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Calendar of events

- September 10, Pancake breakfast
- September 10, WINGS OF MERCY charity golf event (see attached flyer)

Kids to Oshkosh

All of our members should be thanked for providing the opportunity for 4 very talented and deserving young people to enjoy the thrill of a day at the 2010 EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh. This event would not have been possible this year if it weren't for Jack Hallett and Janine Rairigh, working together to make the arrangements. Included in the group who took off on Friday, July 30, from Barstow were: Pilot Jack Hallett in his Cessna 310 with Chaperon Ray Senesac from the Midland Airport Advisory Commission and the 'Kids' – Aaron Angell, Travis Depcinski, David Kohnert and Jacklyn Hallett.

The ride over was smooth and they were greeted at Oshkosh by Cody Welsh (honorary EAA Chapter 1093 member), and former Aviation Campers: Justin Bentsen, David Druskins and Christian Smith. After a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausages, and juice - furnished by Dave Schmelzer, his camping partner Austin Davert, and EAA member Mike Klele - Cody took time out from his busy schedule of flying the Tri Motor at Oshkosh to give them a guided tour of the AirVenture grounds. They all enjoyed the tour and then had free time to explore their individual interests before meeting back as a group for the official Air Show at 3 PM.

Take off from Oshkosh was immediately after the Air Show and they were greeted back at Barstow by JT & Janine Rairigh. Even after a very long day, the 4 young people were still bubbling with enthusiasm and exciting stories for their waiting family members.

Who knows, but one of these young people could be part of the 'On to Mars' program!

Justin Bentsen-Solo!



Mentor Tom Tolton, Justin and, CFII Linda Langrill

Congratulations go out to Justin Bentsen on his successful solo on July 22. Great job Justin!

Meeting presentations



Dave Sommers gave an excellent presentation to the chapter meeting on Thursday, August 5th. He was the official staff photographer for the Thunderbirds for two years, after having served as a combat photographer during Vietnam in the early 1970's. Here he shows us his helmet and pressure suit.

and for September.....

Our regularly scheduled speaker for our September meeting has had to reschedule. Christian Smith will be added to the Kids to Oshkosh and will regale us with tales of his visit to the USAF Academy.

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Chapter mentor program update

Midland's EAA Chapter 1093's Mentoring Program now has three pilots mentoring three young people who are interested in aviation.



Tom Tolton is mentoring Justin Bentsen who soloed on July 22, 2010, at the Midland

Jack Barstow Airport. Tom has been working with him on his ground school studies and also attended Justin's Remote Control Club presentation at the 2010 Midland Aviation Camp. Tom is presently building an experimental Velocity airplane while Justin is redesigning and constructing an RC Velocity. While he was at the Oshkosh Air Show, Tom and Bob Trent (Midland EAA chapter member) invited Justin to a Velocity barbecue and then Bob allowed Justin to fly right seat in his Velocity back to Midland.



Mentor Dave Schmeltzer with Austin Davert and EAA member Mike Klele

Dave Schmelzer has been 'teaming' with Austin Davert long before our 'official' EAA Chapter 1093 Mentoring Program was started. He has specially equipped his plane so that Austin can experience flying the airplane and communicating with ATC.

Dave made pre-arrangements with the Oshkosh Air Show personnel so that he could take Austin with him camping (needed electricity for Austin's oxygen supply and other special needs). Dave and Austin were given a special pass to the Performers' Tent and Flight-line Ops Building. Austin was able to make contact with many of the Air Show performers and they all encouraged him to pursue his aviation dreams – no matter what his handicap is. There was also a visit to a dealer who sells the Sky Arrow which is an aircraft that can be fitted to accommodate people with disabilities.

Mike Woodley has done quite a bit, of flying lately with Christian Smith; there's been a flight to Claire, then a 'cross country' to Alabama with a stop at Sporty's at the Clermont County Airport near Cincinnati, Ohio. There they got to meet Hal Shevers, the owner of Sporty's, and Phil Boyer, former President of AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association).

When these three special mentors were asked "What might our EAA Chapter do to help these young aspiring aviators?" the answers were: from Tom – "Something you have already done, providing him scholarship money to afford flying" - from Mike "The scholarships offered by the chapter are a large boost to these young people. Involving them in all phases of the aviation experience will increase their interest in the industry." From Dave - "Our 1093 can continue to support young people who are truly interested in aviation. Austin is interested in all types of aircraft and would love to ride or fly any or all types. If he were invited to fly he would jump at the opportunity. I would be more than willing to be present to add support."

Kudos to these 3 EAA Chapter members, who are giving their time and aviation expertise to these three young people to enable and help them pursue their dreams of flight.

IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING.....

What can one of our EAA Chapter 1093 Scholarships accomplish? Here's a 'feel-good' true answer – have one of its winners work on 'top secret' projects for the United States Air Force.

The story begins shortly after our Chapter's founding at the Barstow Airport in 1995. We didn't even have a building at this time but the generosity of one our Chapter members, Bill Donberg, enabled us to award a \$2,000 Scholarship to a young man, John Haiducek. John was earning his money for pilot training by doing an early morning paper route so the funds helped him immensely to achieve his private pilot's license.

John attended the first Midland Aviation Camp in 1996 and was appointed to the United Air Force Academy several years later. His original goal was to be an Astronaut but later changed his career goal due to his intense interest in physics. His first assignment as a 2nd Lieutenant was at Patrick AFB in Florida; he was later sent to Dayton, Ohio, to earn his Masters in Laser Physics.

He was recently assigned to Kirtland Air Force Base near Albuquerque, NM, and promoted to USAF Captain. He is presently learning some job-specific software and setting up his computer(s) in his office. His Father, Bob Haiducek, states that he and his wife don't discuss what project he's working on as they know he can't discuss it with them.

Besides his learning a new job John is finally finding some time to resume his private flying. This first picture is a 'Before Scholarship' and the second one is an "After Scholarship"!



The First Midland Aviation Camp in front of Pete Swan's Kolb III – John Haiducek is the young man kneeling.



USAF Captain John Haiducek

New Chapter Member Marilyn Soules



We want to welcome our newest member of EAA Chapter 1093, Marilyn

Soules. Marilyn has been a resident of Midland for the last 10 years and was previously a resident of Bay City. She came to Central Michigan University in 1970 from the east side of Detroit, and she has since remained in the tri-cities area. Marilyn retired from Midland High School as a school counselor and she keeps busy with volunteer activities including serving on the Grace A. Dow Library Board, leading tours at the A.B. Dow Home and Studio, pursuing an interest in photography and traveling with her husband, Earl. Many trips are family related to see Earl's three children, who all live in different states, and siblings in yet three more states. Marilyn's husband, Earl, is a member of the Soaring Eagle Flying Club at Midland Barstow Airport and flies a Mooney M-20-F, N9647M. Marilyn supports the EAA Chapter 1093 Aviation Camp as a both an introduction to flying and a career pathway. And, of course, she attends every pancake breakfast fundraiser she can. Welcome, Marilyn!

Our EAA garden needs help!

The first thing people see when they come to our EAA building is our beautiful landscaping. The Chapter is in need of having someone take over the maintenance of this garden. Our 'spring' clean-up crew usually gets it in good shape for the summer so the job would be to just maintain it during the summer months. If replanting is needed, a Master Gardener has volunteered to offer expert advice on what type of plants to use, etc. Please let JT or a member of the Board know if you are willing to take on this responsibility.

From the Flight Surgeon



Oshkosh was a bit soggy and cool but the news from the Aero-medical world was hot. It appears the

Federal Air Surgeon will expand use of the newly approved medications Lexapro, Celexa, Zoloft and Prozac to diagnosis other than simple depression. The diagnosis must not be disqualifying (such as bipolar disorder). This change opens the door a bit to airman with other needs for these medications. Questions? Feel free to call and fly safe!

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Reoccurring chapter events

- First Thursday of each month is the regular membership meeting at 7pm.
- Second Saturday of each month is Young Eagles flights starting at 9pm.

About our chapter

The Midland Chapter 1093 was organized in 1995 and presently has approximately 80 members. As a chapter, we support homebuilding, aviation in general and, a special emphasis on aviation education.

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