



Club News July 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: Dave Starnes

Hot enough for ya?

There is no denying that summer is in full force. This week I found out the hard way that an iPhone can over-heat; no, not from a teenager texting 500 words per minute; from the sun! Summer heat can have an effect on pilots, planes, and passengers as well. There are a few things to remember about warm weather flying.

- Hot, humid weather brings instability, and with it, thunderstorms. Believe the 20 mile distance warning.
- Density altitude – pay attention to what the AWOS is telling you. Our airplane engines are as uncomfortable as we are when it's this hot. More than ever, weight & balance, obstacles, and runway lengths should be part of your planning.
- Dehydration: don't eat a bag of pretzels before you fly on hot humid days. It's a good idea to drink water before you go, and while you are in the air. I know, the kids will have to go to the bathroom – stop somewhere and take a break.
- Speaking of kids and passengers in general: heat creates bubbles of hot rising air known as thermals; what goes up tends to come down. Turbulence is a part of summer flying and passenger air sickness. Keep the air vents open and the sick sacks readily available.
- Brush up on hot starts for the Cardinal before you find yourself cursing at the fuel pumps.

This wasn't intended to be a lecture on density altitude or dehydration; however, it is a friendly reminder that these things can ruin a day of fun. Remember, temperature typically decreases as altitude increases – fly high and enjoy.

See you at the airport.

Dave

**Next Club Meeting
Tuesday
July 26th
6:00 pm
Cookout at the hangars**

Local Events

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.

JULY, 23 Sault Ste. Marie Muni-Sanderson Airport (ANJ) 11:00 - 14:00 Fly-in Lunch

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

JULY, 29-31 Port Huron St. Clair County International Airport (PHN) 10:00 - 16:00 Oshkosh Oasis

JULY, 30 Northport Woolsey Memorial Airport (5D5) 8:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast

AUGUST, 6 Sandusky City Airport (Y83) 7:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast 810-414-3009, sanduskycityY83@hotmail.com

AUGUST, 6 Greenville Municipal Airport (6D6) 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast. Experience a unique way of being served pancakes by Chris Cakes "As Seen On Food Network". This All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast is simply "Flippin Family Fun", however, "Beware of Flying Pancakes". A tour of the Fighting Falcon Military Museum is available as well as a static display of airplanes. Several Door Prizes for Kids! Adults - \$6, Children ages 6 to 12 years - \$5, Kids ages 5 and under free.

AUGUST, 7 Caro Tuscola Area Airport (CFS) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7th Annual Fly-in. Free Admission. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Caro and the Tuscola Area Airport. Call Jill Mulders 989-860-0573. jill@atbdcpa.com.

AUGUST, 13-14 Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport (GDW) 7:00 - 11:00 Fly-in Breakfast

AUGUST, 13 Frankenmuth Zehnder Field (66G) 3rd Annual Grassroots Fly-in/Camp-in. Fly-bys all day, lunch 12:00-2:00, Contests 2:00-5:00, Dinner/awards 5:00. Bonfire, hangar talk, and camping. Sponsored by the Grassroots Aviations. Call Suzy 989-525-3161. www.grassrootsaviations.com.

AUGUST, 13

Kalamazoo Newman's Field (4NO) 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Breakfast fly-in. Biscuits & gravy, eggs, potatoes, pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. All served at a beautiful grass strip famous for its over the top food and hospitality. Newman's Field is a lovely 2600 x 125 foot grass strip located approximately 9 miles northwest of the Kalamazoo Airport. Call Mike Lutke 269-207-6609.

AUGUST, 14 Winn Woodruff Lake Airport (53W) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fly-in/drive-in breakfast. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 907. Call Bill Cain 989-330-0225.

AUGUST, 14 South Haven Area Regional Airport (LWA) 7:00 - 12:00 Fly-in Breakfast 269-637-7343, runway@i2k.com

AUGUST, 14 Howell Livingston County - Spencer J Hardy Airport (OZW) 7:00 - 11:00 Fly-in Breakfast 517-223-8735, JANDL55@msn.com

AUGUST, 20-21 Alma Gratiot Community Airport (AMN) 9:00 - 17:00 Open House Sponsored by EAA Chapter 134, 989-463-5500, eea.chapter134@gmail.com

AUGUST, 20 Mason Mason Jewett Field (TEW) 7:00 - 16:00 Mason Aviation Days 517-589-5051, p72kenv@yahoo.com

AUGUST, 27 Gladwin Sugar Springs Airport (0MI1) 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fly-in BBQ. Sponsored by the Sugar Springs Airstrip Committee. Call Rebecca Duggan 586-415-7266.

AUGUST, 28 Pontiac Oakland County International Airport (PTK) 10:00 - 16:00 Open House 248-666-3900, ocia@oakgov.com

From the Flight Surgeon

Less than a (week) to go until Oshkosh! Many of us will be taking our aircraft over Lake Michigan flying at high altitudes for safety. We all know the FAA rules for oxygen usage. Flight crew must use oxygen above 12,500 feet when the time at altitude is 30 minutes or longer. At 14,000 feet or above all aboard must use supplemental oxygen. The reality is that hypoxic symptoms can start as low as 5000 feet at night and 9000 feet during the day! Additional information on hypoxia and hypoxic signs are available on the web and other sources but if your trip takes you high consider renting or purchasing a portable oxygen system to increase your safety and make the trip more enjoyable!

Gregory Pinnell, MD
Senior AME/Flight Surgeon USAFR
www.OK2FLY.com

Miscellaneous

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

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IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY _____

PILOT CERTIFICATE TYPE _____ NUMBER _____ DATE ISSUED _____

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