

Auburn Aviation Association

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February 2016

President's Message

MEETINGS

Tuesday January 26

6:00 p.m. 5AC Meeting
Barnstormer Room

Wednesday February 3rd

5:30 p.m. Socializing

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

Montie Vanlandingham—Arial
firefighter with Metro Fire will tell
how they use helicopters to
accomplish firefighting missions
in the region.

Tuesday March 1st

5:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Barnstormer Room

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Art Armstrong—Auburn

Andy Matischak—Auburn

Gordon and Paula Ainsleigh —
Meadow Vista

NOTICES

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

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Happy Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY

POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a dish to share:

A-M — Main Dish

N-Q — Dessert

R-Z — Side Dish

When writing this, my presidency began 16 days ago. It's been non-stop the first two weeks!

Sadly, **Dick Kiger**, an instrumental founding member of the Auburn Aviation Association, passed away and his memorial service on January 4th in the Barnstormer Room was very well attended.

Wayne Mooneyham, Chairman of the 5AC Group, reports there are now 9 security cameras installed on the field. Bids are currently being solicited for adding taxiway LED lights. And three bids have been submitted for an East Gate controlled access system. One firm will be selected to begin work in the near future.

Airport Operation Honcho **Walt Wilson** told me there was a minor incident in mid January when a low winged-aircraft from another airport made a wheels-up landing at about sunset. There were no injuries to the pilot and only minor damage to the plane. Auburn Police and Fire Departments were on scene with the latter foaming the runway after the landing due to some leakage. The incident was reported to the FAA and the airport was closed for 2 hours as the aircraft was strong-armed onto dollies and rolled off the runway near the CHP hangar. The foam was then washed off the runway and aircraft.

In addition to Walt, our own **Tom Dwelle**, leader of the volunteer Auburn Airport Emergency Group, was there to assess the entire operation. There were also many volunteers from airport FBOs and firms pulling together to help out and push the aircraft off the runway.

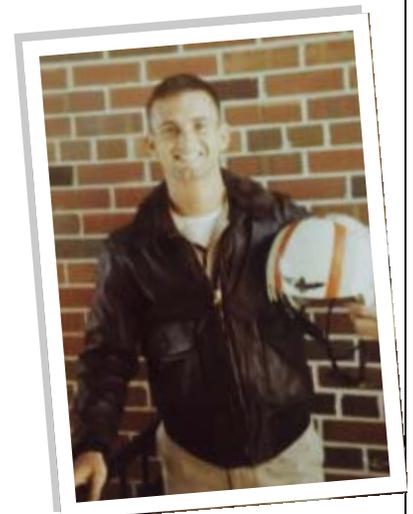
David Sites, Fuel Truck Operator Extraordinaire and Auburn City contract worker from the Threshold Aviation Group, was an unsung hero for getting the airport's fire truck immediately on the scene.

Damage to the runway as reported by Walt consists of "a few bruises that included scrapes from the plane and 200 feet of 'prop chops' on runway." Unfortunately, our new camera system was not working and not able to provide us with documentation! The NTSB came out later and details of their report were not available at press time. Bravo Zulu to All Hands for their help in the this unfortunate incident.

Ending on a lighter note, the average American now retires at age 62. One hundred years ago, the average American died at age 51. Enjoy your golden years -- your ancestors didn't get many of them.

"Fair Winds" Auburn Aviation Enthusiasts,
Tim Pinkney

Photo taken one hour after issued my coveted U.S. Naval Aviation leather flight jacket (still have it after 45 years!) in Pensacola FL in 1971.



Well, the weather has been terrible for flying, but that has given the students time to study for their knowledge tests. Chris Gray, Al Angulo, and Tammy Meredith have all passed their Private Pilot airplane knowledge tests. Additionally, Jeff Ott has passed his instrument knowledge test. Good show for taking advantage of the bad weather to study. Between the storms, both Robert Hewett and Cory Mickelson found the time to complete their first solos in a Cessna 152 with Jeremy Larsen as their instructor. Well done, all.

Bud Anderson's 94th birthday was this past month on the 13th. A small group helped him celebrate at the Monkey Cat restaurant in Auburn. He is looking pretty good



and is planning this year to continue giving his speeches on his flying career. I can only hope to be in as good a shape as he is and have the energy he has in the coming years. I am two thirds his age and have half his energy and enthusiasm. Congratulations Col. Anderson and I look forward to your next birthday.

We had a little excitement at the airport last Friday night when a pilot landed his Mooney gear up. No excuses, he said. "I just forgot." I guess nothing else need be said to that except try and not get distracted and use your check list. I know some of my students want to know why I check the landing gear so many times in the pattern. Now, all I have to do is show them pictures of the Mooney.

The pilot shop at Auburn will soon be reopening under new ownership. According to John King, he will be trying to get it going by the first of February. I do not know of the new name yet but it will be at the same location as the TGH site. John will be changing the inventory a little bit and so if you have any idea's as to what you want him to stock we can let him know. One of his ideas is to have some introduction or scenic flights going this spring in a big biplane and/or his T-6. It may even be a ride in the T-6

that he races at Reno. What a great opportunity to actually fly a Reno race plane. Good luck to you, John.

At the January meeting new president Tim Pinkney took some time to thank members who went off the board in 2016. The service of these dedicated volunteers is much appreciated — Carol Uhouse, Darcy Brewer, Bob Ferber, Christy Oliviera, Alida Miller, and Wayne Mooneyham. A special award was given to founding member and tireless volunteer Peggy Dwelle for her many years of consistent service to the Auburn Aviation Association.

Also notable are the décor updates to the Barnstormer Room. The work was overseen by Airport on-site Manager Walt Wilson. The brass chandeliers and red carpet have been replaced with more neutral carpet and paint and some previously-stored artwork adorns the walls.

Those red AAA name badges are reserved for special members only—they paid \$10.00 to have one made. You can use the membership form on page 5 to order your badge, or just talk with our capable Secretary Joanie Mooneyham, and she'll order one for you. A list of name badges that have already been made is below.

Joanie will have them for you at the next meeting. Ray Lux, John Massey, Larry Uzelac, Rick Confer, Preston Marx, Babs Crowell, Joe Madrigal, Alida Miller, James R. Brown.

As a follow up to the December meeting, I should let you know that AAA members donated \$895.00 to the Auburn food Basket, not including many unwrapped toys for the kids.

Well that is about all for now. Enjoy the rain and take the time to enjoy the family and plan your summer flying. Good night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner
Mike Duncan



Robert Hewett (pictured above) flew solo for the first time in a Cessna 152. Mickelson (pictured at right) flew solo for the first time in the Sunshine Flyers Cessna 152.

The Flying Doctor—For Real



Top left : January speaker Dr. Charley Kurlinkus stands with AAA Vice President Bryce Mitchell and Elle Glueckert after his presentation about B.A.S.E. jumping and wingsuit flying. Top right: Bob Snyder shows us an early-style flying “squirrel” suit. Bottom Left: Tim Pinkney clowns around with Chris Haven at the January meeting. Bottom Left: President Tim Pinkney and Charley Kerlinkus show off a death-defying flying apparatus.

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At the January Meeting



Photos—Top left: Last minute food preparations are made by Nancy Benjamin and Rose Horsman at the meeting. Top Right: Doug Fee brought his brother Warren as his guest. Left Center: Gordon and Paula Ainsleigh (re)joined AAA last month. Right Center: Secretary Joanie Mooneyham, Head Chef Clytie Vogt, and Boardmember-At-Large Peggy Dwelle, who was honored as a dedicated volunteer, are key personnel to make the meetings run. Bottom Right: Treasurer Gary Vogt and Membership Director Larry Borchert enjoy the new Barnstormer Room décor at the January meeting.



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