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# Presidents' Message

*By Doug McDougall*

“I’ve recently

learned of a very debilitating medical syndrome which appears to be afflicting many of my friends. Maybe some of you reading this will recognize the symptoms; some of you may actually have it without knowing. Like many such maladies, it is frequently swept under the rug and discussed only in hushed tones. I’m talking about ADS: Aviation Dependency Syndrome. It is time we shed light on this subject to raise public awareness of its hazards. To help, here are the top 10 indicators that you or someone you love may have ADS.

10. You prefer to eat on the patio at Wings so you can see the runway better

9. You happily spend a sunny summer morning

washing your airplane

8. You have four or more aviation-themed ball caps
7. Your home décor includes at least one prominently displayed aircraft photo, painting and/or an old wooden prop
6. You love the smell of 100LL exhaust
5. You'd pay \$100 an ounce for a perfume or after-shave that smells exactly like 100LL exhaust
4. Every time you hear an airplane overhead, you look at the sky to find it.
3. Greasing a landing makes you happy for the rest of the day
2. You spend 30% or more of your awake time thinking aviation related thoughts

And the number one sign you are living with ADS is:

1. You can't remember a time when you weren't fascinated by everything that flies

If three or more of these warning signs apply to you, there is only one thing to do--get out and get flying as soon as you can. I hope to see you there!





# Events

## Menu

Here's what you can bring to the monthly meeting according to your last name:

MAIN DISH: A-L

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### AAA EVENTS

#### SAC Monthly Meeting

04/30/2024 5:30 PM  
The Barnstormer Room KAUN

#### May General Membership Meeting

05/01/2024 6:00 PM  
13666 New Airport Rd, Auburn, CA 95602

#### General Membership Meeting

06/05/2024 6:00 PM  
13666 New Airport Rd, Auburn, CA 95602

#### Aircraft Display Days at KAUN

08/03/2024 10:00 AM  
13666 New Airport Road, Auburn, CA

#### Aircraft Display Days at KAUN

08/24/2024 10:00 AM  
13666 New Airport Road, Auburn, CA

# THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



This month's speaker will be **Ken Lux**, as he will be sharing with us the Flights to Freedom Mission.

# EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A FLYING CAREER FOR CAL FIRE?



A trip to Cal Fire's Air Attack Base at the Nevada County / Grass Valley Airport (KGOO) is being planned for sometime after June 17.

Exact date and time will be determined dependent on their work load and Flight Crew availability. We'll let you know.

Meanwhile; Call, Text or Email your interest to:

TEDD M. STILES - [TEDDMSTILES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TEDDMSTILES@GMAIL.COM) - +720-624-6800



## An Update from the Manager's Desk at KAUN

*by Tyghe Richardson*

The East End Hangars are getting closer to completion by the day! I expect that in the next update I should be able to publish the draft updated radio procedure for the added taxi traffic to the east end hangars. The 5AC and taxi procedure committee have been working diligently on the update.



We have had a very productive month on the field, many small



maintenance projects have come to completion. The crack sealing project is about 75% complete for this year. We will be working on the lower ramp area in the next few weeks. Some of the

cracks are very large and will need special attention. The maintenance crews will be working on those in the coming months. The spring weed control effort is underway. Most of the airport property has been treated or mowed. Of course, this will be an ongoing effort to keep the weeds at bay for the summer.

As a member of the Association of California Airports (ACA), I was invited to participate in the ACA's group efforts in a legislative day at the state capital. This was an opportunity for airport owners and sponsoring agencies to educate our state representatives as to what our general aviation airports provide to the community and the state. In these meetings we as a group lobbied for three bills that are making their way through the legislative process. Attached directly after this article is a brief description of the bills and other information that was utilized that day.

As always, please feel free to contact me with all questions. The door is always open!

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# Key Legislation

**SB 258 (Roth) - SUPPORT** - Would direct the California Transportation Commission to review the needs of general aviation in California, with a focus on fiscal needs.

- The state's Airport Improvement Program Matching Grant provides funds to general aviation airports for half of the 10% local match needed to draw down federal grant funds, but funds to support the program are declining.
- In the last 8 years, California airports have lost over \$29 million in FAA grants that have expired for lack of a local match, which the Caltrans matching grant program is intended to support.
- A long-term general aviation airport funding needs assessment is needed to the stop annual loss cycle of federal grant funds to California local community airports. • Ensuring community airports can fully fund capital projects will maximize the local, regional, and statewide economic benefits provided by these airports.

**AB 480 (Ting) - SUPPORT** - Would remove airports from the state's public agency affordable housing surplus land review process.

- The California Surplus Land program, as enacted by AB 1486 in 2019, includes airports among the public agencies required to submit requests to the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) when airport-owned land becomes vacant, or an existing lease expires to determine if the land is suitable for construction of affordable housing.
- FAA regulations do not support residential housing construction on airport-owned land. According to HCD, they have received hundreds of determination requests from airports pursuant to the requirements of AB 1486 and each time the answer is NO.
- AB 480 will remove airports from the requirement to submit affordable housing determination requests to HCD. This will relieve airports, local government airport owners, and the state from engaging in this process and allow HCD to focus its attention on affordable housing determination requests.

**SB 800 (Caballero) - SUPPORT** - Would create a state task force to plan for the advent of a new generation of electric air service.

- A new revolution in aviation is coming. Referred to Advanced Air Mobility, we will soon see electric aircraft with hold up to four passengers serving to meet the "last mile" of travel from airports to final destinations.
- There are about 10 companies actively developing these aircraft and four are headquartered in California.



# Key Messages

## General Aviation Airports Support a Vibrant, Resilient Economy

### Vital to Emergency Response and Preparedness

- California's 241 public-use airports are valuable staging areas for emergency response activities, including Search and Rescue and firefighting agencies, which rely on aircraft to transport personnel, equipment and supplies, and reconnaissance efforts.
- General aviation airports help facilitate air ambulance flights and medical evacuation flights for local patients and hospitals including transport for organ transplant candidates quickly and efficiently.
- Air services transport medical staff to assist with a mass casualty event or augment rural hospital staff in stabilizing patients.

### Hubs for Education, Training and Pilot Workforce Development

- General aviation airports often have flight schools and flight training programs that provide individuals with the skills and knowledge they need to become pilots. These programs typically include both ground-based training and in-flight training.
- General aviation airports may also offer maintenance training programs that teach individuals how to maintain and repair aircraft. These programs are often geared towards mechanics and technicians who want to work in the aviation industry.
- General aviation airports may also provide STEM education programs for K-12 students. These programs can help inspire the next generation of aviation professionals and introduce them to the principles of science, technology, engineering, and math.

### Provide Significant Economic Benefits

- General aviation airports provide significant economic benefits to their communities by generating jobs, attracting businesses, and increasing local tax revenue.
- Airports generate tax revenues that contribute to community needs. With jobs, studies estimate the annual economic impact of aviation in California to be as high as \$203B.
- General aviation is a vital resource for California's farms and agricultural producers. Farmers rely upon aerial operations to survey and monitor crops, feed fish, and for the application of fertilizer for fruit, vegetables, and grain crops.
- Public-use airports are often the only available option for fast, flexible air transportation to small and rural communities.
- General aviation airports provide recreational opportunities for pilots and aviation enthusiasts who want to enjoy flying as a hobby.

### Aviation Facilities

- 214 General Aviation Airports
- 27 Commercial Service Airports
- 62 Special-Use Airports
  - 170 Hospital and 189 Corporate, Police, Fire, Agricultural or Private Heliports
- 22 Federal Air Bases / 1 Joint Use Facility
- 144 Automated Weather Observation or Information System Locations

### Scheduled Passenger Service

- In CY 2022, Commercial Service airports reported handling 19 percent more passenger traffic than in CY 2021 for a total of 170.3 million passengers, but reports remain 31 percent fewer than CY 2019, pre-COVID.
- The Federal Aviation Administration awarded a total of \$115 million in federal FY 2022 to 21 of these airports from the Airport Improvement Program Passenger Entitlement Program, based on CY 2019 enplanements. • California airports reported 10.4 percent of U.S. passenger enplanements based on 2021 enplanements.
- Twelve of California's 23 Commercial Service airports ranked in the top 100 Primary airports. (U.S. Rank is based on CY 2020 enplanements: LAX-5<sup>th</sup>, SFO-17<sup>th</sup>, SAN-24<sup>th</sup>, SMF-37<sup>th</sup>, OAK-41<sup>st</sup>, SNA-42<sup>nd</sup>, SJC-45<sup>th</sup>, ONT-56<sup>th</sup>, BUR-59<sup>th</sup>, PSP-84<sup>th</sup>, LGB-86<sup>th</sup>, FAT-92<sup>nd</sup>)

- FAA Active Certified Pilots (February 2023): 117,115 (15.5 % of the U.S. Certified Pilots; includes Students- 28,467, Private- 19,894, Commercial- 10,957, Airline- 12,127, Flight Instructors- 10,484 and remote pilots- 31,183)

### Aviation Supports a Vibrant, Resilient Economy •

Airports support aeronautical operations in air commerce (cargo and passengers), provide jobs in flight support (fueling, maintenance and training), aviation services and supplies (parts, pilot supplies and equipment), as well as airport operations and management. • Airports generate tax revenues that contribute to community needs. With jobs, studies estimate the annual economic impact of aviation in California to be as high as \$203B.\* • The 2020 COVID pandemic severely impacted the Airline Industry, although recovery continued throughout 2022. COVID variants' surges and

### Air Cargo

- Thirteen California All Cargo airports were awarded \$14.8 million from the FAA AIP Cargo Airport Entitlement Program in FFY 2022 based on 2021 reported Landed Weight.
- The top four reporting airports accounted for 89.7 percent of the State's combined Landed Weight. Of the total Landed Weight, LAX & ONT handled 48.5 percent.
- In CY 2022, one GA and 20 Commercial airports reported handling an estimated 4.8 million U.S. Tons of air cargo traffic.
- In CY 2021, California airports (13) share of all reported Landed Weight (aircraft): 13.4 million U.S. Tons, or 13.3 percent share of U.S. total (U.S. Rank based on 2020 reported landed weight: LAX-4<sup>th</sup>, ONT-9<sup>th</sup>, OAK-11<sup>th</sup>, SFO-29<sup>th</sup>, SMF-40<sup>th</sup>, SAN-42<sup>nd</sup>, MHR-47<sup>th</sup>, SBD-60<sup>th</sup>, RIV-69<sup>th</sup>, SCK-89<sup>th</sup>, SJC-96<sup>th</sup>, FAT 112<sup>th</sup>, LGB-120<sup>th</sup>)

### Certified Pilots and Registered Aircraft

- General Aviation (GA) operations account for approximately four of every five aircraft operations.
- FAA Registered Aircraft (February 2023): 24,545 (9 percent of the U.S. total) with value exceeding \$10.8 billion, and generating in excess of \$250 million each year in taxes.

flight restrictions continue to occur.

### Aviation's Emergency Preparedness Facilities •

California's 241 public-use airports are potential staging areas for emergency response activities, including Search and Rescue and firefighting agencies, which rely on aircraft to transport personnel, equipment and supplies, and reconnaissance efforts. • In California, U.S. Forest Service, Fire and Aviation Management coordinates 9 Federal Firefighting Airtanker Bases, 3 Airtanker Reload Bases and 20 Helibases. For more information:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/aviation> •

To provide air support within 20 minutes, Cal Fire supports ground forces with firefighting efforts via 24 air attack and helitack bases.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/minjagd3/aviation-program-2020-6.pdf>



### Aviation in California: Fact Sheet (February 2023)

**Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** Airport and Airway Trust Fund (AATF) Fact Sheet total (FFY 2021): \$14.8 billion to invest in Operations; Facilities/Equipment; Research, Engineering & Development; and Airports.

**FAA AIP Grants Awarded to California** (FFY 2022) Grants (94): \$132.3 million

**Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** (December 2021) Allocations (168): \$294.6 million

**California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP)**

**Grants** FY 2021/22: \$1.47 million

- State AIP Matching Grant (0): \$0
- Annual Credit Grants (147): \$1.47 million
- Acquisition and Development Grants (0): \$0

**\*California Aviation System Plan (CASP)** The 10-year capital need outlook for California Public Use airports is \$4.68 billion – Commercial airports: \$3.17B and General Aviation airports: \$1.51B (Capital Improvement Plan – July 2021)  
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/aeronautics>

General Aviation Fuel Sales & Revenue Transfers to the State Aeronautics Account						
Fiscal Year	AvGas <sup>1</sup>	Jet Fuel <sup>2</sup>	Combined Aviation Fuel	Aeronautics Account Revenue <sup>3</sup>		
	Gallons Sold (millions)	Gallons Sold (millions)	Gallons Sold (millions) 148.8	Avgas	Jet Fuel	Annual Total
2001-02	28.8	120.0		\$5,200,00	\$2,400,000	\$7,600,00

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2002-03	28.1	122.6	150.7	\$5,100,000	\$2,452,000	\$7,552,000
2003-04	27.3	135.7	163.0	\$4,922,000	\$2,832,000	\$7,754,000
2004-05	23.6	144.3	167.9	\$4,858,000	\$2,763,000	\$7,622,000
2005-06	25.8	149.2	175.0	\$4,408,000	\$3,001,000	\$7,409,000
2006-07	24.7	149.8	174.5	\$2,006,000	\$5,284,000	\$7,290,000
2007-08	28.9	152.7	181.6	\$3,831,000	\$3,627,000	\$7,458,000
2008-09	19.2	123.8	143.0	\$4,457,000	\$2,774,000	\$7,232,000
2009-10	19.6	112.3	131.9	\$3,459,000	\$1,729,000	\$5,188,000
2010-11	16.9	116.9	133.8	\$3,174,000	\$2,371,000	\$5,545,000
2011-12	17.3	125.8	143.1	\$3,114,000	\$2,497,000	\$5,611,000
2012-13	16.3	132.0	148.3	\$2,871,000	\$2,370,000	\$5,241,000
2013-14	15.9	127.7	143.6	\$2,944,000	\$2,801,000	\$5,745,000
2014-15	16.5	135.6	113.5	\$3,010,000	\$2,472,000	\$5,482,000
2015-16	16.3	155.7	172.0	\$3,031,000	\$2,947,000	\$5,978,000

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2016-17	14.9	165.9	180.8	\$2,698,000	\$3,366,000	\$6,064,000
2017-18	15.5	162.1	177.6	\$2,766,000	\$3,251,000	\$6,017,000
2018-19	16.3	155.7	172.0	\$2,314,000	\$3,369,000	\$5,683,000
2019-20	14.9	139.2	154.0	\$2,916,000	\$3,187,000	\$6,103,000
2020-21	14.4	162.5	176.9	\$2,479,000	\$2,987,000	\$5,466,000
2021-22	13.4	219.4	232.8	\$2,409,387	\$4,388,275	\$6,797,662
<b>Fuel Tax Rates:-</b>	<sup>1</sup> \$0.18/gallon	<sup>2</sup> \$0.02/gallon				

<sup>1&2</sup>Source: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA)

<sup>3</sup>Source: State Controller's Office transfers to Aeronautics Account per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 8352.3 (a).



Division of Aeronautics



<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/aeronautics>

*Office of Aviation Planning, Division of Aeronautics February 2023*

## 2024 Safety Conference Recap

The 2024 KAUN Safety Conference was held in the Barnstormer Room on the evening of April 23, 2024. Over 80 attendees enjoyed pizza and safety briefings centered around Aeronautic Decision-Making, “ADM”.

**Ken Dwelle** and **Don Wolfe** kicked off the meeting with instances of poor ADM with poor outcomes. Airport Manager **Tyghe Richardson** briefed the audience on the current and future state of operations at Auburn Airport. **Rex DiMartini** provided information on the Civil Air Patrol and Auburn’s Squadron 92 rescue methods. **CFI’s Dylan Yack** and Don Wolfe discussed traffic patterns and radio procedures at non- towered airports like KAUN.

**Blancolorio Channel, Juan Browne** was the evening “closer” providing several examples of poor ADM in recent turbine aircraft accidents.

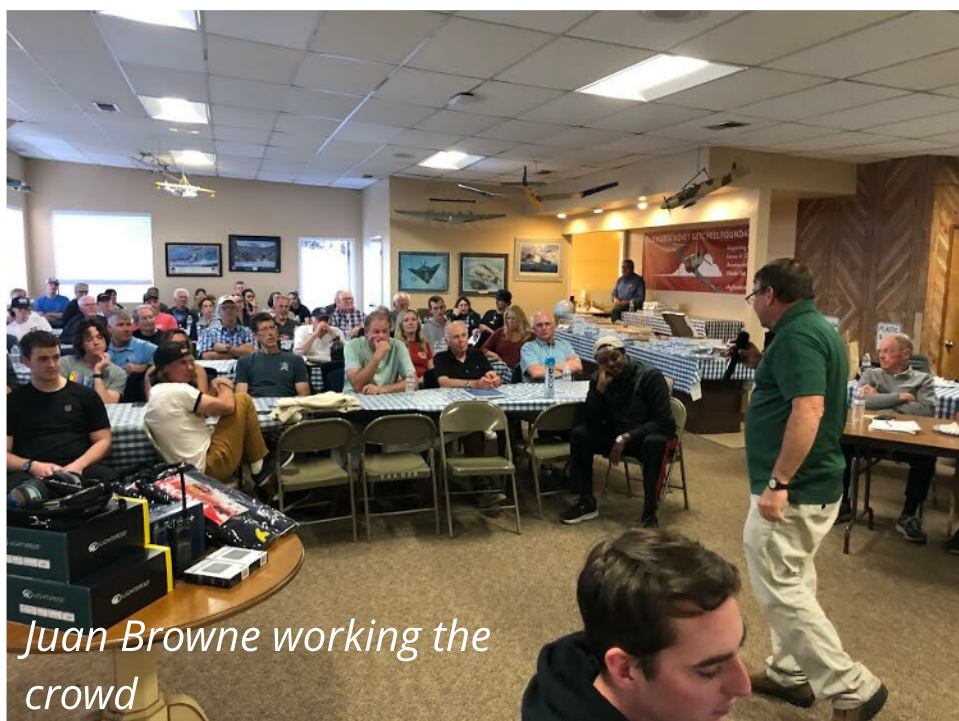




*Rex DiMartini*



*Dylan Yack, Helicopter CFI-I, giving his first safety briefing*



*Juan Browne working the crowd*



*Juan Browne & Owen White, Headset winners*

Juan's military and airline background make him an expert in aviation safety and his sense of humor keeps everyone's attention. The evening concluded with **CFI Mia McKnight** pulling the winning numbers for the raffle conducted by Jaun and Tyghe. Mia pulled the winning ticket for Juan Browne providing him with one of the grand prizes, a the Lightspeed Delta Zulu headset. Jaun has given us so much of his free time in helping with our Safety and Mentoring events we were happy to see him win.

The event was sponsored by The City of Auburn, Lightspeed Aviation, Sportys and Auburn Aviation Association. Juan Browne and **Owen White** won the Lightspeed Delta Zulu headsets grand prizes. Radios, Life Vests, and electronic device quick chargers were also awarded. The 2025 Safety Conference is planned for Tuesday April 22, 2025.



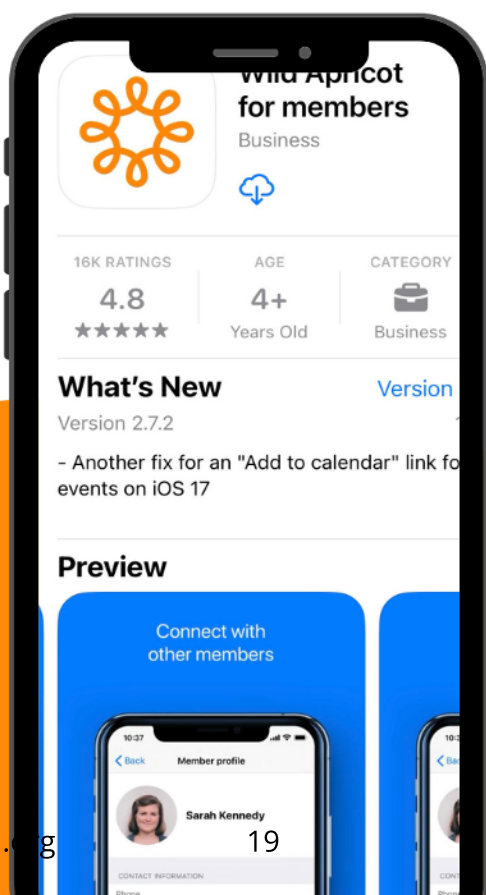


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Members in good standing can access four tabs:

- Members directory
- Events listings, including Zoom links and MENU for the potlucks
- My Tickets, where you can view events for which you have registered (Safety Conference, Career Day)
  - My Profile

**Click here** if you need to join or renew your membership so you can access this convenient information.



## 2024 AAA Scholarships and Awards Luncheon

*by Kadie Jacobs*

The annual Auburn Aviation Association (AAA) Scholarship Awards Luncheon was held Saturday, April 6th to award this year's recipients. For our 2024 scholarships, eight students were selected with award amounts ranging up to \$12,500 to pursue their flight training goals. These particular students were selected for their drive and dedication, their outstanding resumes listing high achievements, and remarkable interview skills.

Out of the eight scholarship winners, four were selected for Private Pilot Scholarships. Awarded both the Mach 5 Aviation and the Conte Checkride Scholarship was **Andrew Van Wagner**. The AAA Scholarship was presented to **Kaitlin Miller**, the EAA Chapter 526 selected **Claire Delany**, and lastly, the Ellsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation (EHGF) selected **Owen White** as the Private Pilot awardee.

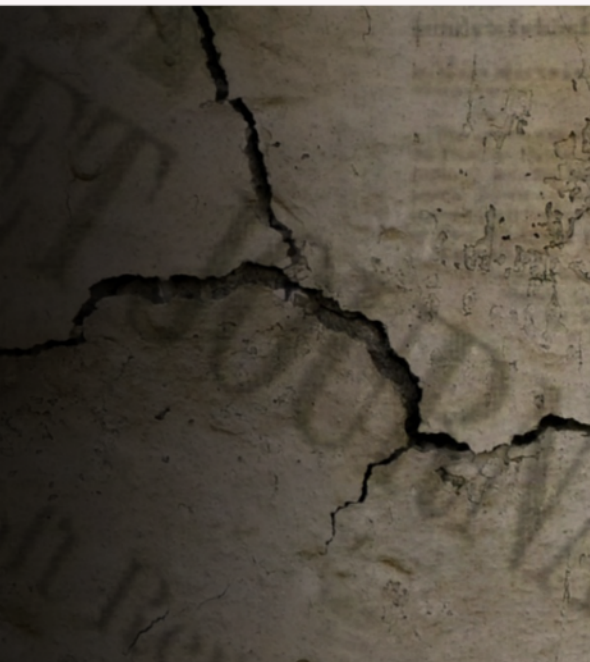
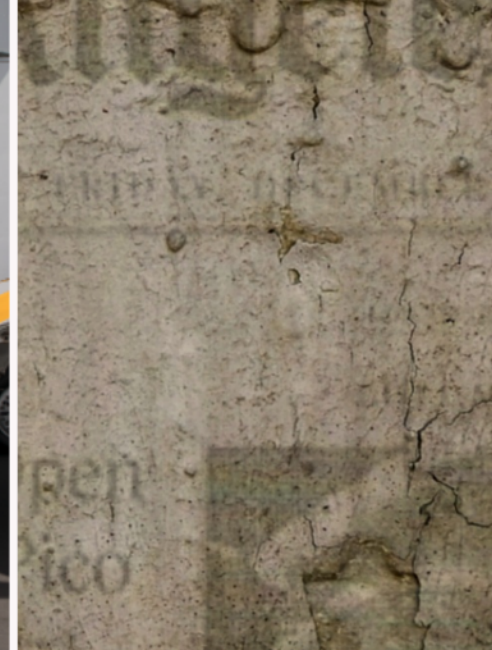
For the EHGF advanced training scholarships this year, three Instrument training scholarships were presented to **Breaunna Herrera**, **Paul Mutz** and **Jordan Brown**. The EHGF Commercial training scholarship was awarded to **Emma Swift**.

The luncheon was held to celebrate the accomplishments of these hardworking students. Friends and family members gathered





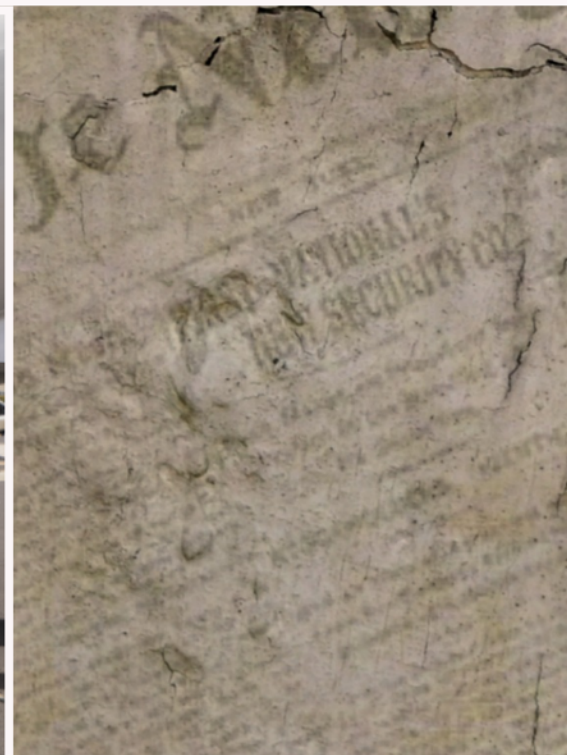
(Left to Right) Claire Delany, Emma Swift, Paul Mutz, Owen White, Jordan Brown, Kaitlin Miller, Andrew Van Wagner, Breanna Herrera



Scholarship Luncheon



(Top, Left to Right) Emma Swift, Paul Mutz, Owen White, Jordan Brown, Breanna Herrera  
(Bottom, Left to Right) Ben Marsh, Ken Dwelle, Chris Luvara (EHGF Scholarship)





to honor the recipients. From the EHGF Board, we welcomed **Ken Dwelle, Ben Marsh,** and **Chris Luvara.**

Representing the AAA Scholarship was **Don Wolfe** and **Doug Fee.**

And finally, **Randy Winn,** the Conte Fund Advisor, and **Andy Robinson**

from the EAA Chapter 526 attended. All of

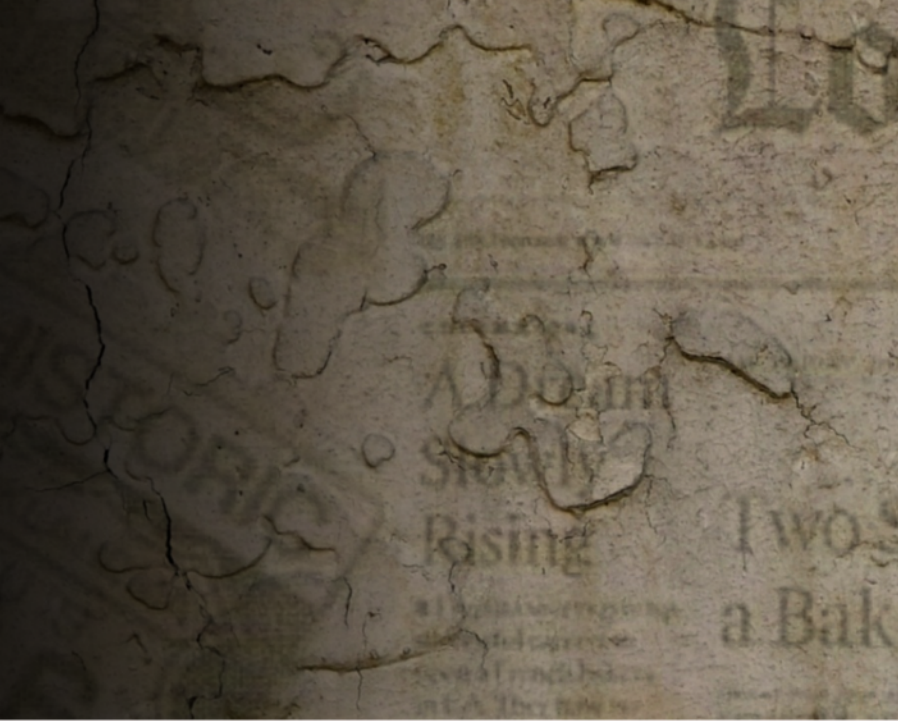
these members helped administer the scholarships and gave valuable words of advice to the winners.



To guide the eight students through their flight training, our Mentor Training Program is being led by **Peter Hastert.** Previous scholarship winners were asked to pair up with a 2024 scholarship recipient to support their training and offer mentorship. Scholarship winners will be asked to submit a monthly flying report including expenses, progress, and questions about their training to help them stay on track. Our mentors are happy for the opportunity to pay it forward and advise these students through their upcoming training.

Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship winners! We look forward to their upcoming successes and are excited to welcome them into the AAA community.

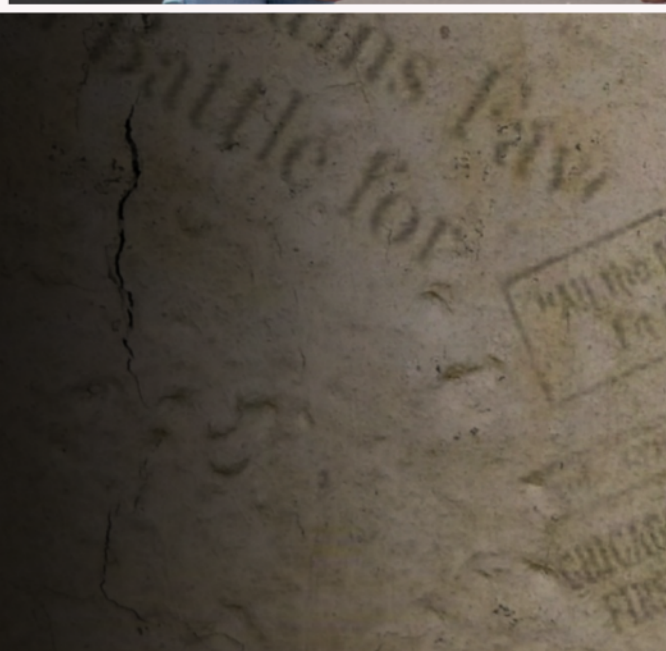
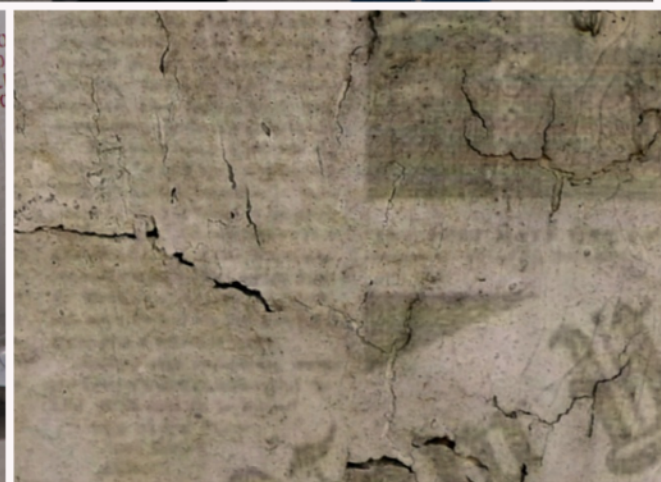




*Don Wolfe and Kaitlin Miller (AAA Scholarship)*



*Claire Delany and Andy (EAA Scholarship)*



*Randy Winn and Andrew Van Wagner (Conte Checkride)*



# It's All Worth It.

by Doug Fee

As you are probably aware, we just finished our cycle of scholarship applications, interviews, and awards for 2024. Do you ever find yourself questioning whether or not all the time, effort and money that we put into our scholarship program are really worth expending? If so, reading the thank you notes below might convince you of the value of our activities. I think they speak for themselves. It can't help but warm your heart.

Auburn Aviation Association members,

Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity you provided me. I am deeply honored to be considered and accepted for the Elsworth Foundation scholarship. You have helped alleviate the financial strain of my schooling. I look forward to using this scholarship toward my instrument and commercial flight training. I am excited to see my career start moving forward. Mentally being a CFI myself has helped me realize that has helped me.

Dear AAA Members,  
I am both delighted and honored for being chosen to ensure Mr. Ellsworth Hovey Gutchell's legacy lives on. It was a pleasure to meet some of you and learn more about the Auburn Aviation Assoc history/impact on the community. I am excited to do my part in completing aviation endeavors, learning more about our community's history, and encouraging future generations to do the same.

Dear Auburn Aviation Association,  
Thank you for the opportunity of selecting me as one of the recipients of the Hovey Gutchell Foundation scholarship. I enjoyed the cross-country scenario and made me feel like I was on a check ride.  
I am thrilled to accept the scholarship award and a huge financial burden. It was a pleasure to meet and connect with members of the Auburn and support aviation goals.  
Thank you and forward.

Dear Auburn Aviation Association Members,

Thank you so much for the incredible opportunity that you have provided me. I am deeply honored to have been considered and accepted for the Elsworth Hovey Getchell Foundation scholarship. You have massively helped alleviate the financial strain of funding my training. I look forward to using this scholarship toward my instrument and commercial ratings. I am excited to see my career start moving along toward eventually being a CFI myself and giving back to the community that has helped me. Once again thank you for this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely, Jordan Brown

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the same.

Thank you for your faith in me,

-Paul Matz

Dear Auburn Aviation Association,

4/7/24

Thank you for the opportunity to interview and for selecting me as one of the recipients for The Ellsworth Hovey Gitchell Foundation scholarship. During the interview, I enjoyed the cross-country scenario questions the most. It made me feel like I was on a check ride!

I am thrilled to accept the scholarship award as it has relieved a huge financial burden. It was a pleasure to attend the luncheon and connect with members of the AAA who have worked hard to support aviation goals and dreams for students like me.

Thank you again for the wonderful experience. I look forward to seeing you and staying in touch throughout my aviation career!

Sincerely,

Emma Swift



# As the Prop Turns

*by Mike Duncan*

This has been a great month for our scholarship program. We received an anonymous donation for our foundation which is the largest yet. It has been a real thrill for me to see how the foundation has taken off, in terms of donations, in the four years it has been in existence. From our original expectations of \$75,000 to over \$500,000.00 now. Thank you **Don Wolfe** and our Board of Directors for showing us how to make it work for AAA and all of the scholarship recipients.

On the subject of scholarship recipients, we had an awards ceremony this past month for all of our winners for this year. **Kadie Jacobs** has had a great review of the ceremony with pictures for people like me who can't read without my bifocal glasses. You can find her article elsewhere in this month's issue.

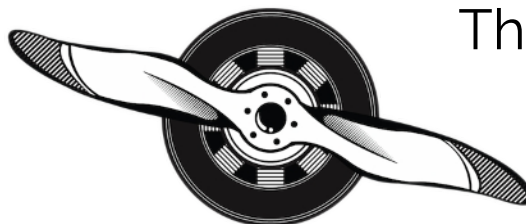
The student load is starting to increase with the



good weather. **Leo Rubia** and **Spencer Beane** were able to solo the same day in the same airplane. No, not on the same flight. First Leo soloed with **David Longo** as his instructor and **Christine Koenigsecker** soloed with Spencer Beane. Congratulations to all.

Memorial Day is this on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May this year. It is time to remember all those who have gone to war and died for us. It is time to give them thanks for protecting our way of life and culture. Auburn is going to celebrate with a parade and flags at the Auburn cemetery. Several other events too numerous to mention here will be happening. You can check with the Auburn Chamber of Commerce for that list. It is a great time to thank all that have served.

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



The Prop Turner  
Mike Duncan

# Mach 5 Aerochronicles

*by Shayden Eagleheart*

April was characterized by many weekends filled with rain and low clouds, despite this, we remained busy here at Mach 5. We had many student successes and enjoyed giving back to the Auburn aviation community through volunteering at Young Eagles Day and providing a scholarship through the Auburn Aviation Association. For this month, a tentative look at the weather in May shows less rain and clouds, and more sunny days that are ready for flying!

Last month, we celebrated two first solos and three successful checkride passes—a testament to our students and instructors dedication and hard work.

Congratulations are in order for **Blake G.**, a William Jessup Aviation program student, and **Logan C.**, both of whom completed their first solos under the guidance of our skilled instructors.



*CFI Dennis Pearson and newly CFI Brett B.*

*Blake G. First Solo*



Additionally, we applaud the achievements of **Amber J.**, **Phillip M.**, and **Brett B.**, who obtained their Private Pilot,

Instrument Rating, and Flight Instructor licenses, respectively. Brett graduated from William Jessup University with a BS in Aviation at the end of April and is the first student from the program to become a Flight

Instructor. We couldn't be prouder of all our students and their accomplishments in April, and we look forward to seeing what our impressive students will do in May!



*Logan C. first Solo*

Due to some of the aforementioned weather on the originally planned Young Eagles Day, the event was moved to the following Saturday. Though we couldn't provide an aircraft on the rescheduled day, two dedicated team members stepped up to make a difference. **Dan Flom**, our General Manager, assumed the role of ramp boss, ensuring smooth operations on

the ground. Meanwhile, **Shayden Eagleheart**, from our Front Desk and Social Media team, delivered safety briefings to all the Young Eagles. Looking forward, we're excited to increase our involvement in Young Eagles Day, with plans to donate both a plane and a pilot for the next event on May 11th.

Last but certainly not least, several flight training scholarships were awarded from the EAA, AAA, Getchell Foundation, and more. Among those, Mach 5 is proud to contribute to the success of **Andrew Van Wagner** by awarding him a flight training scholarship for 15 hours of Dual/Flight Instruction. We're excited to support Andrew as he completes his Private Pilot license with us this summer!

If you enjoyed this month's newsletter, we invite you to check out our website [www.mach5aviation.com](http://www.mach5aviation.com), and our social media @mach5aviation for up-to-date news on life at Mach 5. Wishing everyone clear skies, and a happy May!





# Photos

**Elina Bergstorm**, Chapter 526 2024 Ray Scholarship Winner celebrating her first solo! She also received news in March that she has been accepted in the United States Air Force Academy. Congratulations Elina!

Sunset over Clearlake,  
courtesy of Brooklyn Irvine





# WREATHS *across* AMERICA

**Auburn Aviation Association**  
**December 16, 2023**  
**9am Auburn New Cemetery**

## Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org). If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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Please make checks payable to:

**Wreaths Across America**

**Mail To: PO Box 249**

**Columbia Falls, ME 04623**

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

*Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission  
to Remember, Honor and Teach!*

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Individual</b> = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
<b>Mailed "In Honor" card</b> = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
<b>Family</b> = 4 Wreaths	\$68.00		
<b>Small Business</b> = 10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
<b>Corporate</b> = 100 Wreaths	\$1,700.00		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**\*GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM\***

### In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note, **ALL** sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and **NO** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **CAABCD** \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Group ID: **CA0244P** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Col. C.E. 'Bud' Anderson Fundraiser BRICK ORDER FORM

*Bronze monument of Col. Bud Anderson and his P-51 Mustang "Old Crow" created by Douglas Van Howd and installed at the Auburn Airport*

## Create an engraved brick!

***Honor a loved one – Advertise a business – Share another message***

Your inscription must fit into the white boxes below, 1 character per box. Each brick can have a maximum of 16 characters per line. A character is defined as a letter or number, a space or punctuation mark. Please do not use special characters. Text will automatically be centered.

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