



# AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION

# PROPWASH

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## The Prez Speaks

Well folks, time is whizzing bye, before you know it - it will be Air Fair time again. This year, pretty much the same as last year, it will be Evan Wolfe and his gang of "we can do it" helpers staging the Air Fair. The point of bringing this to your attention is the endless need for volunteers to help out in this endeavor. Without your assistance this can be a back breaker, with you pitching in for a couple of hours it can turn out to be a lot of fun and is the source of our pilot scholarship revenue. The folks coming to see the airport are all 1st class, the folks you would be working with are fellow enthusiasts of the airport and . . .you get in the door for FREE! . You just can't beat that, airplanes and free, this is serious!

"The Outhouse Mouse". That was the name on the B-17 that was brought to life for us at the last general meeting by Mr. Robert Harvey. His father was the pilot of this Flying Fortress during WW II. Mr. Harvey has published a book on the events told to us and I have a copy of it for anyone interested in borrowing it.

I don't know what Mike Duncan, our Museum Curator, has put in for the News Letter but we have received a tentative offer of an Ultra Light "machine" that has some work to be done on it from Sumner Whitten. If you happen to have some open space in your hangar, how about touching base with me so we can work this out. Can you imagine a better way to approach getting some of our younger generation involved in aviation? *(Editor's Note: See page 2 "Looking for advice...")*

To help you stay a little more informed about the affairs of the airport, any time my hangar door is open please feel free to stop in and view the proposed budget for the airport. It's on the wall by my desk and is public information for your consumption.

Don't forget to check Milt's schedule for fly-outs! A hint, up at Willows every Monday the specialty of the house is "meatloaf". It's good!, no . .make that very good!

*"Tom Tom" Brady*

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## Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Great News!! Karen Allen has arranged to have a float in the annual Auburn July 4th parade - it will feature Earl Allen's plane (the bronze winner in the biplane division at Reno in 2002.) We need volunteers to pass out balsa wood airplanes advertising the air fair for the event. If you can volunteer some of your time, please contact Karen: 530/878-2599

*If you can't commit to volunteering, please at least stop by the parade and cheer our folks on!*

## PILOTS WANTED



The Flying Doctors are in **urgent** need of experienced, instrument-rated pilots with access to 4-place or larger aircraft.

You would fly volunteer medical teams into remote villages in Northern Mexico to provide desperately needed medical, dental and optometric care. You would be reimbursed for fuel, fees and most other aircraft expenses. We are a 501 C (3) charitable organization and operate under part 91 with FAA approval.

Please pick up a copy of our "Transportation Guidelines" that will explain our minimum experience requirements.

If you would like to participate in a most heart-warming and satisfying piloting experience or just want more information, call:

**Tom Palmer**  
**President, Gold Country Chapter**  
**Los Medicos Voladores**  
**(530) 885 6635**  
[raven40@infostations.com](mailto:raven40@infostations.com)

**"Neighbors helping Neighbors"**

## Calendar of Events:

### General Meeting

**Picnic Area East end of field 6:00p.m.**

Brady Hangar as backup (#116)

Tri-Tip Pot Luck

AAA to provide Tri-Tip & Dessert

Members to bring:

A-M Side Dish

N-Z Salad

### Guest Speaker:

**Gary Knudson – Department of Aerospace**

**In charge of Foothill area**

### Board of Directors Meeting

*Tom Brady – President*

Last Wednesday of Every Month

(Until further notice)

(Please ask a BOD member for time & place.)

### Advisory Comm. Meetings:

*Gerald Brentnall- Chairman*

Last Tuesday Every Month

6:30 p.m. CAP Complex

### Auburn Air Museum Committee Meeting:

*Mike Duncan - Chairman*

Second Tuesday Every Month

6:30p.m. CAP Complex

*CAP Complex – located at West end of field.*

## Looking for advice...

Sumner Whitten, long time test pilot and home builder, is going blind.

He has come to the realization that his latest is his last project, an original design ultralight. **He would like to donate this project to the Auburn Aviation Museum, complete with his tools.**

I believe it would be a fitting tribute to not only him, but for the EAA to have this almost completed airplane in the museum.

Sumner's ultimate wish is that it be completed by some of the AAA's teenage pilot contestants (It's all there, spinner to tail skid, and mostly covered), and he would help by instructing the kids in a proper manner. The first step in this process would be to find space to put it where it could be worked on.

**Anybody have any input on this?**

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# AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome to a new feature of Propwash by way of the Airport Manager's office. It seems that along with the cool winds of our winter like weather there have been some winds a blowing about the Airport about the need for a medium by which Airport users are updated on the "happenings" at and around good ole Auburn Municipal Airport.

First of all, the Airport Advisory Committee was established to provide this communication. Several AAA members are regular attendees of the meetings and I encourage all of you to attend and participate in the monthly meetings. There, I give a detailed update on all issues I'm working on and there's ample opportunity to ask questions.

In addition to the monthly AAC meetings, I will now be writing a regular article for the Propwash in which I will provide a brief insight into the issues I'm dealing with and what I see as important for our Airport. I'm limited by space so to get the full monty I encourage all to attend AAC meetings.

1. East Hangar Project: All land available for lease to build commercial or private hangars is now reserved. I have deposits for 3 commercial hangars and 18 private hangars. The City is planning to build 45 hangars that will be available for lease. I have 39 deposits for those hangars. These will be a combination of nested "T" and rectangular hangars. If anyone is interested in one of the 6 remaining hangars, please contact me for details. We're waiting for the weather to cooperate so the contractor can get back on site. As soon as the ground is dry enough you'll see some major dirt work going on. The plans for utilities and taxiways are 90% complete. I'm hoping for project completion in November of this year.
2. Land Acquisition (Denham Property): The City and Mr. and Mrs. Denham have been unable to reach agreement on the value of the property. In January the City filed a "complaint in eminent domain" so it's in the court system now.
3. The draft Airport Budget for FY 03-04 was approved by the AAC at it's meeting April 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a proposed budget subject to modification and approval by City Council. Copies are available for review in my office or contact Dave Fulton.
4. Leases are out for review to Waypoint Air, The Gyro House and Auburn Avionics for the vacant property west of my office. This is to accommodate expansion of both businesses.
5. The drilling rigs you may have observed around the fuel island were there to drill 2 new monitoring wells. The Airport is mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board to conduct quarterly sampling of underground water in the vicinity of the underground fuel tanks for contaminates. This is a result of contamination found when the old tanks were removed.
6. CHP Air Unit. Word has been going around the Airport the CHP is leaving Auburn. I've spoken with Sgt. Harry Kallibis, of CHP and he confirms the State is looking at other locations for them. It's at the political level, not operational. I've also spoken with the airport manager at Mather Airport. He confirms the State is talking with Sacramento County who owns Mather. I have a call into the Sac County Airport Property section to see how far discussions have gone. I've heard this is being driven somewhat by Sac County Sheriff Dept. They want the CHP to co-locate with them at Mather to offset expenses. CHP air ops is against this. Their lead helicopter pilot was up last week gathering data from our AWOS on weather at Auburn in CY '02. I will fight this all the way. I don't intend to lose the CHP. Any deal at Mather will have to be at market rents because they're under FAA grant assurances as we are. I'll keep you updated as I get information.

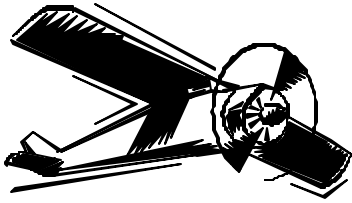
That's all for now folks. I've probably used more space than Susan allotted for me. If you have specific questions or something you'd like me to cover next month please give me a call at 888-8174 or e-mail me at

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Jerry.

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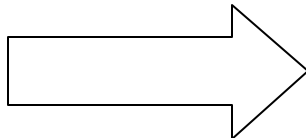
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The Auburn Aviation Association is dedicated to safety, fellowship and community involvement.

**Deadline for articles or other items wishing to be submitted for July publication should arrive to Susan Wozniak by June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Susanflies@aol.com  
Or 530-886-8343**

Moved?  
Changed Phone #s?  
New Email?



**Membership Database Update Form**

Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Auburn Aviation Association  
c/o 515 Old Airport Road  
Auburn, CA 95603

**ASSOCIATION BYLAWS REVIEW NEARLY COMPLETE...**

A committee appointed by President, Tom Brady, has reviewed the bylaws of our association. The committee review is complete and the draft changes will be presented to the Board of Directors at their meeting later this month. Once the Board has conducted its review, the draft will be submitted to the members for review and adoption.

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