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The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 4	Chapter meeting 7 PM	June14-19	Aviation Camp
Feb 13	Young Eagles 9-12 AM	June 26	Pancake breakfast
Jan 21	Chapter Board Meets 5:30 PM	Jul 26-Aug 1	Airventure 2010
Mar 31	Scholarship applications due	Sept 11	Pancake breakfast
May 1	Pancake Breakfast		

Scholarships Available

Our EAA Chapter will be offering Scholarships again this year. The purpose of these Scholarships is to provide financial assistance and moral support to a deserving person who is pursuing a pilot's license or attaining advanced flight training. The following are the qualifications for these awards:

1. Must be recommended by a present EAA Chapter 1093 member
2. Must live in Midland or the surrounding area
3. Minimum age 15
4. Must be pursuing a private pilot, recreational, or sport pilot license or attaining advanced flight training

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Scholarships Available – cont.

We depend upon our Chapter members to nominate deserving individuals; the deadline to submit these nominations is March 31 of this year. Application forms are available on the bulletin board at the EAA Building or e-mail dotsby@AOL.com to obtain this form; it should then be returned to the Scholarship Committee Chair, Dot Hornsby.

Dues are due!

A reminder to everyone, annual membership fees are due. ($25) to EAA Chapter 1093. Checks may be mailed to Mike Rehberg, Treasurer; EAA Chapter 1093, P. O. Box 2464, Midland, MI 48641-2464.

Pilots and Paws Volunteers

Over a month ago, Dick signed on to do rescue flights for animals, mostly dogs that need to be moved from a kill shelter to a no kill shelter. It is a network of pilots across the country that volunteers their time and planes to move these animals to a safe place. www.pilotsnpaws.org.

Since we are in Georgia for the winter, our first flight was to fly from St. Simons Island to Bainbridge, GA. to north Tampa. We flew 13 assorted puppies and a 2 yr. old Pointer. Their owners had surrendered most of these dogs, and such cases overwhelm the Bainbridge Humane Society. We had them packed in crates in every nook and cranny. We will have to accumulate our own crates, as most shelters cannot afford to give up what they have. We even used cardboard boxes in an effort to get them to a safer place. They were all quite well behaved and grateful, I think, to be adopted by waiting families.

We had a contact yesterday to move 30 puppies and 3 Labs to Ocala. Unfortunately, they wanted us to have crates and we have not got to that yet.

It is a feel good moment, and we hope to continue lending a hand.

Vicki & Dick Sipp

Fly South Ladies!

Linda Langrill and Dot Hornsby lifted off from Runway 24 at the Midland Jack Barstow Airport at 8:36 AM Monday, January 10, for destinations south. Mike Woodley and Dave Schmelzer had graciously showed up that morning to help them get Dot's Cessna 182 out of her hangar and over the ice coated ramp. As per their IFR flight plan they were cleared to 12,000 feet; oxygen tanks had been refilled before the trip. They quickly found themselves above the clouds catching the 'friendly' tail winds. The smooth, sunny ride took them slightly east of Jackson, Michigan, over the Dayton Airport, and then east of the Cincinnati Lunken Airport – only the moving map on the GPS told them so as the clouds below didn't have any 'holes'. Some 3.2 hours later an ILS (Instrument Landing System) approach brought them to runway 06 at the London-Corbin Magee Field (KLOZ) – a 'two-inches-of-snow' covered runway greeted them as they broke through the clouds - the airport has no snow removal equipment. They were glad that they had brought their winter coats and hats with them as they made their way through the brisk 17-degree temperature to the Terminal Building.

Less than an hour later Dot and Linda were on their way with topped-off tanks of the $4.38 per gallon aviation fuel and full stomachs from their 'brown bag' lunches! Linda flew this leg from the right seat and ground speed increased for a short time to 169 nautical miles per hour – re 190 miles per hour – so, the decision was made to continue on to the Gainesville Regional Airport in Florida (KGNV) instead of landing at the planned Valdosta, Georgia Airport. A visual landing on Runway 29 was accomplished by Linda and then shortly after checking into the downtown Holiday Inn the 'two ladies' were having dinner with Dot's brother, Jim, and his wife, Charme, at a restaurant in 'Gator Country'!

With 6.4 hours of flying time behind them Linda and Dot agreed to a 'leisurely' Tuesday morning so take-off time was not accomplished until 12:52 PM the next day. After circling Gainesville for pictures of the city and the University of Florida's Football Stadium – 'The Swamp'- they took up a heading of 171 degrees taking them over the interior of Florida. Even though it was visual conditions this region of Florida doesn't have many interesting landmarks – only the GPS told them they were within sight of the destination Immokalee (KIMM) Airport where Dot was to base her plane for a few months. Since the ride had been short from Gainesville, they spent an additional half hour circling the small town and the impressive Ave Maria University – a university and community planned by Domino Pizza's owner Tom Monaghan. Landing was accomplished on runway 36 after a total distance of approximately 1,100 nautical miles (1200 statute miles) and 8.7 hours of flying time.

After tying the plane down and taking a taxi to Dot's condominium in north Naples, they quickly found themselves enjoying (gorging?) on delicious seafood dinners at Rodes Seafood Restaurant. The next few days' shared time together went by quickly with sleeping in, walks, shopping, and lots of seafood before Linda flew back to Flint on AirTran to be met by one of the 'guys' who had helped us get off from Midland –husband Mike!

Ninety-Nines event hosted

The Michigan Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, invites all aviation enthusiasts to attend the Amelia Earhart Brunch on Saturday, March 6, 2010, 11:30 am. The event location is the "H Hotel," 111 West Main Street, Midland, Michigan. The Mary von Mach Scholarship will be awarded to Cadet Captain Dannie Lynn Fountain of St. Clair, Michigan. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Kathryn Hughes, United States Air Force command pilot and senior flight surgeon currently serving in Aerospace Medicine at the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, Texas.

Tickets are $30 and reservations are requested by March 1, 2010. Send your check payable to Michigan Chapter 99s to Rosemary Sieracki, 41490 Hanford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Or call 734-981-4787. For information, call Linda Langrill, 989-859-9268.

Mentor Program

The chapter mentor program is still in need of one more mentor. If you feel that you might like to try this please let Dot Hornsby know – dotsby@AOL.com.

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell, MD

January 2010

Happy New Year! Winter is in full swing and most of us are not flying as much as usual due to inclement weather. This leads to skills degradation, "rustiness" and the potential to be overwhelmed by an untoward or emergency situation while in the cockpit. Our mental processing tends to slow down or even "lock up" when we are presented with new and unusual situations or more information than we can handle at one time. Need an example? Ever notice when using a cell phone while driving you have a tendency to stop your conversation when presented with a unusual situation or a car in front of you that does something you don't expect? A good way to keep safe when flying limited hours is strict adherence to checklists, practicing emergency procedures and staying ahead of the aircraft. Mentally visualizing the next phase of your flight and what could happen next will leave you better prepared to deal with unexpected circumstances or even emergencies if they occur. Fly prepared and safe!

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

Safety Corner – Ron Schultz

Safety is an attitude. Always having an alternative is the key to a safe flight. You fly the plane with your head not your hands. Never let an airplane take you somewhere your mind has not already been for 5 minutes.

Around the field

Lew Webster mentioned that he is going to pick up a bi-plane project in a few weeks. It is partially done and he said he hopes to finish it in a couple of years. We all look forward to hearing about the progress on this new project!

In 1958, I was bouncing down the runway trying to land in a big cross-wind when the instructor said, "I trust we will be landing soon, because my medical permit expires next Tuesday."

(Unknown)

From the Editor

If you have, anything you would like included in the next newsletter please contact John Sorg at johnsorg@charter.net or, at 835-7796.

John