

## Auburn Aviation Association

# PROP WASH



**June 2016**

## President's Message

### MEETINGS

**Wednesday June 1st**

**5:30 p.m. Socializing**

**6:00 p.m. General**

**Membership Meeting &**

**Potluck.** Aaron Williams,

firefighter with the California Department of Forestry and Fire protection will tell us his survival story of being caught in a flashover.



### NOTICES

**Your badge is ready!** James R. Brown, Dennis DeCuir, Joe Madrigal, Preston Marx, Alida Miller, Tom Schaub, Larry Uzelac. **Pick them up for \$13.00 at the next meeting.**

### JUNE POTLUCK MENU

Please bring a dish to share:

**A-J Side Dish/Salad**

**K-T Main Dish**

**U-Z Dessert**

**FLY AWAY FLASH!** Prior to our normal meeting June 1, we will have a fly-in at the Patriots Jet Team at their Byron Airport headquarters. The Patriots Jet Team is a high-energy aerobatic team flying Czech-built Aero L-39 aircraft. They will repeat their unique aerial performance Oct 1-2 at the California Capital Airshow.

This will be AAA's second opportunity to fly in and meet Randy "Howler" Howell. He'll tell us how he put the team together in 2003 and expanded it over the years to the current 6 ship formation.

The Patriots Jet Team Foundation is "Bringing the future of air and space to America's youth." At the Foundation's Aerospace Academy "students learn how to become pilots, mechanics, navigators, space walkers and dreamers."

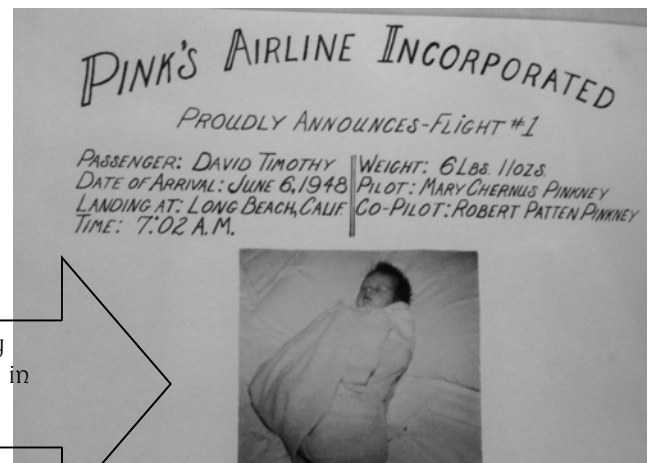
After a pizza lunch, we'll tour the squadron and meet the all-volunteer pilot and maintenance team. Nobody is paid - even pilots! Howell says, "Proceeds from the air shows pay for fuel and keep the team running." **HERE ARE THE SPECIFICS:** Byron Airport (C83) is east of Stockton and two miles south of central Byron. Our meeting time at Byron is 1100-1300. We need to have our aircraft on the ground and parked by 1030.

Confirm your flight intentions and have questions answered by calling or emailing me: 916-719-0630 or [Tim.Pinkney@me.com](mailto:Tim.Pinkney@me.com)

See you in Byron!

Fair winds,

Tim



President Tim Pinkney was born into aviation in the month of June.

On **June 2, The Jimmy Doolittle Museum**, at the Nut Tree, Vacaville, is hosting *An Evening with the Lockheed Vega*. The fundraising event is a sneak peek at the aircraft he flew and you can chat with his Granddaughter, Jonna, who grew up in his home. Details at: [www.DoolittleCenter.org](http://www.DoolittleCenter.org)

Well it is another good month for student pilot's. Our three scholarship students are well on their way to getting their certificates. Meanwhile, Jennifer Meiners earned her multi-engine Airline Transport rating in Mach 5's C-310.



Brandon Kane, past scholarship winner, passed his Instrument rating at Embry Riddle University in Arizona. Talon Heying completed his 1st solo with Jeremy Larson as his instructor. Both Devin Hart and Caleb Kanomata soloed again after many years of not flying. Devin's solo was his second after a long hiatus from flying, while Caleb soloed again in a

different aircraft. Caleb soloed awhile back in a C-152, but since then he has moved up to a C-172. Kelly Richards soloed a C172. Congratulations to all.

This past month there was a field trip to the approach control facility near Mather Field. The facility was opened about fourteen years ago to replace and consolidate several older facilities throughout the western United states. Sacramento, San Francisco, Stockton, Reno, and the Sacramento Valley were all brought under one roof. Our tour guide Crystal Massey started us by clearing



the facilities security which is even more secure than any airport. We had to leave cells phones and cameras outside. No pictures are allowed within the facility. After a short walk, we were introduced to the simulator room. Here is where all the training goes on for the new people transferring in from elsewhere. Every new controller to the facility starts here to learn the area. Even though a controller has worked at other facilities he still needs to learn this. It is kind of like moving to a new city that you have never been to before. You need time to learn your way around. After about two to four months in the simulator where you can watch some real time aircraft movements then you get to go to one of the five sectors within the facility under the guidance of a training controller. In each sector there may be up to five areas in which the "new guy" will need to get

comfortable. A new controller from the FAA academy may take up to four years to get this far. After Crystal's quick course on what goes on behind the scenes in moving aircraft around the sky we all were much more appreciative of



what the controllers do. Because our group was pretty small we were all allowed to sit with the controllers at various stations for a short while and ask questions. While watching some of the radar scopes we were even able to recognize some of the aircraft moving in and out of Auburn. It seemed strange to be on the other end of the microphone from the airplanes. Soon it was time to go back to security to turn in our badges, retrieve our cell phones, and take some pictures. We all are looking forward to coming back again.



At the last AAA meeting when we presented the scholarship winners their scholarships I got to thinking about the legacy of the AAA. What have we done to help the next generation of pilot and how will we be remembered? Almost 35 years and more than fifty scholarships have been awarded. More than fifty people from the "next" generation have and will go on to influence the next generation and the next generation. It is pretty

*Top left: Talon Heying soloed a C172 on April 27. Jeremy Larson was his instructor. At left: Kelly Richards soloed a C172 on April 29. Top right: Caleb Kanomata soloed a C172 in May. Bottom right: Devin Hart soloed on May 2nd—in a new shirt, no less.*

## As the Prop Turns, continued.

amazing what we, as Auburn Aviation Association, have started and helped to perpetuate. Despite our disagreements and controversies over these many years we have accomplished some pretty amazing things with our scholarships and the many people we have helped. I just wanted to take time to thank all of our members, past and present, for their help in letting AAA accomplish this gift to the next generation. It is through them that we will be remembered.

It was a cold and dreary Saturday morning, in April when from out of a hanger came a Phoenix. Well maybe not a Phoenix, that mythical creature resurrected from the ashes of a fire, but what might be more accurately called a fire-belching monster of an aircraft. It has three thousand plus horsepower of Wright power attached to a newly restored Sea Fury. Formerly know as "Blind Man's Bluff" and then "Critical Mass," the Dwelle's Unlimited Air racer, the Sea Fury has been returned to its former glory as one of only a hand full of two-place Sea Furies ever built. Almost ten years and countless hours of labor and the airplane was ready to come back to life. About a dozen spectators were present to see this beast of an airplane run. Fire guards were set and the starting procedure was started. Cranking the engine to get oil pressure first; a priming of the engine until fuel came out the induction manifold drain; on with the magnetos. A final check for leaks; crank the engine to start. With a belching of white and black smoke the engine started. At first one cylinder fired and then another and another until all eighteen cylinder were firing with a sound only a Wright R-3350 can make. Ken Dwelle, at the controls, was like a little kid on Christmas morning with his presents, a smile on his face that will take a long time to get rid of. Ken ran through his check list for systems checks: oil pressure



and temperature; electrical system charging; flight controls working; wing flaps up and down; folding wings - up and then down again. Ken let the engine run for a short while longer and then shut it down. This morning has been successful. With more checks on the ground and some good weather, I am sure that the airplane will be back in the air in the not-too-distant future. Be on the look out for it. Congratulations Ken, Tom, TJ, and company on a job well done. Visit the Facebook page for Auburn Aviation Association to see a video of the start.

I want to say thank you to all of you out there who have taken it upon yourselves to clean up the airport from all of the weeds growing out there. Hopefully the city will take a hint.

That is about all for now, so Good Night Miss Daisy.

The Prop Turner  
Mike Duncan

## The Next Generation of Aviators



*In May, twenty-one Busy Bees kindergarteners (AKA Two One Bravo Bravo) from Skyridge Elementary came to the Auburn Airport for a tour of the Flyers Energy hangar and a visit to the Ceronix building and waterfowl sanctuary. Thanks to pilots Tom and Heather Dwelle and Flyers Sales Manager Nicholle Johnson for hosting the hangar tour and to Don Whitaker at Ceronix.*

# Photos



## Positive Altitude

On Sunday, May 15th hundreds of young people from all over the region were given an opportunity that many could only dream of! For the past six years kids from Police Activities Leagues, foster care & shelter systems and transitional housing organizations throughout the six-county region have enjoyed eye-opening afternoon of endless opportunity, inspiration and life-changing possibilities surrounded by colorful airplanes, helicopters, police and fire vehicles, and more.

This annual event is a massive interactive career day at Mather Airport and the opportunity to hang out with pilots, heroes, legends, mentors and role models who have used their ideas and education to change the world.

Thanks to the huge roster of general aviation, military, airline, cargo, law enforcement and medevac pilots and crew from all over Northern California (many from KAUN) who donated their time, these enthusiastic kids met mentors and role models who have used their STEM education to change the world!

The California Capital Airshow is deeply committed to unique and interactive year-round educational programming **using the power and magic of flight** to inspire young people to accomplish great things and reach for the stars.

- Darcy Brewer, Mach 5 Aviation



At left, Propwash designer Chris Haven ready with "MEMBERSHIP ONLINE HELP." You can confer with her on same at the June meeting. Center: Scholarship Committee members from left Wayne Mooneyham, Walt Wilson, Bob Snyder, James Jacobson, Marcia Winborne-Graven (not pictured) with President Tim Pinkney. Right: 2016 scholarship winners stand with Tim and Walt. From left, they are Robert Hewett, Isabel Sacksteder and Justin Holtz.

# Membership and/or Scholarship Donation Form

## Auburn Aviation Association—Membership and Donation Form

Fill out and return the form payment or log on to [www.auburnaviationassociation.org](http://www.auburnaviationassociation.org) to use PayPal or credit card to join or to pay your annual renewal. Scholarship donations are welcome at any time.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: (Please PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of License (Circle One or More): Student Glider Rotorcraft Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings: Private Commercial CFI Instrument Other \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Family Membership: \$20.00 Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badge: \$13.00 each Name to be printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donation (optional): Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

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