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The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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Monthly Meetings held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM - Barstow Airport (3BS)
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

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| January 8 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm |
| January 10 | Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm |
| January 15 | Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 |
| February 5 | Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Feb 14 | Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm |
| Feb 19 | Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 |

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2009

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| May 2 | Pancake Breakfast |
| June 27 | Pancake Breakfast |
| Sept 12 | Pancake Breakfast |

January 8, 2009 Meeting

Since the first Thursday of the month in January is New Year's Day, our meeting will be held on January 8. Social hour will begin at 6:30 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM. JT Rairigh will share some of his experiences in the South Pacific. See JT Rairigh's letter from the President for more information. Hope to see you there!

Meet our New Chapter President – JT Rairigh



JT Rairigh, our new EAA Chapter 1093 President, enthusiastically states that "EAA is the single biggest asset this airport has with its very active and involved group of pilots and supporters." JT might never have taken over as Barstow Airport Assistant Manager on April 1, 2006, if it weren't for his future wife wanting to take flying lessons. The future wife (as we all know now as his wife, Janine) serves alongside him daily helping to run the Barstow Airport smoothly and efficiently. Besides managing the airport they own Quality Aviation Services on the field which offers flight training and ground school for future pilots.

Even though JT's father was a pilot and he wanted to be one himself, he was talked out of it by the admissions director at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible college. When he found out that his girlfriend, Janine, was interested in aviation, they have been a 'flying-working-duo' ever since. His training was all geared to missionary flying, so he has many hours of tail-dragger experience and short field take-offs and landings. His present ratings include SEL, MEL, Helicopter, CFII single/multi and he holds an A&P rating with an IA endorsement.

He and Janine were airport managers at the Hastings, MI, Airport (9D9) for 3 ½ years before coming to Barstow; they ran the FBO there as well as a flight school. However, most of their working years have been spent in missionary work with the longest stay being in Papua New Guinea. JT was a helicopter and C185/C206 pilot, mechanic, and operated a computer assistance department there. Janine kept their business running while also raising their son, Daniel, and their daughter, Anita.

When JT was asked what particular mission might stand out in his mind, he related the experience of flying helicopter medivac missions to get children and others out of remote jungle locations to a hospital for treatment. Many times in PNG it was a problem to find a spot safe enough to land the helicopter and also not injure any natives on the ground. JT spent much time locating and maintaining better locations and clearings for these bush landings.

Our new President is kept busy with his varied duties as Barstow onsite Manager – to mention a few – maintaining the grounds and runways, greeting visitors, assisting pilots, answering inquiries, managing fuel systems, and reports to the City's Engineering Department and the Airport Advisory Commission. With a smile he then added "Also, helping people with lost baggage." Some travelers from MBS, in confusion, call the Barstow Terminal for lost baggage – on off-hours the phone message at our airport gives JT's cell phone number so occasionally he is called in the middle of the night by someone demanding to know where their luggage is!!

His hopes and dreams for Barstow are to help keep local pilots excited about flying and involved at the field, make Barstow a great venue for visitors, and keep improving the infrastructure of the airport. When asked 'what is the hardest part of his job' he replied, "Keeping everybody happy." When asked what was the most fun part of the job, the immediate answer was "Flying!"

Dot Hornsby

New Member

We welcome Suzy Kryzanowicz as our first new member for 2009. Suzy is a corporate pilot for the Dow Chemical Company and has these ratings: ATP, CFII, MEL, and SES. She has fun in her time off flying her own 1946 Taylorcraft – N43093.

Suzy is modest with her talents but many of us know that she started out washing airplanes at the Dow Hangar at MBS. Her love of flying and hard work earned her the job with Dow. Suzy has volunteered at our Midland Aviation Camp and is a familiar face to many of us. Welcome, Suzy!

Safety Corner by Dr. James Rieke - Cold Weather Operations



“Winter flying requires a different mindset because what’s just a nuisance in July can kill you in January.” Thus begins an extensive article in the December issue of Aviation Safety. Here I mention only a few of the potential “gotchas” that winter flying offers:

- Snow and ice in wheel fairings—Fairings are best removed in the fall.
- Frozen brakes—when taxiing on snowy and/or slushy surfaces, brakes often freeze. Be doubly careful when landing with frozen brakes!
- Takeoffs offer many challenges on icy runways. If not experienced, it is best to leave the plane in the hangar or find an experienced instructor.
- Flat light—cloudy days and snow covered ground markedly impacts depth perception. It is easy to misjudge your distance from the ground when landing.

These are a few of the potential gotchas. Many others such as ventilation, carbon monoxide, proper clothes, preheating and preflighting, etc., become more important in cold weather. Ask yourself: When is **COLD too COLD for winter flying?**

Young Eagles to be held Saturday, January 10, 2008



Our Chapter hosted the Young Eagles Program on Saturday, December 13. We had another successful day with 11 new Young Eagles. This is one of the ways our chapter can promote aviation to young people as well as keep it alive in the community. If you are a pilot, check with me and I'll let you know how to get started in the program. Thanks to this month's pilots, Dot Hornsby, Dave Bickmore, J.T. Rairigh. Volunteers on the ground helping to keep things running smoothly included Jim Rieke, Mike Klele, and Brad Goodall, who took pictures to provide a memory for each Young

Eagle. It was a great day. Come out and join the fun.

Join us on **Saturday, October 11** from 9 am – 12 noon. Youngsters ages 8 to 17 are invited to experience the joy of flight. We fly kids on the second Saturday of each month, weather permitting and with their parent's written permission.

Dave Schmelzer,
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Note from the President

2008 has been a good year for EAA 1093. The meetings have been great, the members have been involved, and we have had some great events at Barstow including the Ford Tri-Motor and 3, count 'em - three!, pancake breakfasts for each of the last two years. I am trusting that 2009 will be a great and rewarding year for EAA 1093. It will be a tough year for me because John Abbot is a hard act to follow. He is enthusiastic, dedicated, and has a vision for the chapter. But with enthusiasm, dedication, and good ideas from all members, 2009 will be an even greater year I am sure.

Remember, since the first Thursday is New Years Day our first meeting of 2009 will be Jan 8. Please come with ideas for the chapter in 2009. We want to know what you think. Moreover, we want to tap your brainpower to plan for this coming year. Let us know your thoughts on what we should be aiming for this year: changes, improvements, events, projects, goals.

Have a Blessed New Year,

JT

JT Rairigh, President,
EAA Chapter 1093