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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2008

Sept 4	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 13	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
Sept 18	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30
Oct 2	Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 11	Young Eagles 9 am – 12 pm
Oct 16	Chapter Board Meeting 5:30

SPECIAL EVENTS – 2008

Sept 6-7	JAARS Event
Sept 7	Chapter Pancake Breakfast
Sept 12-14	Michigan Air Tour - Hastings

Note: Wings Safety Meeting is Cancelled

September 4th Meeting features Dr. Judith Foss Van Zante of NASA

The Experimental Aircraft Association meeting on September 4th will feature Dr. Judith Foss Van



Pictured are Dr. Judy Van Zante, Flight Test Engineer, Mr. Rich Ranaudo, Chief Pilot, Mr. Tom Ratvasky, Flight Test Engineer and NASA's Icing Research Aircraft, a modified DHC-6 "Twin Otter."

Zante from NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, OH presenting "**Ground and In-flight Icing.**" Her presentation will provide strategies for pilots to avoid and mitigate both ground icing contamination and in-flight icing. Dr. Foss Van Zante led an international team of experts from the FAA and pilot and aircraft owner associations to develop training materials to empower pilots to make informed decisions regarding ground and in-flight icing contamination. Don't miss this presentation. Social time begins at 6:30 with the meeting following at 7:00 – 8:00 pm at the Barstow Aviation Education Center, Midland Jack Barstow Airport.

From the Flight Surgeon – Dr. Greg Pinnell

There are some changes on the aeromedical front. For those of you who are still below the 40 year old line, your medical is good for a longer duration. Effective July 24, 2008 Third Class medicals are good for 5 years and First Class medicals are good for 1 year if you are under forty. Even better, it is retroactive! For example, if you had your Third Class medical before your 40th birthday, it will continue to be valid for a full five years. Remember under FAR 61.53 you still need to self certify that you are medically safe to fly each time you get into the cockpit. Fly Safe!



Gregory Pinnell, MD
Senior AME/Flight Surgeon USAFR
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Safety Corner by Dr. James Rieke – Safety and Vigilance



A week ago while in the Barstow Terminal I was reminded that **vigilance** is an important aspect of safety. As Dick Sipp prepared to land on runway six (having announced downwind, base, and short final), a low flying helicopter suddenly appeared from the South and headed directly to a ramp on the North side of the field. Janine Rairigh, on duty as Unicom advisor, and being vigilant, observed this and attempted to contact the helicopter but after no response alerted Dick to the location of the helicopter. Dick took evasive action immediately as the two planes were barely 100 feet apart.

Thanks to Janine's vigilance and Dick's expertise, an almost certain fatal accident was avoided.

Obviously the helicopter pilot was not vigilant. His radios were still tuned to Saginaw approach. Ignorant of Barstow's pattern and CTAF frequency, a tragic accident could easily have occurred. Again I am reminded that **vigilance** is an important aspect of flying, whether as a pilot or as an involved observer.

Young Eagles to be held Saturday, September 13, 2008



Join us on **Saturday, September 13** from 9 am – 12 noon. Youngsters ages 8 to 17 are invited to experience the joy of flight.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Young Eagles Program, and we are flying kids ages 8 – 17 years on the second Saturday of each month.

Dave Schmelzer
Young Eagles Coordinator, 989-631-7590

Pancake Breakfast Set for Sunday, September 7, 2008



Pancakes, eggs, ham and sausage will be on the menu Sunday, September 7, from 7 – 11 am. But they will be competing with **Dave's Famous Fresh Homemade Donuts**. As a special treat, LifeNet helicopter ambulance service from Saginaw plans to send an on duty crew to the pancake breakfast. Their aircraft and equipment will be on display as long as they aren't called out to an emergency.

Bring the family, tell your friends, volunteer to help, and let's make this breakfast another success! See you at the airport.

Request from the Saginaw Tower (MBS)

Frank Mervyn, from the MBS Airport Control Tower, visited our July EAA meeting. The Air Traffic Controllers there would like to get feedback, both positive and negative, from the pilots who are using their system. They want to serve us better and the only way they can gauge if they're doing a good or bad job is for us to tell them. When e-mailing them, please let them know what date you used the system and approximately what time of the day. Their email is:

SaginawATCT@yahoo.com. If they are making this effort, let's try to support them in this endeavor.

Ford Tri-Motor Visit a Smashing Success!

To quote Ford Tri-Motor pilot, Cody Welch, the visit to Midland in August was a "smash." There was a constant flow of visitors to the Midland Jack Barstow Airport terminal building August 18-20, some to catch a glimpse or a photo of the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor and some to register for a ride in the historic airplane. More than one person came out a second day for a second ride! It was amazing how many older visitors mentioned that they had their first airplane ride in the 1930's in a Ford Tri-Motor. And several of the youngsters who rode the Tri-Motor were also taking **their first airplane ride** in the Ford Tri-Motor.



The Tin Goose and the Tin Lizzie

Chapter 1093 wishes to thank everyone who donated time and talents to make the Ford Tri-Motor visit a success. Thanks to Midland Ford Lincoln Mercury for helping sponsor the event and for providing new cars on display. Thanks to the Midland County Historical Society for putting together a display of 1930's photos, household articles, and period clothing. Thanks to Quick Reliable Printing for donating printing services and signage. Thanks to Richard Yeakle, Joe Franko, Bill and

Susie Lape and Clay Engwis for displaying their Ford Model T and Ford Model A autos during the event. Donna Witkop was key contact for the antique vehicles.



Thanks to the local and regional media who covered the arrival of the Ford Tri-Motor before and during the event and brought visitors from all over the state. We are indebted to Stuart Frohm, Midland Daily News, for his enthusiastic coverage of so many aspects of the visit in the Midland Daily News and on the OurMidland.com website, which provided a forum for comments and photos submitted by the public.

Volunteer Coordinator was Bob Trent, with Team Leaders Dennis Peden and John Wilson. Publicity was headed up by Joyce Woods. This was a team effort, and everyone on the team can be proud of the results!

Safety Seminar will be Rescheduled for Spring 2009

The safety seminar originally scheduled for September 20 will be rescheduled for the Spring.

Michigan Air Tour – It's not too Late to Register!

Visit the website www.miaviation.org or call Tour Directors, Patti and Chet Uncapher, at 616-748-1013, to register for the Michigan Air Tour September 12-14, 2008. The tour starts Friday morning, September 12 at **Hastings Airport**, moves to **Caro Airport** for lunch, then **Sparta Airport** and the Grand Rapids Radisson Riverfront hotel for banquet and overnight accommodations. Saturday, September 13 the tour flies to **Oceana County**, on to **Evart Airport**, and returns to Sparta. Sunday morning the tour concludes with a flight to and lunch at **Andrews University Airport** with a simulator demo and safety seminar. All this plus you receive a membership in the **Michigan Aviation Association!**

Nominating Committee Requests Your Input

The nominating committee asks that you considering serving as a committee chairperson or officer for the coming year. Contact John Abbott (989-631-5244), Dot Hornsby (989-631-4342) or Linda Langrill (989-631-4530) by September 12. The Chapter Board will meet September 18 and will review the proposed slate of candidates.

Note from the President

The "Tin Goose" landed in Midland on August 18th and left at noon on the 20th. Midland Jack Barstow Airport was in the public eye, and we came away with newly found friends and an appreciation for the heritage that the EAA owned Ford Tri-Motor represents. It gave everyone who came a once in a life time ride back in to history. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with this event.

It's time to switch gears and get ready to share our Ford Tri-Motor stories and experiences during the chapter Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 7. See you there.

John

John Abbott, President