



Club
News
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: Dave Starnes

Hello everyone,

Summer has officially begun and we can now enjoy more hours of daylight and more opportunities to fly. With the joy of flying comes the responsibility of maximizing the safety of flight. If you haven't been up in a while, find a buddy or an instructor and get reacquainted with the airplane and the best practices of flying.

Another responsibility lies in ownership. Whether you own a plane, rent from an FBO, or belong to a club -- we all have a responsibility to take care of the airplane. Please remember to treat the airplane and hangar like your name was on the registration. It's bug season again, so please clean the entire aircraft after every flight.

Before you head for home, look around the hangar. Is the desk neat; is the trash can full; would the next member's guest be impressed when they enter the hangar? This is "our" equipment and we should all be proud of how we take care of the airplanes and hangars.

Next Club Meeting
Tuesday
June 28th
6:00 pm
Cookout at the hangars

I hope you all have many opportunities to enjoy your flying hobby in the coming months.

See you at the airport.

Dave

Local Events

JUNE 25 Midland Jack Barstow Airport (IKW) 7:00 - 11:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JUNE 25 St. Ignace Mackinac County Airport (83D) 11:00 - 16:00 Steak Fry

JUNE 25 Sturgis Kirsch Municipal Airport (IRS) 7:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JUNE 26 Flushing Dalton Airport (3DA) 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 8th Annual Helicopter Fly-In Picnic. Casual, relaxed atmosphere focused exclusively on helicopters. Join us as we close the airport to fixed-wing traffic to make room for rotorcraft to dominate the air. Delicious home-cooked buffet meal will be provided free of charge to all helicopter pilots. Rain or Shine. Call Mike Mazar 810-516-1233.

JUNE 26 Hillsdale Municipal Airport (JYM) 7:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JUNE 26 Sandusky City Airport (Y83) 7:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JUNE, 26 Howell Livingston County - Spencer J Hardy Airport (OZW) 7:00 - 11:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JUNE 26 Niles Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport (3TR) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 25th Annual Fly-in Breakfast. Free parking, door prizes. Suggested donation: \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 high school, \$3.00 grade school.

JULY 2-3 Watervliet Municipal Airport (40C) Saturday 11:00 a.m., Sunday 7:00 a.m. Fourth of July weekend steak lunch fly/drive-in.

JULY 2 Houghton Lake Heights Houghton Lake State Airport (5Y2) 10:00 - 16:00 Brats & dogs

JULY 3 Clare Municipal Airport (48D) 7:30 - 11:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JULY, 8-10 Jackson County - Reynolds Field (JXN) all day All Day Aerobatics Competition

JULY 9 Big Rapids Roben-Hood Airport (RQB) 7:00 - 15:00 Fly-in Breakfast

JULY10 Howell Livingston County Airport (OZW) 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 10th Annual Helicopters Only fly-in. Michigan's largest gathering of just helicopters.

JULY 10 Hastings City/Barry County Airport (9D9) 8:00 - 11:30 Fly-in Breakfast

JULY 10 Weidman Ojibwa (D11) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Annual Ojibwa Fly N. Pilot in command eats free.

JULY 10 Chesaning Nixon Airport (50G) 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Take off for the Showboat ! All you can eat Pancake, Egg & sausage breakfast. Helicopter & airplane rides. RC display. Clowns & face painters for the kids. Showboat parade at 1:00pm. e_mail: christinehartges@msn.com

JULY 10 East Tawas Iosco County Airport (6D9) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pancake breakfast.

JULY 16-23 Charlevoix Municipal Airport (CVX) 10:30 - 17:30 Venetian Festival

JULY 17 Sparta Paul C. Miller Airport (8D4) 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fly-in pancake breakfast. Adults \$5.00, kids 10 and under \$2.00.

JULY, 23 Drummond Island Drummond Island Airport (DRM) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Fly-in breakfast.

JULY 23-25 Port Huron St. Clair County International Airport (PHN) 10:00 - 16:00 Oshkosh Oasis

JULY, 23-24 Ypsilanti Willow Run Airport (YIP) All day Thunder over Michigan - all day Yankee Air Museum. U.S. Navy Blue Angels and a salute to the 100th anniversary of U.S. Naval aviation. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow for regular updates.

Print this page and place on refrigerator door for spontaneity inspiration.

From the Flight Surgeon

This month's article has nothing to do with medicine. Some of you may be aware that I have been working with the Space Shuttle program for a little over a decade now. On July 8 Space Shuttle Atlantis STS-135 will launch to end a 30 year program which has seen both incredible triumph and disheartening tragedy. NASA has turned a corner and will depend on private companies to provide support for the International Space Station and other low earth orbit endeavors. NASA intends to set its sights on human deep space exploration. It will be a few years before the US based contract companies will be ready to put astronauts in space and till that time the Russians will be the only game in town with their Soyuz capsule.

If you have ever wanted to see a Space Shuttle launch, this is your last chance. I will be working the launch and landing. Feel free to contact me if you would like information regarding the good viewing sites! Fly Safe!

Gregory Pinnell, MD
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Miscellaneous

Maintenance changes:

Joe Hass is back in the saddle again as Maintenance Director. Thanks for making the time to take on this responsibility.

Tom Benoit is back filling Joe as the 52828 Cardinal Plane Captain.

9885M - Assistant Plane Captain Position open—please call Alan or Joe if interested.

Dr. Scott Grant , TOPS member, can now provide examination services for your aviation medical. Dr. Grant is located in nearby Birmingham (Maple and Old Woodward). His contact information is:

**Birmingham Medical
180 East Brown
Birmingham, MI 48009
248-645-1000**

Same day appointments are possible. Make sure you mention that you are a TOPS member.

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Low dues -- only \$65 per month which also covers your insurance.

Flight instructors are Club Members.

Seasonal Wash n Waxes, free BBQ's and

club meetings with training videos,

guest speakers, etc.

A great group of friendly people.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ MARITAL STATUS M S SPOUSE'S NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____ WORK _____

IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY _____

PILOT CERTIFICATE TYPE _____ NUMBER _____ DATE ISSUED _____

MEDICAL CLASS _____ DATE ISSUED _____ ADDITIONAL RATINGS _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: SINGLE _____ FAMILY _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

MEMBER # _____

REFERRED BY: _____