

## Auburn Aviation Association

# PROPWASH



**November 2014**

## President's Letter

### MEETINGS

Wednesday November 5

6:00 p.m. General Membership Dinner begins as usual, then we'll walk to Doug Van Howd's studio on New Airport Road to see his work and hear his remarkable story. See potluck menu, last page.

### EVENTS

Thursday November 13

7:00 p.m. Monuments Men Special musical presentation and movie showing at the State Theater honoring veterans. Sponsored by TGH Aviation. \$6 per person Call 885-0156, 889-2066

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Climbing into a sleek Navy jet fighter definitely gets your adrenaline going. My recollections of that day over 50 years ago are still pretty vivid. This was the climax of the summer training I received as a midshipman—a primary recruiting tool to convince the midshipmen that Naval Air was

the best career choice in the Navy. I've already told the story of my second most exciting airplane adventure in the T-28 trainer. Well, here is the number one adventure.

They were going to let me fly a navy jet trainer. As I write the words "fly a navy jet trainer" I am still amazed that they allowed us to do it. Once again, we were paired off with an experienced pilot and grilled on what we had retained of the few hours of classroom instruction we had received on this aircraft. When climbing in, I was amazed at the visibility from the cockpit; you could see all around. After the instructor got the jet off the ground we flew to a remote area off Corpus Christi and began trying some basic flight maneuvers. He would do something and then I would try it, usually not successfully.

The most exciting maneuver involved rolling the Jet. I had done rolls in the T-28 prop trainer so I knew the sensation of pivoting on a horizontal axis, but in a jet fighter it was so much smoother. The instructor walked me through the steps. Ease the nose slightly down to increase airspeed and then push the joystick over. The earth seems to roll around you. You complete the roll and level off.

I had done successive rolls in the T-28 and asked the pilot if we could do more than one roll at a time. He answered "Sure." I asked, "How many can we do" and he said, "How long can you hold the stick over?" So I did, over and over and over, corkscrewing through the air. What a thrilling memory.

Bob Snyder

# Lincoln Air Fair 2014 Photos



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This month I start my column with some sad news. A friend of mine, an aviation enthusiast, a former business owner of Past Time Aviation for many years here at Auburn Airport, with over fifty years in aviation as a Master Mechanic and pilot, died on October 11. Joe Pass had been in a care facility for the last several years and had suffered several strokes along with reoccurring bouts with cancer. Gary Morning had been bringing Joe out to the airport periodically for visits over the last several years and we would visit until he became tired. Joe had moved here from the Santa Rosa area where he had been involved in several aviation businesses before moving to Auburn. Pass Time Aviation was located in the building where the TGH hanger is now. Eventually Joe sold out to the current owners DFC about fifteen years ago. For a short time he lived in Paso Robles before returning to Auburn. As an old timer pilot told me, Joe has flown west and all that knew him will miss him.

Speaking of changes on the airport, Classic Aviation has moved. Greg Foss, the owner of Classic, has just moved a short distance away from the old Gyro House building on the east side of Wings to the new TGH hanger on the west side of Wings. Finally, Greg will have a hanger to work in after all of these years. Greg has been at Auburn over forty years and has had Classic Aviation for almost thirty years, serving the needs of the Auburn area pilots and aircraft owners. So, if you can not find him at his old place just look to the west and he should have some signs up shortly. No more excuses, Greg, about the weather being bad and not being able to work on the airplane. Good Luck at your new location.

The Lincoln Regional Aviation Association (LRAA) had a fly-in on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. It was a one-day event that was reasonably attended. There were static displays of many of the local aircraft. The day started with a pancake breakfast and then numerous fly by's by the RV formation flight team, a jet powered Velocity, parachutes, helicopter rides, airplane rides, and glider rides. There was discounted fuel for those who flew in. All and all it was a good day and a great start for many more fly-ins at Lincoln. Good job Richard Pearl, Coral Leach, and crew.

While on the subject of fly-ins and air fairs, a final accounting has been made for Auburn Air Fair. It was a resounding success. Financially we generated \$16k plus dollars for our scholarship program and other projects. As far as the general public is concerned, the show is getting better and better. Many people from the general public miss it when it is not here in Auburn every year. They fondly recount their past experiences from coming to other shows here. Their were very few if any complaints from on or off the airport and everyone is ready to jump in and do another air fair next year. Just kidding

about next year. The next one should be 2016.

Winter is coming, as it always does, and it looks like it maybe a good winter. We have already received some rain in just about the right amounts, enough to knock down what is left of the wild fires and clear the air, but not enough to cause any serious flooding. The winds are picking up a bit, the clouds are moving in periodically and the visibilities are coming down. Sounds to me like it is time to get instrument current or perhaps to get an instrument rating if you do not have one already. If nothing else, get some instrument time to remind you why you do not want to get into the weather. Perhaps a little simulator time would help. Check with your local flight instructor or flight school and see how they can help.

At the October meeting Wayne Mooneyham announced that the board of directors had voted unanimously to change the officer terms to one year. In November, Wayne will seek nominations from the floor and then the general membership will vote on the slate of officers. Here are the nominees so far:

Wayne Mooneyham—President  
Tim Pinkney—Vice President  
Joanie Mooneyham—Secretary  
Carol Uhouse—Finance  
Chris Haven and Mike Duncan—Newsletter  
Greg “Gap” Gappert—Publicity  
Peggy Dwelle with Darcy Bewer—Membership  
Wayne Mooneyham with Dave Fulton—5 AC  
Walt Wilson—Scholarship Committee  
Dick Kiger—Board Member Emeritus  
Bob Snyder—Past President

Also, we are in for a treat on Thursday November 13 at the newly renovated State Theater, where TGH Aviation will sponsor an event to honor our local veterans. An Honor Guard will present the colors. “Dr. Bach and the “Auburn Senior Band Plus One” will play the national anthem and the theme song for each branch of service, followed by a special showing of the movie Monuments Men. TGH Aviation is the sponsor for the evening. Tickets are only \$6. Information: 885-0156, 889-2066.

The weather maybe changing but it doesn't mean you can't go out and enjoy it. The calm between storms, the cool temperatures and the better performance for here and in the mountains, just do not forget to plan for the cold weather.

Well that is about all for this month, may I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Good Night Miss Daisy.

Mike Duncan  
Prop Turner

# Happenings at the Mach5 “Club House”

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> was a cool evening in Auburn and our quaint airport was a buzz of activity preparing for Thunder in the Sky. The stars aligned for student pilot John Berthelsen (at right) that evening as he and his CFI Beau Perry departed for a lesson while the band for the Air Fair practiced in the background. It was kismet that Beau decided it was time for John's first solo flight as professional photographer, Mark Loper, prepared to cover the hangar party and dinner dance. Congratulations to John, CFI's Beau Perry and Lisa Doty and a big thank you to Mark Loper for capturing John's first solo flight and providing such beautiful photos!



Jeff Barber has also been working hard at his flight training and on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful fall afternoon CFI Jake Roach set Jeff free on his first solo. Congratulations to Jeff and Jake!



A full time welcome to A&P, Nick DiPeso! Mark joins the Mach 5 team bringing 20 years high line aircraft maintenance experience. We are pleased to be able to provide expanded aircraft maintenance services here at the Auburn Municipal Airport.

Mach 5 is grateful to our crew members Bob Burnett, Nick DiPeso & Jeremy Johnson for helping relocate airplanes to clear the way for the Auburn Air Fair festivities. We thank students Austin Foote, Mary Combs, and James Jacobsen for helping out in the Mach 5 booth to inspire visitors to learn to fly. Last but not least we thank CFI's Larry Uzelac, Jim Hinson, Jake Roach and Beau Perry for taking flight with Air Fair guests, giving them a chance to see the world the way we do.

Mark Romo's advanced training here in Auburn has allowed him the opportunity to experience some amazing activities up in beautiful Alaska. His fabulous seaplane offers the freedom to try out trap'n rodents as his wife, Jen, gathers berries. They also spot plenty of moose along their excursions. Mark spent some time working in Wood-Tikchik State Park (at right) and the images below show a raven checking out his Tri-Pacer at Tikchik and Jen proudly showing off a Wolverine they trapped. Thanks to the Romo family for sharing just a few of their awesome adventures that sound like great options for an Auburn Aviation Association group activity?!!!



# Meeting Photos



Top right, new member Darrin Silver stands with Peggy Dwelle and Brandon Dever at the October meeting. Top left: Kathleen Shaffer attended the meeting to promote a special showing of the movie *Monuments Men* at the newly renovated State Theater, an event sponsored by TGH Aviation and honoring veterans on Thursday, November 13. Information: 885-0156, 889-2066. Middle row: Air Fair Chair Joanie Mooneyham gave a recap of the Air Fair and more heartfelt thanks to all of the sponsors and volunteers. Bottom left: Tim Pinkney is a tireless volunteer for aviation events and, lucky for us, is running for AAA Vice President 2015. Bottom right: AAA President Bob Snyder shows off his Air Fair t-shirt.

## NOV POTLUCK

**A-H—Salad**  
**K-P— Dessert**  
**R-Z—Main Dish**