

Auburn Aviation Association  
Museum Committee

Beginning this month I will be writing a short piece on the Museum Committee. Many people within our organization did not know about this committee and therefore I will try and bring many of you up to date on it's activities.

A little over two years ago this committee was formed in order to help preserve the aviation history of the Auburn. The first Chairperson was Peggy Dwelle and now it is Michael Duncan. One of our first chores was to get as much help as possible from various other museums within Placer County and to contact other aviation museums throughout the country. Hopefully we will be able to avoid some of the pitfalls some of these other organization have run into. Within our committee we have people working on a time line for the Auburn Airport and related events (Mr. Jim Managee). George Bloom has been working on getting interviews with various people who have personnel accounts of many of the events at the Auburn Airport. Also, George Bloom is responsible for our meeting place in the Civil Air Patrol buildings on the west end of the airport. Other individuals have help to research specific events in our history such as Tom Palmer and Woody Rupp. Dick Kiger has been a jack-of-all-trades as far as the committee is concerned. He has taken on the task of pestering me to get out the minutes and agendas for the meeting so that he could get them mailed in addition to assisting any of the other members in their tasks. Loriley Hodkins is helping to save and organize information she runs across in her capacity as the City Historian. We currently have the use of one half of a hangar for working up some displays and storage. Tom Brady is working on the process for us to accept donation to our museum effort. We already have people wanting to donate aircraft and other items. There are many more people helping in whatever way that they can and all of their help is greatly appreciated. It is my hope that by making our efforts know to others within the Auburn Aviation Association we can get more volunteers for our group.

Did you know that a gentleman named Lyman Gilmore claims to have built and flown an airplane in the Grass Valley area before the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk? Do you know that Robert Fowler landed in Auburn in the early nineteen hundreds in an attempt to fly across the United States? Do you know who Bill Clark is and why he has a street on the airport named after him? Do you know what roll that the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association (AOPA) played in the City of Auburn obtaining an airport? You can find the answer to these questions at our meetings and help find the answer to many more questions. Our meetings are at 6.30 on the second Tuesday of each month at CAP building at the west end of the Airport or called Michael Duncan at 530 887 8363 for more information on how you can help.

Michael Duncan