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## The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

Nov 5	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 14	Young Eagles 9:00 – 12 noon
Nov 19	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
Dec 3	Chapter Christmas Party 6:30 pm
Dec 12	Young Eagles 9:00 – 12 noon
Dec 17	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 pm

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010

May 1	Pancake Breakfast
June 14-19	Aviation Camp
June 26	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 11	Pancake Breakfast

## Chapter 1093 Meeting Thursday, November 5, 2009

Bruce Koch from Goodrich, Michigan will speak about his aircraft, an SNV-1 "California Girl." Bruce is a 52 year old instrument rated commercial pilot who has been flying since he was 19. The interesting aspect of his flying that is that most of his flight time is in WWII trainers: Stearmans, BT-13's and T-6's. He is also an airframe and powerplant maintenance technician and he enjoys working on antique, classic, contemporary and Warbird aircraft. He and his wife, Cheryl of 27 years have three children and three grandchildren. Bruce has worked for General Motors for 25 years as a process assembly technician at the Warren Tech Center. Join us at 6:30 pm at the Aviation Education Center for social time. The meeting and program begin at 7:00 pm.

## From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell, MD



Winter is just around the corner and with it the cold and flu season. And not to mention the current concern with the H1N1 "Swine" flu. Virtually all cough and cold medications used to treat symptoms of colds and flu carry significant side effect potential such as drowsiness and sedation which could compromise the safety of your next flight!

Some over the counter (OTC) preparations can persist in your system quite some time when taken. If ill with colds or flu it would be prudent to ground yourself till 24-48 hours have elapsed since the end of symptoms and you have discontinued all OTC and/or prescription medications. Fly Safe!

Gregory Pinnell, MD  
Senior AME/Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR, [www.ok2fly.com](http://www.ok2fly.com)

## Safety Corner - 13 Tips to Keep you Flying Safely – Dr. James K. Rieke

The October issue of Cessna Pilots Association Magazine published 13 tips to keep you flying safely. I repeat them here!

1. Consider the unique risks faced for each flight.
2. Purge (delete) the word “probably” from your flying vocabulary.
3. Identify local hot spots.
4. Get local knowledge.
5. How will it read in the NTSB report?
6. Become experienced in Type.
7. Plan accordingly for night flight.
8. Select and use conventional and unconventional personal minimums.
9. Step up your game plan (e.g. look for and practice new challenges).
10. Strive for the PERFECT flight.
11. Develop emergency responses from the comfort of your home.
12. The rule of two (e.g., one error is often followed by a second)
13. Two pilot cockpit (e.g., fatigue is minimized)



The author of this article is Max Trescott and it was originally published in the FAA Aviation News. The 13 points are well worth consideration.

## Young Eagles will be held Saturday, November 14, 2009

Several Young Eagles flights were given on October 10. Student pilot helpers included Brad Goodall, Justin Bentsen, and Christian Smith. Brad did a video to be shown on Midland Community Television (MCTV) in the near future. Join the fun - plan to give a hand in November.

Dave Schmelzer, Young Eagles Coordinator

## Chapter Christmas Party to be held Thursday, December 3



Our Chapter’s Christmas party will be **Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:00 PM** at Dot Hornsby’s house – 3210 Monroe Rd. between Eastman and Jefferson. It will be a potluck dinner and those attending will be asked to bring a dish to pass, a food item to donate to the Food Pantry, and optional: an ‘un-ornament’ from around your house to hang on Dot’s “Ugliest Christmas Tree”. You will be receiving an e-mail shortly for RSVP’s.

## Private Pilot and Instrument Ground School Starting Soon

JT Rairigh has announced that **Instrument Pilot Ground School** will start in November 2009. A **Private Pilot Ground School** will start after the first of the year in January 2010. Contact JT at 989-835-3231 for more information or to register.

## Congratulations!

**From Cody Welch:** Grandson, Connor Welch, was born at MidMichigan Regional Medical Center at 12:59 pm on October 6, 2009, weighing 8#3oz. Mom Amanda, Dad Chris and future aviator Connor are doing well! Grandpa Cody and Grandma Jackie can't wipe the grin off...

**Malcolm Brubaker and Jeanne Riggie** were married on April 25, 2009, in Florida. They celebrated recently with a party in Midland for friends and family. Congratulations, Malcolm and Jeanne!

## Student Pilot Mentor Program has Its First Team



Our Mentor-A-Student-Pilot program is off to a good start with two Chapter members having volunteered to sponsor a young person as he/she pursues the private pilot's license rating. **Tom Tolton**, our first volunteer, has met with **Justin Bentsen** and his parents to dialogue about the expectations expected from both Justin and Tom with this program. We anticipate that matching an experienced pilot with an 'aspiring one' will benefit both parties involved.

**Jim Rieke**, our second Chapter member to volunteer will be meeting shortly with his student pilot, **Christian Smith**. If

anyone is interested in volunteering as a mentor to a young person, please contact Dot Hornsby, [dotsby@AOL.com](mailto:dotsby@AOL.com).

## New Member Christian Smith

We welcome as our newest Chapter member **Christian Smith**, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Dow High School who attended the 2009 Barstow Midland Aviation Camp. He is a student pilot presently taking lessons from Linda Langrill. Christian is an outstanding hockey player having made the Dow High School Varsity team as a freshman. His Father is a local dentist and his Mother is a physical therapist here in Midland. His Grandmother, Pat Smith, was the Art Coordinator for the Midland Public Schools for many years.

Christian was one of our '2009 Kids to Oshkosh' and was a featured speaker at our September Chapter meeting reporting on his experiences at Oshkosh. He has volunteered at our Pancake Breakfasts and our Saturday Young Eagles Program. Our Chapter will look forward to continuing to support him as he pursues his private pilot's license. Jim Rieke has graciously volunteered to be his pilot mentor while he pursues his private pilot's license.



When Christian was asked what was the hardest flying lesson he has had so far he replied, "We started doing our stall practice my last flight, which it's been a while due to the plane being down, (engine overhaul on the trainer) which was pretty tough, but I'll get better with practice. It was tough because I had never been in a stalling position before so it snuck up on me, I was pretty nervous." When asked what had been the most fun so far he said, "I just really enjoy being in the air and being a pilot. It has opened a lot of possibilities for a future. I would really like to join the Air Force, and this is a great place to start." He credits a

good family friend, Grant Helms, his parents, and grandparents for providing this opportunity for him to take pilot's lessons. His future goals include attending the Air Force Academy and...flying!

### **Slate of Candidates for Officer and Committee Chairs**

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all of the 2009 Chapter Board members for their service to the chapter. It was a good year and a great group. The election will be held at the November meeting. Current Nominations for the 2010 Board and Committee Chairs are:

President	JT Rairigh	Historian	Bob Trent
Vice President	Dave Schmelzer	Building Manager	Bob Harrington
Treasurer	Mike Rehberg	Young Eagles	Mike Woodley
Secretary	Janine Rairigh	Program Chair	Walt Charter
Newsletter	John Sorg	Technical Advisor	Jim Dobben
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Membership	Linda Langrill	Fancy Birdhouse	Joe Maj

### **Linda Langrill Inducted into International Forest of Friendship**

One our of Chapter members, Linda Langrill, has recently been inducted into the International Forest of Friendship located in Amelia's Earhart's birthplace town of Atchison, Kansas. The Forest of Friendship is a living, growing memorial to the World History of Aviation and Aerospace, symbolizing the 99's (international women's pilots' organization) motto "World Friendship Through Flying." These individuals are honored for their significant contributions to the world of aviation and aerospace.

Linda joins 700 other honorees among whom are Amelia Earhart, Charles Lindbergh, the Wright Brothers, Sally Ride, Beryl Markham, and many others who have their names engraved on granite plaques embedded in Memory Lane which is nestled on the gentle slopes overlooking Lake Warnock in Atchison.

Linda is presently a flight instructor at the Midland Jack Barstow Airport. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot license, Certified Flight Instructor, Instrument Instructor, advanced ground instructor and single engine seaplane rating. She is active in many pilots' groups including having served as President of our local EAA Chapter 1093. She has served as Chapter Chair, SMALL Rally chair, and as a mentor for future women pilots in The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots. She is an active volunteer for her church as well as community activities. Linda is married to Mike Woodley. In her 'spare time' she is raising her teenage twins, Tina and David Druskins.

### **Celebration for Dick Acker, 2009 Airport Manager of the Year**



Dick Acker was congratulated by friends and family members at Clare Municipal Airport on Wednesday evening, October 7, 2009. Dick's mom and sister were on hand, as was Dick's wife, Nicki Acker. Dick was honored by his peers recently when he was named Michigan Airport Manager of the Year 2009 by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives.