

Auburn Aviation Association

PROPWASH



August 2014

MEETINGS

Wednesday July 30

6:00 p.m. 5AC Meeting

Wednesday August 6

6:00 p.m. General Membership
Lt. Col. Dick Austin will talk about the Air War in WWII and Lt. Col. Gary Shepard will talk about flying the F-4 in Viet Nam.

See Annual BBQ menu, below.

Wednesday August 20

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

The board meeting is subject to change dates, but is generally held every third Wednesday.

EVENTS

Monday, August 11

6:00 p.m. Auburn Air Fair Mtg

New volunteers welcome.

Future meetings: 8/25, 9/8, 9/22.

AAA Membership

Membership is a bargain at \$20.

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BBQ POTLUCK

AAA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments.

Please bring a dish, below:

A-H—Dessert

K-P—Beans/Side Dish

R-Z—Salad

President's Letter



This is an important year for the Auburn Aviation Association. It is our 30th anniversary and I think that's cause for celebration! We should celebrate the wisdom and foresight of the founders. As Sir Isaac Newton observed, "it was by standing on the shoulders of giants" that enabled him to see a little further into the universe. Without the

hard work of our founders, we would likely not be as effective as we are today. We might not have a scholarship program that has made aviation opportunities available to so many young people. *Our mark in history is still being written by their contrails.* Without the founders' passion for aviation, the success of this airport as an economic engine for the greater Auburn area might well be in question. Without their willingness to work together in more than 1,000 committee meetings over the past 30 years, this airport would not be the jewel that it is today.

Thank you for your foresight, your wisdom and your fortitude!

So, you may be wondering as I am-- what's on the flight deck for *next 30 years?* Maybe it is time to get serious about planning for a place on the airport to preserve this history. Recording and preserving our history is the gift of our past to the present and the future. It offers points of reference to guide the way into the future. Our history is a story that explains what we deemed important and worthy of respect and emulation. I recall past discussions about creating a museum at the airport, and an airport master planning effort under Bob Richardson that included a place for a museum. Maybe you know of other visions? I suggest that those of you who agree with the idea of an "Auburn Airport history place" tap me on the shoulder at our August meeting. It will be a secret code between me and you that this project is a worthy journey, and who knows where that might lead.

Bob Snyder

Colusa Annual Free Pancake Breakfast Photos



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Another July has come and gone. Fire works, picnics, and the usual flag jumps on the fourth and more hot, dry days of summer, fires, and another trip to Oshkosh. In other words, it's a normal July.



Two more people have moved another step closer to their private pilot certificate by soloing. James Yoakum soloed in a C-172 with Mike Duncan as his instructor. Finally after many

bumpy days and gusty winds, the weather cooperated and Jim soloed one calm, beautiful morning. Brandon Dever, local dentist, not only soloed in a C-172, but also soloed the Sunshine Flyers Citabria with Mike Duncan as his instructor. All in a week's time. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Dave Dwelle is to be congratulated on this new R-44 helicopter. He bought it on the east coast and then had a three week adventure bringing it back to Auburn. He currently parks it in transient parking just east of the fuel island. If you have the time stop by and admire it and ask him about it.

Richard Pearl is out promoting Soar Truckee. Richard's hope is to have some glider rides out of Auburn Airport during the winter months when the glider operation is closed during the winter at Truckee. Soar Truckee shuts down for their winter maintenance and they bring their tow planes and a glider or two down the mountain for maintenance. While the gliders are here for the winter, Richard thought it might be nice if they could sell rides and perhaps pique some interest in gliders. This issue will be going before the 5AC meeting for discussion and then go before the city powers that be. I think that it would be an asset to the airport, but it will only work if we cooperate to make it happen. Soar Truckee works well in Truckee with the mix of traffic they have up there and I am hoping for the same here.

I took a short trip a couple of weeks ago to Colusa for their annual free pancake breakfast. (See photos, next page) There is nothing like the offer of free food to get pilots out and about—no matter how much it costs to fly there. Colusa is just a short twenty minute flight in a Citabria and just a few miles from the Williams VOR, on the west side of the Sutter Buttes. Usually there is not much in the way of aircraft based at the airport. A self server fuel island, an aircraft maintenance business and a couple of crop dusters are about. We got there early.

We being Myself, Don Gwinn, Andy Weinberg, Wayne Mooneyham, and Kent Kiaser. Then many more aircraft started showing up. It seemed as if all the J-3 Cubs in Northern California showed up along with their later cousins. Super cubs and even several Carbon Cubs were in plentiful supply. Vans RV series of aircraft also made their presence known. Numerous -6's, -7's and -8's showed up along with many older Cessna, Taylorcraft and Stinson. The big attention getter was a Grumman Mallard. The best part was meeting people I had not seen in a long time. In between making up for lost time and hearing about each others adventures, we did what pilots seem to do best and that is critique each others landings. Wayne was in seventh heaven, passing out flyers for our air fair in September. I hope that some of these planes will show up at Auburn. By the time we were ready to leave, more than sixty airplanes had come in for their "free" breakfast. It is really nice to see that general aviation is alive and well with all of these aircraft showing up. Then it was time to go for me. I loaded up

with Don in his C-180 and Kent and Andy went ahead of us in their airplanes. On the Trip back to Auburn it's always fun to fly low level over the vast expanse of farm country and enjoy the sights. I say we flew low level, but we were at 1000' agl mostly to stay out of the way of the occasional crop dusters. Back to the world of Auburn and our bit of heaven.



The fundraiser for Col "Bud" Anderson and the greatest generation is going well. Currently a dinner is being planned for the 10th of October. Anyone wishing to attend may buy tickets or just make a contribution by going to their web page or contacting Jennifer Henry at TGH. The statue maybe viewed at the Doug Van Howd studio on New Airport Road.

Well that is about all for this month, so Good Night Miss Daisy.

Mike Duncan
The Prop Turner

Flag picture is Kent Lane over the Folsom Rodeo. Photo credit: Ken Ristuben. At right: Student pilot Branden Dever after his first solo flight in the Citabria.

Happenings at the Mach5 “Club House”

Patricio Wise came all the way to Auburn to chase his dream of being a pilot. As usual, the entire Mach 5 team rallied around him. Patricio earned his Private Pilot License on July 16, 2014. Congratulations to Patricio and his primary CFI's Andrew Moon and Beau Perry.

Todd Pershing (at right) decided to go out and buy an airplane to keep here at Auburn while he was earning his pilot license. Todd's dream not only included flying for fun, but to be able to use his “work-horse” Cessna 182 to quickly get him to various job sites around the Northern California, Nevada and South Oregon areas. Todd earned his private pilot rating on July 21, 2014. Congrats to Todd and his CFI's!

In early June, Auburn resident Dan Hill (at right, center photo) walked into the Mach 5 Club House to inquire about pursuing his dream of flying. Dan has approached flying the Warrior with passion and determination. He made his first solo flight on July 23, 2014. Congrats to Dan and his instructor Beau!

Mach 5 has had the opportunity to provide repair and maintenance service to aircraft owners from the bay area and we are pleased to bring the business to Auburn. As a result of this, we have hired additional help to the aircraft maintenance team at Mach 5. Next time you are in the area please drop by the Club House and say hello to Jeremy and Nick (last photo, pictured with lead mechanic Bob Burnett, on the left).

With the upcoming major change in the Airline Transport Pilot rating requirements, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people taking the ATP written test. If you or anyone you know wants to obtain their ATP rating please have them contact Mach 5 ASAP for some time-critical information. The rules and requirements all change on August 1, 2014.

The Mach 5 team completed another Instrument Ground School! Ten pilots are on their way to obtaining their instrument rating and we are looking forward to helping keep the skies filled with safe and competent IFR pilots when the weather decides to roll back in.

On the topic of safety: It has been VERY hot and we want to remind everyone to keep hydrated. At only 5% - 6% dehydration level the typical human suffers severe loss of concentration and fine motor skills. Watch out for yourself and watch out for others. Fly safe.

