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The EAA Chapter of Modern Explorers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

March 5	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
March 14	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
March 19	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
April 2	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
April 11	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
April 16	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2009

March 24	Airport Advisory Commission Mtg. 5 pm at Midland City Hall Council Chambers
May 2	Pancake Breakfast
June 27	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 12	Pancake Breakfast

Robert Shafer featured Speaker at Chapter Meeting March 5, 2009

Ditching, Water Survival, and Why You Need a New ELT! -- Or How to plan not to ditch, but how to stay alive and get rescued if you do.

Robert T. (Bob) Shafer, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is a commercial pilot and Certified Flight Instructor with instrument, single and multi-engine ratings, and helicopter pilot. He is a United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Officer, an Aircraft Commander, a former Flight Safety Officer, and is on the National Staff of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as Deputy Chief of the Operations (Response) Department.



Topics will include things to do to prevent trouble, what to do if things go very wrong (ditching technique), how to stay alive until help comes, and more. He will also discuss why you need a new ELT - making the Switch to 406 MHz. Bob and his wife, Susan, also a pilot, are the proud owners of a Grumman Tiger, an Enstrom Helicopter and a Cessna O-2A (the military version of the Skymaster). Don't miss this informative and very lively talk by an expert in water survival. Social time begins at 6:30 pm and the meeting and program at 7:00 pm.

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell, MD



Although you wouldn't think so from the weather the springtime allergy season is around the corner and most of us suffer at least occasional problems. If you use antihistamines remember that CFR (FAR) 91.17 does not allow "any drug that affects the persons faculties in any way contrary to safety." A smart choice would be to use non-sedating medications such as Allegra, Clarinex or Claritin. Nasal spray steroids are effective also and allowed by the FAA. Nasal decongestants like Afrin are

effective but should be only used in certain situations. Confused? Call or write through www.OK2FLY.com and we will be happy to guide you through the array of available medications. Fly safe!

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

Safety Corner by Dr. James Rieke – Scud Running



A recent article in "Aviation Safety" reminded me of the advice a long time friend and WWII pilot gave me when I started to fly. He said: "Jim, in bad weather the best maneuver you will ever learn is the 180 degree turn." When talking to many long time pilots, scud running was kind of a badge of honor especially when accompanied with a few scary moments along the way. More than a few also died!

Before joining the ranks of scud running pilots consider a few facts.

1. Can you trim the airplane and hold altitude to plus or minus 100 feet when visibility is 1 or 2 miles? All at a few hundred feet AGL.
2. Have you considered the number (and the height) of towers that frequent the country side and follow most expressways every few miles? Relatively new are the wind turbine farms which now begin to dot the countryside. The blade tips reach as high as 450 feet.
3. While the Midwest is relatively flat, there are still hills and valleys where the elevation changes by several hundred feet and some high spots have 1000 foot towers
4. And now the FARS. A crowded expressway or even a cluster of several houses may be considered a congested area. Clearance becomes 1000 feet.

Hence, the best safety advice is: when the weather turns bad, make the 180 degree turn and leave the scud running to those who flew in a bygone era.

Young Eagles to be held Saturday, March 14, 2008

The Young Eagles Program scheduled for Saturday, February 14 had to be cancelled due to the weather. But we will be ready to try again on March 14. If you are a pilot, check with me and I'll let you know how to get started in the program.

Join us on **Saturday, March 14** from 9 am – 12 noon. Youngsters ages 8 to 17 are invited to experience the joy of flight. We fly kids on the second Saturday of each month, weather permitting and with their parent's written permission.

Dave Schmelzer,
Young Eagles Coordinator,
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Comedy Sensation Jeff Dunham Returning to EAA Airventure

Top-drawing star is longtime EAA member and helicopter builder; 2009 performance again presented by RotorWay International. In 2008, Jeff Dunham and his wild cast of characters had a record-setting performance at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Because of the overwhelming success of that appearance, RotorWay International is bringing Dunham - an EAA member, aircraft builder and pilot - back to Oshkosh in 2009! Dunham will be appearing at the event on Saturday evening, August 1. The 57th annual edition of EAA AirVenture, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," takes place at Wittman Regional Airport on July 27-August 2.

EAA 1093 Aviation Scholarship Committee Seeking Nominations

The Scholarship Committee invites any chapter member to nominate a deserving candidate for a scholarship to be used towards flight training. The nominee should have shown a commitment to aviation and a desire to continue their flight or ground training towards a pilot certificate or rating. Submit your nomination to Dot Hornsby, Jack Hallett or Linda Langrill by April 1, 2009.

Hornsby Aviation Scholarship Available

Besides our EAA 1093 Aviation Scholarship there is another aviation scholarship at the Midland Area Community Foundation and it is targeted for young people ages 15 – 22 who are interested in attending ground school, taking flying lesson, or attending college with an aviation major. To get an application for this Hornsby Aviation Scholarship, you can pick up an application form at their office at 76 Ashman Circle, or call 839-9661 for more information. You can also go to our web site EAA1093.org to download the application form. The deadline for applications will be early March.

Airport Advisory Commission Meeting for March

The next Jack Barstow Airport Advisory Commission meeting will be held on March 24 at 5:00 pm at the Midland City Hall Council Chambers. Members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Tri-Motor DVD Available

The program on the Tri-Motor that has been running on Midland Community Television recently was produced by Roger Briggs, who did a wonderful job with it. If anyone has an interest in buying a copy (probably around \$10), please let Dot Hornsby know (dotsby@aol.com).

Note from the President

Time for the "Almost Spring Pep Talk"!

It is easy to get in a rut.... like thinking that the snow and cold will never end. "I feel just fine in my easy chair, sipping hot cocoa and watching Oprah." "What, me work on my plane!? Why? It's too cold to fly!" But remember this: Spring is coming! Set down the cocoa, close your eyes, tilt your head back, and visualize blue skies, balmy air, soft warm breezes, and watching the ground fall away below and the earth stretch out ahead to the horizon. Then open your eyes, get up, and go get busy on that airplane project!!

Let's make a point to all be at the chapter meetings, 1st Thursday of every month. Bring a friend. I hope as many members as possible will make the effort to be involved in Young Eagles every 2nd Saturday. You may make a difference in a young person's life. If you don't have a plane, you can still help with paperwork, and by greeting and encouraging young people and parents.

Thanks. See you March 5th!

JT

JT Rairigh, President,
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