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The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2008

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| Dec 5 | Holiday Party, Tolton's 6:30 pm |
| Dec 13 | Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm |
| Dec 18 | Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 |
| Jan 8 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Jan 10 | Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm |
| Jan 15 | Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 |

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2008-09

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| Dec 2 | Jack Barstow Airport Advisory Commission Meeting - 5 pm City Council Chambers |
| Dec 2 | FAA Safety Mtg 6:30 pm at MBS Airport |
| May 2 | Pancake Breakfast 7 – 11 am |
| June 27 | Pancake Breakfast 7 – 11 am |
| Sept 12 | Pancake Breakfast 7 – 11 am |

Holiday Party will be held Friday, December 5 at the Tolton Home



Tom and Amy Tolton have graciously offered to host a holiday dinner party on Friday, December 5th from 6:30 to 10:00 pm at their home at in Midland. We will not have a chapter meeting in December. Each family is invited to bring a dish to share.

If you have not already sent an RSVP to Tom, do so as soon as possible at tjtolton@charter.net or phone 989-835-5828 (home) or 989-496-1588 (work).

The location of the Tolton home at 1101 Whispering Oak Dr. is just south of Adams school off Washington street. Take Wheeler to Washington, turn North, then right on Whispering Oak Drive. Everyone is welcome.

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell

Color Vision Testing Changes

In a new FAA aeromedical policy, those airmen who fail their initial color screening will find a new procedure for eliminating the color vision restriction from their medical. In the past, airmen who failed the color screening in their AME's office were allowed to do alternate color vision testing through their eye care professional. This could remove the color vision restriction on a permanent basis. The light gun testing through the FSDO was the other way to remove the restriction.



This has changed. The FAA now has in place a rather complex method of waiving color vision deficiencies that involves various types of testing depending on the class of certificate you hold. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact us at www.OK2FLY.com and we can help guide you through which options are best for you.

Gregory Pinnell, MD
Senior AME/Flight Surgeon USAFR
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Young Eagles on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008

Last month we were weathered out, but we know of a group of 24 Boy Scouts who are planning on attending our next Young Eagles Day. If you are able, why not plan to participate on December 13.

Dave Schmelzer
Young Eagles Coordinator
989-631-7590

John Haiducek, Former Aviation Camper, working on his Master's Degree

John Haiducek is working on his masters degree in physics at the Air Force University in Dayton, Ohio. However, says his dad, Bob Haiducek, his specialty might change. He's in Lasers and Optics now, but is still checking to determine if he can switch to Space Weather. He has not resumed flying but another officer mentioned an interest in flying and they may pursue it together.

Gravel Improvements on EAA Aviation Education Center Driveway

Bob Trent has spearheaded the effort to improve the year-round condition of the driveway leading up to the Aviation Education Center and EAA Hangar. Bob looked at several options and with Chapter Board support, ordered the crushed limestone and helped finish the spreading himself on November 14. Thanks, Bob, for helping improve the condition of the drive. We will hopefully avoid those spring mud puddles after the spring thaw.

John Shriner's Aeronca Champ – Eight and Still Counting!!!



Most pilots can count on one hand the planes they have owned – not John Shriner. His newly adopted 'baby', a 1946 Aeronca 7AC Champ, counts for number 8. He lays claim to having adopted 7 planes and had 1 natural one (he built his RV6A); as a retired obstetrician he was good with the 'natural' one.

On September 11 this year Dick Sipp shuttled Dave Schmelzer and John to Fremont, Michigan, where he was to finalize the purchase of this #8 plane. The last time John had seen the plane it was dismantled but now it had its newly covered wings and remounted 0235 Lycoming 115 HP engine intact. It

had also had picked up a new electrical system but still had just the most basic of instruments – altimeter, air speed, compass, and electrical and engine gauges. Dave took it for a test flight and gave the 'yes' nod to John to complete the purchase.

As John was returning to Barstow in the co-pilot's seat of his newly acquired plane he could reflect back on the first time (50 years ago!) he was the PIC (pilot in command) of a tail-dragger plane. He knew he had skills to relearn from his 100 previous pilot hours in a tail-dragger before he could sit in that seat again; he and instructor Pat Sisco are now attending to that goal of his obtaining this tail-dragger endorsement.

This journey really began when John was attending the Wayne State Medical School in the late forties/early fifties. His wife, Grace, was working fulltime in order to put him through Medical School. A friend gave him a ride in his Piper PA12 and John was hooked. However, how does a medical student with a working wife come home and say, "Honey, I am going to take flying lessons?" He quickly solved this problem by donating his rare O- type blood for \$50 a pint; that actually bought him 5 flying lessons for every donated pint! Also, he had the extra reward of knowing that his blood was being used for research at the Detroit Children's Hospital. When he earned his license in 1954 spin training was required so, at times, he had to rent an Aeronca 7AC; he liked the plane and thus his first airplane became a 4 place Aeronca 15AC. During his 2 year military hitch during 1954-56 he was lucky to get in even his meager 16 hours of flying time in a L16A for the Georgia CAP (Civil Air Patrol). Fast forwarding through the years found John adopting these planes: a Piper Tri Pacer, a Bellanca 260B, a Bellanca Viking, a Beechcraft Debonair, and a Mooney M20F. Then the building bug hit him and he worked on his RV6A from 1986 until he first flew it in 1998; he recently sold this plane to Dave Schmelzer. (Editors note; John was the very first pilot on the field to share the building of an airplane with the first Aviation Camp in 1996.)

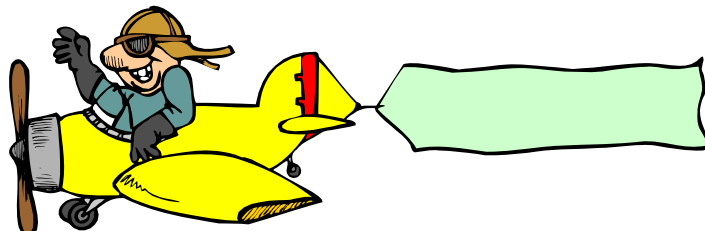
The appeal of this newly acquired Aeronca 7AC Champ to John is that it qualifies for the new Sport Aviation category of flying so, medically, he needs just his driver's license in order to legally fly it. It will cruise at 100 mph with a fuel burn of around 6 gph; it takes off at 60 mph and lands at 40mph. The plane has a blue and white paint scheme and the registration number is N84321.

John had hoped to have his tail-dragger endorsement before he and Grace leave in mid-January for 3 months in Florida; however, the weather is not cooperating. He might have to put off until spring the thrill for the 8th time of being PIC of his own airplane. His future plans with the airplane might be flying to Port Huron to see a friend but mostly he plans on what he calls 'Pea Patch' flying – flying locally – and enjoying the scenery below. Dot Hornsby

FAA Safety Meeting Tuesday, December 2 at MBS International Airport

The Successful Cross Country: Planning and flying a successful cross country.

There will be an FAA Safety Meeting on **Tuesday, December 2, 2008** at MBS International Airport at **6:30 pm**. A successful cross country flight begins on the ground with preflight preparation and flight planning. Join us as we share helpful hints and knowledge that will make you more comfortable with the airway and airport system.



The MBS Control Tower staff will be giving a presentation between 6:30 and 7:00 pm and will be on hand to meet and greet the rest of the evening.

Thanks to our good friends at Dow Chemical Company for opening their hanger for this event, which will be held at the Dow Chemical Hangar #5, 8400 Garfield Rd., MBS International Airport, Freeland, MI 48623

Additionally, The FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) will provide information regarding the "FAASafety.gov" website, "WINGS" Pilot Proficiency Program. The following credit(s) are available for the WINGS/AMT Programs: KEB 1.00

Christine Hartges, Acting ATM, Saginaw Tower
Freeland, Michigan

New Airport Identifier for Midland Jack Barstow Airport

Don't forget, as soon as the AWOS reporting system is installed at Midland Jack Barstow Airport, the new identifier will be **KIKW**: Where everyone is **Invited, and Kindly Welcomed!**

Note from the President

Thanks to all the 2008 officers and committee chairpersons for having served Chapter 1093 with dedicated service. I appreciate the opportunity to have served as Chapter President for the past two years. One of the highlights of these two years was the successful visit of the Ford TriMotor airplane this past August. Everyone worked together to make this a true community event.

We welcome the new officers for 2009, led by new Chapter President, J. T. Rairigh, and we look forward to a great year of food, fellowship and flying!

John

John Abbott,
Chapter 1093 President