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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

Oct 1	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 10	Young Eagles 9:00 – 12 noon
Oct 15	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
Nov 5	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 14	Young Eagles 9:00 – 12 noon
Nov 19	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30 pm

Chapter 1093 Meeting Thursday, October 1, 2009

Mike Woodley will be our guest speaker at the October 1st Chapter 1093 meeting. Mike spent 10 months as a private contractor in Baghdad in 2007 and several months following that assignment in Baja del Sur California, Mexico. He will share some of his stories and answer our questions.

Mike is formerly from Port Huron and moved to Midland the end of August. He has many years experience in electrical construction in the Detroit area and also has a reputation as a computer geek. Mike is a private pilot with instrument rating and flies a Cessna 205, N4834U, which is hangared at Midland Jack Barstow Airport. Join us for social time at 6:30 pm and program at 7:00 pm at the Barstow Aviation Education Center.



Don't Forget – 3BS is now KIKW

Pilots: The new airport identifier is in effect: KIKW for Midland Jack Barstow. AWOS on 119.525, phone 989-835-5841. Website for weather www.saiawos2.com/IKW. Also note that the new ATIS frequency for KMBS is 125.925.

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell, MD



A change is coming regarding clinical depression and aeromedical certification. As it stands now, no pilot may hold a medical certificate when a diagnosis of clinical depression exists which is being treated with “psychotropic” medication. These medications include many of the common names out there such as Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, etc.

In the near future, clinical depression which is stable for at least one year and on an approved medication will likely be able to get a Special Issuance to receive their medical. The program as I have been able to determine is not going to be simple and will require regular visits with a mental health care provider.

If this diagnosis affects you or someone you know, please stay tuned as details of the program are very sketchy at this time. Please feel free to contact me at www.OK2FLY.com if you have questions. Fly Safe!

Gregory Pinnell, MD
Senior AME/Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR, www.ok2fly.com

Safety Corner: Preparing for Winter – Dr. James K. Rieke

Frost is on the pumpkin and Halloween is just around the corner. It is time to give serious thought to preparing your bird for the ravages of a Michigan winter. The Farmers Almanac says it will be severe this year. A good bath followed by some wax and elbow grease will help to keep the exterior of the machine pristine for the months ahead.

If you intend to fly during the winter months, now is a good time to round up all your winter equipment which you intended to put away last spring but didn't. That probably includes the engine pre-heater, instrument panel heater, cowl quilt, and equipment for deicing the bird when left standing exposed to the elements. In addition, you may want to remove the wheel fairings to avoid the build-up of ice in the housing when taxiing on a snow covered or slushy runway.



If you intend to store the machine for the winter months it is recommended that you change the oil and filter. This minimizes the amount of corrosion that came from prior flights. Also plug all the holes where small furry creatures might build a home while you are away.

Young Eagles will be held Saturday, October 10, 2009 – Having Fun!

Due to the pancake breakfast on September 12, Young Eagles was postponed until October 10. We should have lots of kids that day and could use everyone's help to fly Young Eagles.

Dave Schmelzer
Young Eagles Coordinator,
989-631-7590

Dick Acker named Airport Executive of the Year

Congratulations to **Dick Acker**, Airport Manager at Clare Municipal Airport (48D) and EAA Chapter 1093 member, who was awarded the Airport Manager of the Year by the Michigan Association of Airport Executives. This is a prestigious award and Dick is a most deserving recipient. Dick currently serves as Second Vice President of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives. Congratulations, Dick!

Pancake Breakfast in September was a Success!

We advertise our breakfast as “the best pancake breakfast in mid-Michigan,” and several hundred folks who attended the Saturday, September 12th Pancake Breakfast would agree with that! The fresh homemade donuts are just too good to resist. The friendly faces of the Egg Men, the Donut Makers and the talented young volunteers providing face painting for young and older alike make it a fun, friendly place to be.

Pilots who signed in came from Sandusky, Bay City, Manistique, Crystal, Flint and Lapeer. Most people said they heard about the breakfast from friends. Thanks to Richard Yeakle for driving his Model-T Ford out to the breakfast. Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents. Thanks to Tom Tolton for his leadership and organization of the breakfast. It was a great day.



Student Pilot Mentor Program has Its First Team

Tom Tolton has volunteered to be a Mentor for student pilot, Justin Bentsen. If you are an EAA member who might be willing to mentor one of the young people who are learning to fly and would help guide them through this learning experience, please contact Dot Hornsby at 989-631-4342.



Justin Bentsen attended the 2008 and 2009 Midland Aviation Camps. He heard about our Young Eagles program when he was a member of the Radio Control Club, and he was 12 when he took his first Young Eagles ride. He hopes to solo when he's 16 and get his license at 17. Justin has made himself available for any odd jobs to earn money for flying lessons. We know that Tom's encouragement and experience will help Justin along the road to his Private Pilot license.

Officers for 2010 – A Chance to Serve Your Chapter

The nominating committee has met and is making calls to prospective candidates for office and committee chair positions for the coming year.

If you have not been called but would like to serve on the Chapter Board in some capacity, contact Chapter President JT Rairigh (989-835-3231) or Chapter Vice President Bob Trent (989-839-0491) by October 1.

Tina Druskins attends Women Soar – You Soar at Oshkosh and Space Camp

Tina Druskins, 15, daughter of EAA Chapter 1093 member Linda Langrill, attended the EAA's "Women Soar, You Soar" program for high school age girls at AirVenture 2008. She wrote an essay and subsequently won a scholarship to attend a week of Space Camp at Huntsville, Alabama in July 2009. Both at Women Soar, You Soar and at Space Camp, Tina says she learned a lot about team work. At Space Camp she learned what it takes to get a crew to work together to get a launch or project accomplished in space.



Tina returned to the 2009 Women Soar-You Soar program and gave the group feedback on her Space Camp experience. She thanked Jill "Raggz" Long of Ragged Edge Aviation (www.raggededge.us) and Crissy Tonsi for giving her the Space Camp opportunity. Tina, a sophomore at Midland High School, attended Midland Aviation Camp 2007 and especially enjoys flying advanced maneuvers and inverted flight.

Midland Jack Barstow Aviation Advisory Commission Meeting

One of the six yearly regularly scheduled Midland Jack Barstow Airport Advisory Commission meetings was held on September 2, 2009 in the City Council Chambers. These meetings are open to the public and those interested in aviation are encouraged to attend. New Commissioners Jack Hallett and Ray Senesac were welcomed; they will have terms of 2 and 3 years respectively.

J. T. Rairigh gave the Barstow Airport's monthly activity report with 1039 movements for the month of July with fuel sales of 4,122 gallons. Brad Maki, Assistant Airport Manager, reported that bids for the new, larger fuel tank will be opened by the city in September. The City has also ordered a new snow removal equipment (SRE) tractor for airport use.

Commissioner Rich Siemer reported on the fact-finding sub committee survey of some of the people who use the Airport; discussion followed and will be continued at a later meeting. Brad Maki reviewed the new 10 year Capital Plan for the Airport with new T-Hangars, new taxi lanes, and power gates being priority items at this present time. Revisions are possible.

On behalf of our EAA Chapter 1093, Dot Hornsby presented the 2007 (Brian McManus) and the 2009 (Brad Maki) Chaperons for our Kids to Oshkosh Program a framed picture of the group. Jack Hallett, as pilot of both of these missions, was also presented a framed photograph.

The tentative meeting schedule for 2010 (subject to change) is: 1/05, 3/23, 6/01, 9/14, 11/02, and 12/06/2010. As members of EAA Chapter 1093, we can show our support and appreciation for the work of the volunteer Commissioners by making an effort to attend at least one of the Commission meetings in 2010. Dot Hornsby

Private Pilot and Instrument Ground School Starting Soon

JT Rairigh has announced that **Private Pilot Ground School** will start in November 2009. An **Instrument Ground School** will start after the first of the year in January 2010. Contact JT at 989-513-2841 for more information or to register.