



CHAPTER 1093  
Experimental Aircraft Association

# LOOKIN' UP

The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers  
Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 1093 Midland, MI

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*Students and staff of Aviation Camp 2010*

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## Aviation Camp

Another year of 1093 aviation camp wrapped up with the camper flights on Saturday, June 19. A staff of 6 led the 16 campers through a well rounded introduction to aviation. Many others made presentations or otherwise contributed to the success of the camp. A special thanks goes out to Dot Hornsby, whose vision made this school possible.



*Dot Hornsby teaching a class.*

An appreciation of Dot's contribution is made clear in this letter excerpt:

Dear Dot,  
Here's a toast to you, to say thank you for all you do to make us feel good about ourselves. Aviation Camp is such a gift to the young people of our area. We each play a small part in helping with the camp, but you had the vision, the perseverance, and the ability to challenge each of us to make a small contribution to make the camp a success each year.

Thank you for your leadership, your ability to organize a wealth of information and speakers, and to get us all marching together for the sake of inspiring a future generation of young people. You are indeed loved and appreciated.

Sincerely,

All of Us  
Who have ever  
Attended Camp  
Taught Camp  
Visited Camp  
Volunteered at Camp



*Bob Baringer explains ultra light aviation to the campers.*



*Justin Bentsen, Christian Smith, and Sarah Lund during History Timeline discussion.*

### **July meeting presentation**

The July meeting will be a tour of the MBS fire department. The tour will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Park in at the new general aviation terminal. Here are general directions from U.S. 10:

Take the Garfield Road Exit. Turn south onto Garfield Road and go about five miles. The main airport entrance is on the left at the caution light.

I believe special arrangements have been made for fly-in attendees. Please contact JT at 989-513-2841 for specific instructions.

## Pancake Breakfast

Saturday started out gloomy, but ended with a quick rain shower that dissipated into a beautiful summer day. This brought out a crowd of about 450. Thanks to Tom Tolton and all of the other hard working volunteers.

## June's presentation



Cody Welch gave a heartfelt presentation on the Wings of Mercy program. This program is his own idea and has grown over the years. Essentially, it provides critical transport for medical patients that otherwise would have to forgo treatment. He described this rewarding volunteer work as “you can’t help but feel a connection with your fellow human being” Find Wings of Mercy on the web:

<http://www.wingsofmercy.org>

## Mentor Program

A new Mentor-Student Pilot ‘team’ of Mike Woodley and Christian Smith has been initiated. Mike graciously volunteered to take over Christian’s mentorship after the passing of Jim Rieke. Sounds as if things are off to a good start with a recent ‘Smith’ family meeting with Mike and then a ‘fun’ flight for Mike and Christian after the Camp Fly Day.

## Editors Note

I had the privilege of meeting Thomas Finnegan during a tutoring session at the aviation camp last Thursday. He introduced himself as “only” a Coast Guard pilot. There was an article of recognition of his heroic rescues on the front page of the Midland Daily News June 24<sup>th</sup>. You never know who you’ll meet wandering around the chapter!

## Biplane fly-in on MCTV

The current Barstow Airport MCTV program is *Biplane Fly-in*. It’s shown on Charter Channel 99 at various times – check the web site for the times. Also, this program can now be viewed online (a new service from MCTV). Go to their web site - [www.midland-mi.org/mctv/channel99.htm](http://www.midland-mi.org/mctv/channel99.htm) and in the “Show Search” box type Barstow Airport – any program with a V after it can be viewed online. All of the other Barstow Programs are available for viewing on DVD’s in the Terminal Building. Roger Briggs has been very, very helpful with the production of these programs – thanks, Roger!

## Air Force launches first of next-generation GPS satellites

The Air Force sent the first in a series of next-generation GPS satellites into space on Thursday. The GPS 2F-1, which blasted off on an unmanned Delta 4 rocket from Florida’s Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, is the first of a fleet of 12 new satellites that will provide ultra-precise navigation and timing services for military and civilian uses and will have a longer design life than earlier GPS satellites.

## Classifieds?

Please submit your ads by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. You can reach me at: [johnsorg@charter.net](mailto:johnsorg@charter.net) or 835-7796.

## 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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