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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2009

May 7	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
May 9	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
May 21	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
June 4	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
June 13	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
June 18	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2009

May 2	Pancake Breakfast
May 9	Pilot Proficiency Day @ Bay City
May 16	Volunteer Recognition Dinner 5:00 pm
June 15-20	Midland Aviation Camp
June 27	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 12	Pancake Breakfast

Spring Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, May 2, 2009

The griddles will be sizzling and the pancakes a flippin' when Saturday morning, May 2, rolls around at the EAA Chapter 1093 Aviation Education Center. The chapter members are anxiously awaiting our first opportunity of the season to meet and greet members of the local Midland community and old and new friends who will be flying in from around the area and the state. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids. Pancakes and eggs, cooked to order, sausage and ham, freshly made donuts, coffee, juice and milk will be available. Come join us!

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell, MD



Hypoxia is an issue that most of us in the low flying, non-pressurized aircraft community don't usually think about. But it can under certain circumstances cause serious problems. For example, most pilots know that flying is not recommended over 5,000 feet msl at night due to settling of the atmosphere in the evening and the resultant effects of hypoxia on our color vision. But what many pilots are not aware of is that during the daytime flying even above 10,000 feet without supplemental oxygen can cause significant degradation of judgment, fine motor skills and

other symptoms depending on the individual. Smokers get symptoms at even lower altitudes. The best prevention? Get altitude training to find out your personal hypoxic symptoms and maintain a low threshold for using supplemental oxygen when flying for any extended period at high altitudes. For more information or if you have questions don't hesitate to call or write at www.OK2FLY.com.

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

Safety Corner by Dr. James Rieke – Spring Fever



As I prepare to write this month's Safety Corner, I find myself suffering from the malaise called Spring Fever. Safety and safety subjects are something that can be postponed for another day.

But, perhaps that's really the mistake that I make. **Safety** is not a separate subject that can be put off for another day. **Safety** is really part of our daily life. It impacts everything we do. Whether we are flying, driving, walking or performing some other chore.

So with Spring upon us, I intend to renew my resolve to make safety part of each operation that I perform. I hope you will too! DO IT SAFELY AND BE SAFE.

Young Eagles will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009



Saturday, April 11th was our chapter's scheduled Young Eagles morning. We would like to thank the pilots, Linda Langrill, Dot Hornsby and Dave Schmelzer who flew 15 Young Eagles this month. A special thanks to those who helped on the ground, Mike Klele, Brad Goodall, Jim Rieke and Dennis Spender.

See you on May 9th.
Dave Schmelzer
Young Eagles Coordinator,
989-631-7590

Marcus Plessner Receives Recognition for Safe Landing

Pilot, flight instructor and former Midland Aviation Camp participant Marcus Plessner, 21, remained cool and calm and successfully landed a twin-engine Piper Aztec in Butte, Montana, during a snowstorm on March 29, 2009. Sounds simple, but the landing was accomplished with one working engine in conditions below the minimum required for an instrument approach to the airport nestled in the Montana mountains. We look forward to hearing more from Marcus in person when he arrives back in Midland to help lead this year's Aviation Camp June 15 – 20. Way to go, Marcus!

Welcome Future Pilot James Burton Wiseman

Congratulations to Charles and Marcia Wiseman on the birth of their son, James Burton Wiseman, on April 6, 2009. A stork figurine appeared in front of the Wiseman hangar at Midland Jack Barstow Airport to announce the new arrival.

Clean-Up Crew Improves Looks of EAA Hangar/Education Center

Thanks to the following 15 people who helped on the Spring Clean-Up Day on April 25: John Sorg, Bob Trent, Tom Tolton, Dick Sipp, Donna Witkop, John Abbott, Mike Woodley, Linda Langrill, Dave Schmelzer, Jack Hallett, Brad Goodall, Dot Hornsby, Pete Swan, Dennis Peden, and Walter Charter. Windows were washed, surfaces scrubbed, cobwebs removed, pictures hung, refrigerators cleaned, gravel spread, and bushes trimmed – our building has never looked so nice. Thanks to a great work crew! The Clean-Up Grinch



AWOS Up and Running at Jack Barstow Airport

AWOS (automated weather observing system) is now up and running at the Jack Barstow Airport, thanks to the efforts of JT Rairigh and the Jack Barstow Airport Advisory Commission. It can now be accessed in several different ways:

- 1) Aircraft radio frequency 119.525
- 2) On the internet: saiawos2.com/IKW
- 3) Telephone 989-835-5841.

Our airport identifier for Midland Jack Barstow Airport will officially change to KIKW in the July, 2009 FAA publications.

Dennis Spender – New Chapter 1093 Member

Welcome to Dennis Spender, our newest Chapter 1093 member. Dennis is an Occupation Physician at Bay Pathology. He lives in Bay City with his wife, Marlene, and they have raised two children, Chandra and Neale. His interest in aviation began in Escanaba where he did the bulk of his flying. He earned his instrument rating and commercial certificate there in 1990.

Dennis began a Glasair II project but because of a change in careers, he sold it to a fellow in Texas. His work has kept him busy so his flying has been spotty the past dozen years. He is experiencing more free time now and would like to build a RV-10 and knows that our chapter will offer him help with this project. Dick Sipp has already taken him up in his RV-10.

Even though Dennis has been a member only one month he has already volunteered at two Young Eagles programs and is one of the three Chapter members planning the 2009 Aviation Camp! Our Chapter certainly needs and welcomes new members like Dennis.

Bay City James Clements (3CM) Hosts Pilot Proficiency Day May 9, 2009

ACRO Specialities, Dr. Greg Pinnell, and the FAA will sponsor an Aviation Safety-Education Seminar on Seminar and Pilot Proficiency Day on Saturday, May 9, 2009, from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Airport Administration Building, 616 S. River Rd., Bay City. Christine Hartges, MBS Air Traffic Manager, will present “ATC Communications – Say Yes to MBS” at 9:00 am. Dr. Pinnell will present “New Developments in Aviation Medicine” at 10:30 am. For information, call 989-893-0801.

US Airways Flight 1549 Cockpit Crew will be at Oshkosh Airventure

The cockpit crew from US Airways Flight 1549 will share their experiences at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2009, held at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh on July 27-August 2. On January 15, 2009, the nation and world were captivated when Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First

Officer Jeff Skiles successfully executed an emergency landing of an Airbus A320 airliner in the Hudson River in New York City. The leadership and skills from all the flight's personnel saved 155 people aboard the airplane that day. Sullenberger and Skiles will be featured in a Theater in the Woods evening program hosted by longtime TV personality David Hartman on Friday, July 31, and also at other venues during the week.

First Solo Flight for Jesse Walker – April 17, 2009

Jesse Walker, new member of Meridian Aero Club, flew Cessna 172 N61635 on his first solo flight Friday, April 17. Jesse has been a flight student since December 2008. His wife, Mary Anne, joined him in celebrating after his solo flight. We look forward to welcoming Jesse as a future member of the chapter. Congratulations, Jesse!



Note from the President – Good Investments

Summer is like a TV commercial, "New, triple concentrated, fast acting!" I am sure we are all very busy in the winter, but summer is probably even busier. It is like highly concentrated life. There is a lot going on and life is moving fast. Our EAA chapter is no exception. Lots of great stuff going on. This comes at a time when our spare time is at a premium, and we wonder if we have time to be involved. As we weigh our opportunities and obligations this summer, I hope that the EAA comes up as a good investment in your time portfolio.

We were very pleased to have Matt George Janson speak at our last meeting. He has had a rich and adventurous aviation career. Besides being very interesting, his presentation probably challenged most of us to recapture some of the adventure of aviation (but perhaps not quite as much adventure as Matt experienced as a young and fearless pilot!). Besides being an interesting speaker, Matt volunteers a great deal of time supporting and serving the airport.

We have been fortunate to have many very interesting speakers over the last few years. Thanks to Tom Tolton and Walt Charter for their hard work on finding great speakers. If you ever find yourself wondering, on a first Thursday, whether you should invest time in the monthly Chapter 1093 meeting, the odds are in favor of this being a good investment.

Pancake breakfast this Saturday 7A-11AM, Bone Daddy's barbeque Saturday, May 16 (please RSVP to schmelzerdavid@sbcglobal.net). Good investments!

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