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LOOKIN' UP

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Janine Rarigh with some happy Young Eagles! A total of 11 youths were flown in April. Dave Schmelzer coordinated the Young Eagles event with assistance from Sarah Lund. Pilots were Janine Rairigh, Dick Sipp, Dave Bickmore, and Linda Langrill. The next Young Eagles event will be held May 8 from 9 am - 12 noon.

Submitted by: Linda Langrill

Upcoming events:

- May 1- Pancake breakfast. 7-11 am.
- May 6- Chapter meeting TBD, safety seminar starts at 8pm.
- May 8- Young Eagles 9-12 noon

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Clean up day!

Thanks to five of our EAA members and one RCC member for helping on our Clean-Up Day on April 17 to make our building and grounds



look neat and tidy – John Abbott, Dot Hornsby, Dave Schmelzer, John Sorg, Tom Tolton, and Karl Eckerle from the RCC Club. Among the many tasks they should be thanked for are: trimming the bushes then spreading wood chips around them, mopping the floors, cleaning the refrigerators, washing the windows, wiping the cobwebs away, etc. etc. Donna Witkop showed up several days earlier and completely cleaned the kitchen area, big thank you Donna! Still needing completion is spreading the remaining wood chips where needed along the sides of the building – please feel free to help accomplish this task at any time. Overall, our building and grounds should present themselves quite well for our many upcoming summer events.

Do I know where this part goes?



Dot Hornsby is eagerly awaiting the answer to this question. Her Lycoming 230 HP engine on her Cessna 182 has, unfortunately, had an AD to replace the crankshaft after only 1,000 engine hours. Jim Dobben is highly qualified as an A&P and IA to accomplish this task. To the left in this picture is the new crankshaft and to right many of the parts from the disassembled engine. And the answer to the question above is: Yes.

Submitted by Dot Hornsby

Memorial Day Float!

We're back!! After many years of not having a Barstow Airport EAA float in the Memorial Day Parade, we are presently working on one – thanks to the enthusiasm and efforts of Sarah Lund. We would like to have many EAA members involved in the planning and marching on that Monday. The next committee meeting will be Friday, May 7, 4 PM, and then workdays on Saturdays, May 15 and 22, 11 PM – all in the EAA building. If you would like to just march in the parade (good exercise), please contact Dot Hornsby – let's let Midland know what a great place our Barstow Airport is!!

Submitted by Dot Hornsby

April meeting presentation



The April meeting presentation was by David L. Schneider, a retired pilot from Dow Corporate aviation. The topic was the mystery that followed finding the Lady Be Good B-24 in the Libyan Desert in 1958. The story is of special interest in that there is a local connection. One of the crewmembers was from Saginaw. The condensed version of the story is this: The "Lady Be Good" left from Libya on April 4, 1943 for a bombing raid in Italy. The raid was aborted and while the rest of the aircraft returned to the Benina air strip, the Lady was never heard of again. Petroleum company explorers discovered the wreck minus any crewmembers in 1958. Eventually all the crew except one was found in 1960. Some had walked up to 107 miles in the especially harsh desert. A diary solved much of the mystery. Being lost and nearly out of fuel, they elected to jump since they believed they were still over the Mediterranean. Read a detailed account at: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Be_Good_\(aircraft\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Be_Good_(aircraft))



May meeting presentation

"Survival Preparation" "Tera Krupp is a commercial pilot with an instrument rating. She has completed over 2000 hours of dual given, working with students to complete their private, instrument, and commercial certificates. This February, Tera joined the Michigan Department of Transportation's Bureau of Aeronautics team. In addition to piloting state owned aircraft, she is presenting safety seminars throughout the state of Michigan. Tera currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan."

Jim Rieke

One of EAA Chapter 1093 members, Jim Rieke, passed away on Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon, April 21, 2010 after a brief illness. Among his many accomplishments, we remember him as a previous chapter president and someone that was always interested in new endeavors and supporting the EAA. Jim was in his 70's when he received his pilot's license. Jim helped and flew the Young Eagles on many occasions. Recently he took on the role of "mentor" to a youth eager to learn more about aviation.



Memorial services will take place at 1 p.m., Monday, April 26, 2010, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. The Rev. Fran Dew will officiate. Private inurnment will take place in Midland Cemetery.

Linda Langrill has arranged a casual gathering of friends of Jim Rieke at the EAA Building at the Barstow Airport immediately after his Memorial Service at the UU Fellowship. All are welcome to attend this get-together in honor of Jim.

Bi-Plane Fly-In



Even though the weather prevented most planes from flying in, a good time was had by all who attended Dave Schmelzer's second Annual Bi-Plane Fly-In at the Barstow Airport on Saturday, April 24. There was much lively conversation and laughter as those attending consumed the homemade donuts and later the homemade pizza – a big Thank You to Dave for this delightful morning. Look for the MCTV video program on this event shortly on our local channel 99.

Safety corner with Ron Schultz

Great article in Sport Aviation; *THE IMPOSSIBLE TURN*. Absorb it, study it, and heed the facts.

Taking Ron's advice, I went to: <http://www.eaa.org/sportaviationmag/> and signed up. The article really reinforces what we already know; landing straight ahead is almost always the best bet.

Classifieds?

None yet! Please submit your ads by the 24th of each month. You can reach me at: 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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<http://eaa1093.org/index.htm>

Important Note-→ As of today, I am unsure of the actual start time of the monthly meeting. The safety presentation will start at 8 pm. I will e-mail all members when I find the correct meeting start time.

John Sorg
1093 Newsletter editor