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Auburn Aviation Association was established in 1984. It is dedicated to Aviation, Safety, Friendship, Community Involvement and Education.

Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 pm at the Auburn Airport.. Pot luck dinner starts at 6 pm or there about.

Meeting Dates :

Board of Directors June 30th Call Tom Brady for Time and Place

Advisory Committee June 22nd 6:30 CAP Complex

Auburn Air Museum June 8th 6:30 CAP Complex CONFIRM WITH Mike Duncan 887-8363

Hello, I just had to share the good news with you. Many will remember my son, Brandon, who won an Auburn Aviation Association flight training scholarship during his Senior year at Placer High School. The program took him up through solo. Brandon has continued on his own since then and yesterday earned his Private Pilot's license. He is the fourth generation pilot in our family. His great grandfather's license was issued by famed WWI aviator Eddie Rickenbocker in 1918 and he went on

to be a barnstormer flying a Kerikeen Coupe in the 1920s and to fly B-29s over Japan during WWII. Brandon's granduncle flew cargo planes during WWII, the Berlin Airlift, and the Korean Conflict. His dad earned his Private Pilot's license as a 21 year-old Senior at the University of Oklahoma; Brandon is a 21 year-old Senior at the University of Nevada - Reno. Needless to say, I'm a very proud papa.

Brent

WWII memorial

Today I went to visit the new World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. I got an unexpected history lesson. Since I'm a baby boomer, I was one of the youngest in the crowd. Most were the age of my parents, veterans of "the greatest war" with their families. It was a beautiful day, and people were smiling and happy to be there. Hundreds of us milled around the memorial, reading the inspiring words of Ike and Truman that are engraved there.

On the Pacific side of the memorial, a group of us gathered to read the words President Roosevelt used to announce the attack on Pearl Harbor: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy-- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked." One woman read the words aloud: " With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph." But as she read, she was suddenly angry. "Wait a minute," she said. "They left out the end of the quote. They left out the most important part. Roosevelt said 'so help us God.'"

"You're probably right," her husband said. "We're not supposed to say things like that now." "I know I'm right," she insisted. "I remember the speech." The two shook their heads sadly and walked away.

Listening to their conversation, I thought to myself, "Well, it has been 50 years. She's probably forgotten."

But she was right.

I went home and pulled out the book my book club is reading. It's "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley. It's all about Iwo Jima. I haven't gotten too far in the book. It's tough to read because it's a graphic description of the battles in the Pacific.

But right there it was on page 58. Roosevelt's speech to the nation. It ends "so help us God."

The people who edited out that part of the speech when they engraved it on the memorial could have fooled me. I was born after the war. But they couldn't fool the people who were there. Roosevelt's words are engraved on their hearts.

The Prez Says

The June meeting was well attended considering we are into summer vacation time. The food was very good and bountiful. Thanks to all of our chef's. Our two guest speakers really brought us up to date on:

1 How the Forest Service works in the environment of summer fires and the logistic requirements involved in getting the job done. Thank you Dennis Brown.

2. Gee, I have about 700 hours in that beast and didn't know all that technical stuff but . . . I was a young lieutenant in those days . . . thanks to Lee Holcomb for filling us in on how the North American Super Sabre i.e. F-100D flies. With a spot of good luck, Lee is hoping to be a part of the opening ceremony at our Air Fair.

Was that last sentence a led into the Air Fair – you bet! There are still quite a few details to be covered but by and large it's beginning to shape up pretty good. We have created a list for volunteers as there are a number of things that will need a little help but don't anticipate us calling you back just yet with a specific chore as we are still gathering data on our labor needs. We are figuring on assigning chores about the first week in August by which time the picture should be pretty clear. Does all this suggest that you may now raise your hand? Yes, you may!

We have a new member on the Thunder in the Sky team – Jodie over at Gwinn Construction Inc. is now doing the Thunder in the Sky web site. Take a look at it over at www.thunderinthesky.org. The Thunder guys and girls meet almost every Thursday late afternoons (5 pm) in the hangar to go through an update on data. New for this year will be the location of the Pilots Lounge. It will be located in the old Barnstormer Restaurant as the Farina hangar has changed hands and now has a full time maintenance operation in progress. We are also working on having a couple of the automobile dealers displaying their wares along with perhaps a new Beechcraft or two from Woodland Aviation. Be sure to bring your checkbook with you for your shopping needs. You are all cordially invited to sit in with us on our meeting – after all . . . it is your organization.

Maybe it's my imagination but the East ramp seems to be getting emptier and emptier every day. It's getting down right lonely out there. If you know anyone looking for a tie-down spot . . . looks like it can be handled very easily. Nothing new on the East end hangar project, did you notice the ground work being done between the Ridge Golf Course and Ceronix?, the story goes that it will be an additional automobile and SUV parking lot for the Ridge.

Ciao, Tom Brady

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.You are a South African bush pilot. You fly in some critical medical supplies, enjoy a quick lunch at the hospital. It's a stifling 100 degrees in the shade and you're eager to get back up to the cool, high blue yonder.

On the way back to your plane, you discover that the only bit of shade, within 1 mile, has become very popular ... You start calculating the distance to the plane door ... and wonder ... "Do I feel lucky today?"



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Editor's note:

I have been busy with all the meetings Air Fair and such that I have not been able to get some good photos for the newsletter this month. I took a few for the Poster for the air fair. I hope to have photos for the newsletter next month. I am limiting the number of photos in the newsletter to keep down the time it takes to receive it over the internet. I have included a photo of the proposed poster for Thunder in the Sky

JULY 7TH 2004 MEETING
18:00 BRADY HANGAR #116

The Guest Speaker is: Bill Hagin
Retired USAF
Subject: Flight Instruction WWII

Pot Luck Dinner
A-H salad/side dish
I-N Dessert
O-Z Main dish



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