

Auburn Aviation Association

PROPWASH



January 2015

President's Letter

MEETINGS

Wednesday January 7

6:00 p.m. General Membership
Accomplished photographer and
artist Tim O'Brien will speak.

Wednesday February 18

5AC Meeting

NOTICE

It's time for everyone to renew.
\$20 per family. Bring a check to
the meeting, or mail it to:
PO Box 6454, Auburn, CA, 95602
Or pay online at our website.
www.auburnaviationassociation.org
And click on the membership tab.
Darcy Brewer (916)517-0717
darcybrewer@gmail.com

JANUARY POTLUCK

Please bring a dish according to
the first letter of your last name to
serve approximately 8 people .

A-H—Main Dish
K-P— Salad
R-Z—Dessert

It's the time of the year that finds all of us amidst the season of holiday activities and preparing for the New Year.

As 2015 begins, I find myself at the helm of our Association for a second time and I admit that I'm really looking forward to being a part of all the activities that are being planned and taking place at our aerodrome. We, as an association and a fraternity of aviators, are very fortunate to have the incredible support of the City of Auburn and the Auburn Airport Business Park Association (AABPA) as we begin another exciting year. We truly do have a unique airport and support network – **Thanks to one and all!**

This is also the proper time to thank all our outgoing Officers and Directors for their dedicated efforts and at the same time applaud those who continue in their elected positions for another term.

Our Association had several members who have Flown West this past year. Bruce Dodds, Al Thyms and past member, Joe Pass – they will be missed by all of us.

At the most recent AAA Board Meeting, our governing body voted to join the AABPA, a group that has tirelessly supported our airport community and its goals. Their endeavors to enhance the airport and adjacent business park have been outstanding and we are delighted to be a part of the group.

Just recently, the 5AC (Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee) received a detailed report from our Public Works Director, Bernie Schroeder and Jacobs Engineering representative, Keith O'Connor, regarding the Airport Master Plan and the future federal funding assistance that will be forthcoming on a number of projects in 2015 and subsequent years. If you would like to attend the 5AC meetings, watch The Propwash for meeting dates.

As a closing comment, I would encourage everyone to set aside the evening of the first Wednesday of each month for an aviation social gathering, great food, entertaining guest speakers and much more. All this takes place right here at our own very special airport. Join in the fun – and bring a friend!

**HAPPY AND JOYOUS
HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!**
Wayne Mooneyham





Top left: Esterlee, Krystal, Mike and Chree Hall. Top right: Gabriella Orlando, Tom Dwelle and Walt Dwelle at the buffet. Center, Incoming president Wayne Mooneyham (left) and outgoing president Bob Snyder. Lower left, Al Thyme's daughter on the harp. Lower right: Scholarship winner James Jacobson came to our meeting to thank us for our contribution to his pilot's license.

AAA 2015 Board Members

Membership Darcy Brewer & Peggy Dwelle—darcybrewer@gmail.com
 Scholarship Walt Wilson—530-878-6640—bonwally@hotmail.com
 Public Relations Greg "Gap" Gappert — greg.gappert@gmail.com
 Past President Bob Snyder—530-210-8537 —snyder@jps.net
 Director Emeritus Dick Kiger—530-885-4364
 Board Mbr. At Large Peggy Dwelle —530-878-9009—peggy@4flyers.com
 5AC Chair Wayne Mooneyham & Dave Fulton
 Newsletter Editors Chris Haven—530-401-6082 — origamigirl5@yahoo.com
 Mike Duncan—916-632-9506 – Duncan7kcab@sbcglobal.net

Send us your news, events, and photos!

AAA 2015 Officers

President—Wayne Mooneyham
 530-401-0594
 waynemooneyham@cebridge.net
Vice President —Tim Pinkney
 pinkney@bgmtrunorth.com
Treasurer—Carol Uhouse
 530-878-9496
 carol.uhouse@camoves.com
Secretary—Joanie Mooneyham
 530-401-0595
 joaniemoneyham@cebridge.net

Christmas is here and the new year is not far behind. The weather has been a bit frightful lately with all of the much needed rain. Winter is here and it is time to get some instrument work or even current or maybe get that instrument rating you have always wanted. That would be a nice new year's resolution.

The cold weather warrants a few reminders about flying. Dress warm. Even if the airplane has a heater you still need to keep warm in case of an off airport landing. It may only be a short walk for help but there is no reason to be hurt due to exposure to the wind and cold. Warm clothes and matches are a nice thing to have. That heater in the airplane might even be a source of trouble if you are not careful and aware. The heater works off of the exhaust system from the engine and if there are any leaks in the exhaust, carbon monoxide poisoning could happen to you. The symptoms are drowsiness and the inability to concentrate. Fresh air is the fix. Open the air vents and/or windows and turn the heater off. The last thing I'll say about flying in the winter is to let some one know where you are going and when you'll be back. You don't want to be caught out in the wind and cold over night.



Over the last few month I have had a Starduster II in my hanger for sale and it has finally sold to a Mr. Peter Island. The airplane is an odd little biplane with conventional gear and a wide modified main gear that gives it a very flat stance on the ground. As a result you can see over the nose very easily for a tail wheel aircraft. The engine is a Rotax nine cylinder radial engine, similar to the motor on the Stearman or N3N, only with 150 horsepower, which is less than half the power of those airplanes. What makes this interesting for me is that the new owner is flying the airplane to Florida—Panama City to be specific. Panama City is in the north western corner of the Florida panhandle and a long ways away for an airplane that only goes 100 miles per hour. It is my hope that Peter will give me a report on this adventure of his and I will be able to share it with you. Traveling across the country in a biplane is an adventure that we all imagine at one time or another. This trip will be especially interesting with all of the winter weather that he is going to encounter. He should be home for Christmas. Good Luck, Peter.

Last month Walt Wilson, our airport manager, found a brass plaque that had been lost for over forty years. There was a picture of it in last month's news letter. The plaque was presented to the airport committee of the time, made up of James Norman, Kay Benson, George Robertson, Merv Hall, Greeley

Herrington, and William Eickenhofer. On the City Council at the time were Mayor "Hank" Gonzales, Vice Mayor Lois Clay and Councilmen Richard Azevedo, Robert Norris, Bernice Pate, and city Manager Jack Saucer. According to Merv Hall, within several days of its presentation in 1973 the plaque went missing and has only recently resurfaced, thanks to Walt. Hopefully we can locate many of these people in order to rededicate the plaque and put it where we can all see it. If you know any of the people listed, please let me know so that I can contact them for a presentation in the near future. These are the people who saved the airport from becoming part of the dump and have given us the airport we have today and hopefully the airport that we can pass on to the next generation. Perhaps this is the time to try and rekindle the idea of a museum for the airport.



Well, that is about all for now. I have to get back to my Christmas shopping. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. This goes for you, too, Miss Daisy.



Mike Duncan
The Prop Turner

*Left: The Starduster shortly after its first flight in 2010.
Top right: View from Starduster crossing the Tehachapis.*

Happenings at the Mach5 “Club House”

As we look back over a busy season, we are proud to share that the Mach 5 team has had the great honor of helping seventeen people earn their private pilot rating, five earn their Commercial Pilot, three earn their Instrument Ratings and two, our very own CFI Andrew Moon and CFI Karen Sutherland, earn their Instrument Instructor (CFII) certification. A job well done by both the students and their instructors. Thank you.



Congratulations go out to Andrew Volk and his CFI Beau Perry for passing his commercial pilot check ride on December 12th. And accolades go to Andrew Moon (and his many mentors Dennis Pearson, Beau Perry and Larry Uzelac and more) for passing his Certified Flight Instructor Instrument check ride on December 19th.

As our shop is experiencing more and more customers from the bay area and beyond, a big welcome goes to A&P, Spencer Stagg, recently joining the busy Mach 5 maintenance staff to help ‘The Bob’ and Nick provide service excellence in our hangar 7 days a week. Love that...

In addition, after team guidance, advice and very thorough pre-buy inspections by our experienced maintenance pros we had the pleasure of helping 12 families become new airplane owners! This is a good thing for everyone.

That’s a wrap for this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and remind you of the standing invitation to drop by the Mach 5 Aviation ‘ClubHouse’ for a coffee, cocoa or chat anytime or when the weather keeps us all on the ground for some hangar talk!

Dennis Pearson and Darcy Brewer
Mach 5 Aviation

