Air Helicopters, as his instructor. It has been a pretty busy at the airport. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard and keep up the good work

For those looking for another adventure in flying, have you tried a power parachute? This past week I saw several power parachutes come in to Auburn. They kind of fall between an Ultralight and a Light Sport Aircraft. Basically it is parachute with a small engine attach to the pilot's back to provide forward propulsion. The pilot inflates the parachute, starts the engine, and proceeds to run forward to produce enough lift to get into the air. It is kind of comical to watch, but it is flying cheaply. Once airborne they fly around at 30mph plus or minus. The particular folks I talked to were in a race from Seattle to San Diego. The race is for the Icarus Trophy (Why it is not called the Daealus Trophy, I do not know.) and lasts about twelve days. It is sponsored by the Adventurers. This years winner made the flight in two and half days. It was nice to see that many of the contestants chose to stop in Auburn for fuel, and some even spent the night. I am sure they had a great adventure



It is that time of year when we think about the holidays and how a Touch of Home is always very nice. Actually, Touch of Home is a group of volunteers who send packages to our troops abroad and local veterans and families. The parent organization has been in existence for more than twenty years and our local chapter has been working out of the Flyers building on Rickenbacker way for the last three years. They have been sending packages once a month to our troops and are scheduled to send out more packages on the 10th of November. Any one wishing to make a contribution in the way of non perishable groceries, personal items or cash can make drop offs at Dawns Hallmark or Raley's. You can also call Georgiana Lohman at 530-305-3153 for more information and / or a personal pick up. Additionally, you can also drop off things at

Sunshine Flyers or bring it to our meeting and I will see that your donations get to the group. If you know anyone who would like to get credits for community service for school, this organization qualifies. Let's bring a little of that Touch of Home to our troops for the up and coming holidays.

This past month we organized a trip to visit the Coast Guard facility and the Aerospace Museum at McClellan. Fourteen of us flew from Auburn to McClellan Airport, while three more drove. We met Lt. Hindlin who is the Coast Guard base information officer. Lt. Hindlin gave us a personal tour of the Coast Guard C-130 and a talk on their mission. We were able to crawl all over



the aircraft and sit at all of the work stations from the pilot and co-pilot position to the load master, navigator and flight engineer seats. We had many questions for him and he very graciously answered them all. We spent about an hour and half with him before we ran out of questions. In the end he promised to come to Auburn and visit us here,

although he could not bring the C-130 he would come up in his C-172. Is a C-172 bigger or smaller than a C-130???? After a short break and getting instructions on how to get back to our airplanes we moved on to the museum. The museum is only about a quarter of a mile away and a very manageable walk The air conditioning was a welcome after the heat of the day. We were met at the door by a docent who gave a personalized tour of the indoor exhibits. There were all kinds of cut aways of many different engines and aircraft components. The Flyers Energy-sponsored flight simulator was there as well as several other interactive exhibits. One of the more interesting exhibits, I thought, is a helicopter drone that is armed with two torpedoes and tested by the Navy. In today's world it would not be unexpected but this one was flown in the late 1950's, more than sixty years ago. After about an hour tour of the inside of the museum we proceeded outdoors where we were broke into two groups for a guided tour of the aircraft parked outside. Many of these aircraft were flown out of McClellan at one time or other. We saw many aircraft from an AT-6 (WWII trainer) to a mach 2 fighter bomber from the 1990's. There are far too many to name individually. There is one totally civilian airplane hanging from the ceiling. The airplane is a highly modified Pitts Special flown by Earl Allen. Earl won the gold race in the bi-plane class. Both tours were great fun and well worth doing again. I need to go back to try and see what I missed the first time around. There is so much there. The museum is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 10:00am until 4:00pm. It is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Well that is about all for now. I hope every one has a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Until next month, Night Miss Daisy

The Prop Turner  
Mike Duncan

# Auburn Airport Has Gone to the Dogs

As a student pilot and animal lover, the idea of flying rescues to their new homes is the perfect formula. I'm a volunteer and co-founder of Angels Rescuing Animals. We're a small but devoted rescue group networking with other organizations to make a difference in the lives of those that truly need our help. You've heard the phrase "It takes a village," and that's just what we strive to be. We work closely with Patti Smith at the Madera Animal Shelter. Patti's husband, Bob Glougie, is a pilot and animal lover (lucky us!). Bob has flown prior rescue missions into Auburn for us. On Saturday, Sept. 5th, he and his 11 year-old grandson, Treven, were flying for Pilots 'N' Paws ([www.pilotsnpaws.org/](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org/)) to bring us a Chihuahua mom and her two babies in desperate need of a place to go. As always, they were delivered safe and happy. Mike Duncan of Sunshine Flyers, my flight school, is always supportive and offers a place for the rescues to stay cool while my partners take "Bob & co." for a thank-you lunch at Wings. We feel very fortunate to have found so many devoted people that make extraordinary efforts in the name of rescue. So the next time you see a dog crate being unloaded from an airplane, know that you have just witnessed the efforts of many, many wonderful people.

**Tammy Meredith**



## Flyers Flight Zone Opens



*Left: Judy Dwelle helps brother-in-law Tom Dwelle follow the rules at the opening of the Flyers Energy Flight Zone state-of-the-art simulation center at the Aerospace Museum of California at McClellan Park. Even the most seasoned pilots had fun. Simulator experiences ranged from flying a 172 to landing the F-22 onto an aircraft carrier flight deck.*

## Wreaths Across America Honors Auburn Heroes

The Auburn Area Republican Women sponsors the laying of wreaths on the graves of local veterans who died for our country. This year's Wreaths Across America event takes place at the New Auburn Cemetery on December 12th at 9:00 a.m. during a National Remembrance Ceremony. You are invited to sponsor one or more wreaths for \$15.00 each. Contact Joanie Mooneyham at (530) 878-0434.

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Top left: Mike and Julie Cox both made solo flights this month and are pictured here with their children. Top right: local pilot Emma Quedzuweit staffs the Gumshoe Detective Agency surveillance plane at their static display during the California Capital Airshow. Center left: At CCA 2015 with Larry Borchert, Doug Fee, Joanie Mooneyham, and Chris Haven. Right center: Sam Bradley after his Sport Pilot solo flight. Bottom left: Sunshine Flyers' Diane Hammer tours the C-130 at McClellan. Bottom right: Tim Pinkney and Jody Popp Wooten at the California Capital Airshow.

# Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

## Auburn Aviation Association—Membership Form

Fill out and return the form payment or log on to [www.auburnaviationassociation.org](http://www.auburnaviationassociation.org) to use PayPal or credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time.

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Type of License (Circle One or More): Student Glider Rotorcraft Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Membership: \$20.00 each Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

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