

Auburn Aviation Association

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October 2014

President's Letter

MEETINGS

Wednesday October 1

6:00 p.m. General Membership
Michael Duncan, of AAA's original founders, will talk with us about his history in Auburn.
See potluck menu, below.

Wednesday October 15

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
Although the date is subject to change, AAA board meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday.

EVENTS

Saturday October 18

Lincoln Airport Open House
LHM will host a pancake breakfast, antique aircraft on display, Young Eagles flights and more.

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NEW MEMBER

Darrin Silver
www.housesales101.com
Meadow Vista, CA

OCT POTLUCK

A-H—Main Dish
K-P— Salad
R-Z—Dessert



I recently heard from a friend that had his life extended by a gift of a kidney transplant. The donor was his adult daughter. He told me that at first he was against her giving up one of her kidneys for him.

Her rationale, the reason my friend said OK is what I want to share with you. She told him,

“Dad, I'm not just doing this for you. I am doing this for me, too. If I can postpone the inevitable grief of losing you, and I can ensure that you have more days with me and my daughter, I'm going to do it.” My friend didn't have a comeback after that.

I want to share this personal story with you because it has a great message. We do good things for others and for ourselves because the world is a better place when we do. We all give something to get something.

Think about the hours and hours, the personal sacrifice, the physical exertions that have gone into our Air Fair. We do this because we care about our aviation association; we care about our airport and its place in our larger Auburn community. But have you ever thought that we do this also for ourselves?

It is in our personal best interest to educate our friends and neighbors about the magical world of aviation. It is in our personal best interest to show young people the honorable professions in the aviation world. We need them to be our future leaders, aeronautical engineers, scientists, and business leaders to make our county strong and up to the challenges ahead.

The bigger question is “What can I do to present the best of aviation with the available resources?” The Airfair Team has demonstrated just how teamwork can meet our Association goals, our community goals, and of course our personal goals.

Thank you.

Bob Snyder

Air Fair 2014 Photos



Here's where you can find Air Fair 2014 pictures on the web:

<https://auburnairfair2014.shutterfly.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AuburnAirFair>

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Mark E. Loper with the big camera may post photos on his site:

http://www.markeloper.com/aviation/Air_Shows.html



Photos: Airfield photo with C-54 parked on the ramp north of the fuel island and a close-up of the C-54. Credits: CHP. Left: Sanders Sea Fury and Right: what looks like a runway close call, courtesy of Tim O'Brien.



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Wow, what a wonderful Air Fair we had this year. New planes we have not seen here before and what seemed like a bigger crowd. It all started nine months ago with Joanie Mooneyham volunteering again to be the director and putting together a great team and it all came together this past weekend. On Friday the whole airport had to be rearranged. Airplanes moved, stanchions and barricade set up, areas roped off, port-a-potties set out, vendors brought in and set up, tents set up, pilots lounge set up, and a hundred other little things done all in one afternoon. Additionally the Flyers hangar had to be cleaned out for our Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast.



Our night-before dinner dance was a great success with approximately two hundred fifty people attending and a personal surprise for me, a birthday party. Chris Haven along with the rest of the Dwelle family had a cake made up with my name on it and everyone sang "Happy birthday" to me along with Don Gwinn and his daughter Kephri, Tim Rundel, our city manager and another lady named Betty who also had a birthday on the 26th. I think it was a surprise to us all. I was certainly surprised. About half the static display aircraft had arrived by the end of the evening and the rest would come in the morning. Saturday came early. Pancake breakfast was served by the Boy Scouts at 7:00am. The final preparations were in progress. Planes coming in: the Sea Fury, T-6's, T-28, several gyrocopters were trucked in, a powered parachute, a glider came down from Truckee, a plastic wrapped RV-6 with a really unique scheme, a Porterfield, an Interstate, a Pitts Model 12, a Twin Beech C-45, two if the Patriots Jet team came, and the high light of the show was a C-54 (DC-4). The Patriots team put a great mini air show with their fly-by's and the huge heart they made in the sky with their smoke systems. The T-6's put on several great four ship fly-by's in various formations and their smoke systems going. The Sea Fury with its wing tip smoke generator is always a great show. Everyone is amazed how the wind spirals off the wing tips and how the smoke shows that off. Al Casner fired up his R-4360 with the

usual fire and smoke. The Model 12 Pitts did numerous passes on the runway before heading home. The glider was towed into the air for a short flight demonstration with Richard Pearl narrating. Rick Hammer, one of Sunshine flyers instructors, was the pilot in the glider and said the weather was perfect for soaring. If he had not been given a time limit on his flight he could have been up all day. On his turn downwind for a landing he was still getting a thousand feet per minute up drafts. The C-54 (also known as a DC-4) was the last to show off its talents. This airplane has over a hundred foot wing span and is almost that long. Weighing in at almost 40,000 lbs empty and four 1450 hp engines, it has to be the largest airplane ever in to the Auburn Airport. The pilot landed it here as if he did it every day and could have landed it in half the length of the runway. Greg Foss and his Ground Ops team was there to lead him off the runway and to parking. The C-54 take-off was equally spectacular. Using what seemed like only a 1000 ft., he took off and proceeded to do numerous fly-by's demonstrating how nimble the big airplane really is. No wonder they were used as fire bombers after the military and the airlines were finished with them. With the departure of the C-54 the day started to wind down. The ramp was cleaned up to a great extent and the rest is to be finished on Sunday and Monday. What a great job Ken Dwelle did organizing all of the flying and Greg Foss did in keeping it safe on the ground, and also to

the many volunteers who helped to make it work and especially to Joanie Mooneyham for stepping up to the plate and making all of this possible. Hopefully we will have some pictures up on the web page for you to see.

Our statue committee for Col. Bud Anderson will be having their final fund raiser on 10 October 2014. It will be at the Ridge Club house beginning at 5:30 with happy hour, live music, a raffle and book signing by Col. Anderson and a great dinner with dancing. Check at their web page www.ColBudanderson.com. Or call Jennifer Henry at TGH for tickets. There is just a limited number left so hurry up and call.

I have one last thing for the month. Soar Truckee will be bringing their glider to Auburn for flights. Anyone interest in going for a flight need only call Richard Pearl or Rick Hammer to schedule a flight. Soar Truckee are the same people that brought you that glider flight at the air show and sponsored our emergency pilot training for the last two years at the Truckee airport. I can also help you get in contact with them through Sunshine Flyers.

Well that is all for this month so good night, Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan

Thanks to photographer, graphic designer, show emcee, and MVP committee member Tim O'Brien for the photo.

Happenings at the Mach5 “Club House”

This month we congratulate Colten Nelson on achieving his pilot's license on September 9th with his CFI's Larry Uzelac and Andrew Moon. We wish Auburn's newest pilot a very successful flying AND academic future as he begins his college career at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. We also wish great success to all of our aspiring pilots who are now back in high school and college for the new school year.

From August 25 to September 1, Nevada's Black Rock Desert was once again home to Burning Man. The event brought a huge crowd of 68,000 people celebrating creative art and expressionism. Mach 5 Aviation pilots enhanced their flying skills by landing on the dirt strip at the temporary towered Black Rock city airport in the desert. If you've never experienced some of the people involved with



Burning Man, or landing on a large dirt runway –both are fascinating! (Burning man photos are from scotthaefner.com and panoramio.com)

The first weekend in September brought the California Capital Airshow to Mather Airport. The Show was once again an amazing event paying tribute to WWII veterans and showcasing many remarkable facets and history of aviation. The USAF F-22 Raptors (pictured), USMC Harriers, Patriots 6-Ship Jet Team, pyro-

technics and warbirds galore such as the P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, P-40 Warhawk, rare A6M Zero, Hellcat, Spitfire and Corsair (just to name a few) rocked the skies of our region. All were amazing displays of our military's air prowess past and present. As usual, we “deployed our troops” to Mather for the week and had a fantastic time supporting this thrilling and inspirational event.

Aviation isn't just about fighter jets (as much as we do love them) and defending freedom, it offers expressions of art and bravery as displayed by the dare-devil wing walker, the Patriots and the many other talented aviators. Mach 5 mechanic Bob Burnett and his father Don Burnett took part in assembling the wing walker's beautiful Stearman Bi-Plane in preparation for Carol Pilon's performances. Bob and Don also took part in taking the Stearman apart after the show's conclusion for trucking back to Canada.

The show was an exciting experience for huge crowds that came from across the globe. Congratulations to Darcy and the 1,100 volunteers that work tirelessly to deliver the public an opportunity to experience aviation up close and personal.

And last, but not certainly not least, the smoke and poor visibility have made flying a challenge this month. Please join us in saying a prayer of safety for all of the brave people helping to fight the fires. We are hopeful they will get the fires under control, the firefighters stay safe and people's homes are spared.

Congratulations to all on a stellar Auburn Air Fair.





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