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The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2007

August 2	Chapter Picnic 5 – 9 pm
August 11	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
August 16	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
Sept 6	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 8	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS - 2007

July 23-29 – Oshkosh Airventure
 July 29 – Memorial Wall Ceremony, OSH
 11am – Marty Witkop to be remembered
 August 4 - 82nd Airborne Veterans Salute
 Sept 9 (Sunday) – Pancake Breakfast
 Sept 28 – 30 – Michigan Air Tour - Marlette
 October 13 Celebrate Our Midland Airport

Chapter Picnic & Aircraft Display, Thursday, August 2, 2007

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 2nd**. We are going to have a **picnic** and builder **aircraft display** from **5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. The chapter will provide hamburgers, bratwurst, buns, plastic utensils, napkins and soft drinks. RSVP to **Tom Tolton**, tjtolton@charter.net, or call 989-835-5828. Let Tom know what dish you would be willing to bring to pass, for example salad, vegetable, dessert or munchies. Several builders will have their airplanes on display and will be available to talk about them. There will be fun for everyone!



Young Eagles – Looking Ahead to August 11, 2007

Low ceilings and rain got in the way of the July 14 Young Eagles Day. Thanks to Dot Hornsby and Jim Rieke who were there to greet several disappointed future Young Eagles.

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From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell



Americans spend billions of dollars a year on herbal, vitamin and other alternative medicine products to try to improve health and reduce symptoms of disease. What is not always appreciated is that some of these products can cause side effects which can seriously hamper your flying ability. For example, Poppy, Hemlock and Wild Lettuce can cause sedation. Nutmeg and Yohimbe Bark can cause hallucinations! Consult your physician or Aviation Medical Examiner before taking alternative medicine products while operating aircraft.

Fly healthy!

Gregory Pinnell,
Senior AME/Flight Surgeon, USAFR

Safety Corner - Dr. James Rieke

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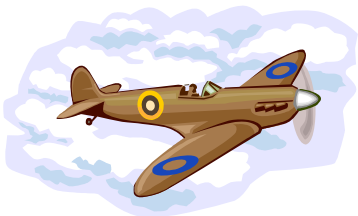
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James K. Rieke, Commercial Pilot

82nd Airborne Demonstration/Fundraiser to be held Saturday, August 4, 2007



82nd Airborne Division Association - Mid Michigan Chapter presents **Michigan Airborne Day - Camp Trooper 1941-1945** on August 4, 2007, Barstow Municipal Airport, Midland, MI from 9:30 AM through 7:00 PM, as a salute to WWII airborne and glider veterans. Included will be historical displays, vehicles, aircraft, and reenactors with a parachute demonstration pending. This is a veteran's benefit event

with all proceeds going to veteran programs. Adults \$5.00, Families \$8.00, Kids under six free, disabled veterans with ID free.

Condolences to Mike Klele

Mike Klele's mother, Joan Mirro, 74, died recently in Orlando, Florida. Joan was here in Midland for a visit in December and had taken a trip with Mike's brother last spring out west where she took a helicopter ride in Grand Canyon. She had been a student pilot in Miami many years ago, and she still proudly carried her medical with her. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and his family.

An Apology

My apologies to Jim Rieke who was left out of the list of those volunteering to help with our Aviation Camp. Jim graciously volunteered to drive a group of Campers to MBS for our field trip and also loaned us several props for the Camp's activities. Thank you, Jim. Dot Hornsby

The MAC – Part I

No, this article is not about computers, or hamburgers, or even the **Midland Aviation Camp**. It is about **regulations**. No, don't stop reading! This is important. Most pilots are very familiar with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FARs. Many pilots may not be aware that there is such a thing as the **Michigan Aeronautics Code**. We usually refer to the FAA regulations as the F.A.R.s. The actual name is "Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations" (CFR). The official title for all Michigan Laws is "Michigan Code of Law" (MCL) and the official name for the aeronautics part of the MCL is the "Aeronautics Code of the State of Michigan." The easy acronym is **MAC (Michigan Aeronautics Code)**.



In fact, Michigan is much more involved in aviation regulations than most states, even administering many FAA functions within the state of Michigan such as airport inspections and administration of federal aviation funds.

Public airports have to meet certain standards and provide certain services such as a public phone, a terminal building with public restrooms; they must control access to the aircraft operations area, have an emergency plan, airport rules, aircraft and auto parking, etc. (Michigan Department of Transportation MDOT administrative rules).

Flight schools, MCL 259.4(b) & MCL 259.85, must be inspected and licensed by the state, and almost all flight training requires a flight school license. Flight training and other commercial aviation operations can only be conducted from State licensed airports. All commercial operations must have a written commercial operating agreement from the airport manager. A Certified Flight Instructor must be "available" to "dispatch and supervise" each student solo flight. Flight schools must have a written curriculum including lessons on the Michigan Aeronautics Code (MAC); must have a designated practice area; must have a security program and control "ignition keys"; keep records; etc.

J. T. Rairigh, Assistant Airport Manager, Midland Barstow Airport

Ed. Note: Part II of this article will be in the Sept. 2007 Newsletter. It will deal with Michigan Code of Law regarding Flying Clubs, Aircraft Registration, and Airport Manager duties and prohibited conduct at aeronautical facilities.

Sightseeing Excursion to Prince William Sound by Seaplane

My wife, Ruth Ann, and I took the opportunity to take a two-week sightseeing trip of Alaska beginning in Anchorage and ending in Vancouver, British Columbia. On June 11, 2007 we departed to the Denali Princess Hotel and proceeded by bus along Parks Highway until we reached Lake Lucille in the town of Wasilla.

There were 41 of us in this tour group and at 1:45 p.m. a group of seaplanes landed to take us sightseeing. There was a Cessna Caravan, an Osprey, and the rest were Cessna 206 aircraft. We had all turned in weight slips and were assigned to the various airplanes. My wife and I rode in a Cessna 206 and I was able to arrange to sit in the front passenger seat. The airplane had no controls on that side, by the way.



A lovely young woman with 25 years flying experience was assigned as our pilot and was a most capable pilot. The water was extremely smooth on the lake that day, and our takeoff was

uneventful. Our pilot skillfully flew us up and down and around the Sound, bringing us very close to the tops of glaciers and inside of them. While we did not see a whale, we almost did. We saw the ripple of water as the whale had just gone below the surface. Our pilot also landed us on the shore so we could get out and look around, then she returned us to our destination which was Lake Hood back in Anchorage. Our three-hour flight was really the highlight of our trip for me.

Stuart Bergstein, Pilot and Member of EAA Chapter 1093

Chapter 1093 Members invited to attend the EAA Memorial Wall Ceremony at Oshkosh where Marty Witkop will be remembered



Marty Witkop, pilot and friend, who died November 15, 2006, will be among those honored during the EAA Memorial Wall Ceremony on **Sunday, July 29, 2007** at 11 am on Compass Hill, adjacent to the Fergus Chapel near Pioneer Airport at Oshkosh. Donna Witkop, Marty's wife, chose the inscription which will read: "**Seaplane Pilot, Chapter 1093, Michigan.**" Donna said, this will mean more to Marty than having a headstone inscribed.

Note from the President

Dear Chapter Members:

Chapter activities will be reaching a fever pitch with our August 2nd Chapter meeting highlighting a combination project display and cookout for all. Call Tom Tolton if you can help (835-5828). On top of that, the 82nd Airborne show set up crew will attend the cook out. The more the merrier. Then on Saturday, the 82nd will put on an all day show. Put these two events on your calendar now!

When I stop and think about all the activities our Chapter is involved in, I can only conclude that this level of involvement is a very strong statement of your commitment to the Chapter mission. Our Chapter membership is made up of highly capable and achievement oriented people who function as a team. I'm proud to be a part of it.

Clear Skies and Altitude,

John

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