



Club News July 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: Dave Starnes

How many times did you hear, "Hot enough for you?" recently? Last week on a flight to Madison, Wisconsin my partner pondered what it would take to retrofit an air conditioning system in our Cirrus. There's always a way to make our hobby more enjoyable (think \$\$\$), but it is fun to fly whatever we have. On that note; thank you for participating in our recent online survey. There was a wide variety of responses ranging from a Cessna 152 to a Cirrus. A large majority of the suggestions were for a replacement aircraft similar to the Cardinal, but one meeting the FAA definition of high performance. Based on your input and the research and conclusions of the board of directors, we have chosen the Cessna 182RG. We are currently conducting a search for the right one for TOPS.

Most of us are aware of the coming construction at VLL. The important information for TOPS members is below:

On or around July 23, an improvement project will begin at Oakland Troy Airport. The project includes runway milling, resurfacing and painting, drainage improvements, resurfacing portions of the entrance drive and parking lot, replacement of aprons at hangar rows C & D, east and west sides and west side of E row, as well as crack sealing rows F-M.

The project is expected to take approximately 45 days (weather permitting). The extensive nature of the project will necessitate closure of the runway during the final 7-10 days of the project.

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Club Meeting

Tuesday

July 24th, 6pm

Cookout at the hangars

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Project updates will be available on the airport information website; www.oakgov.com/aviation/news/notam_ota.html A subscription link is located at the top of this page. By subscribing to the page, you will receive an e-mail when the page is updated with the most current information. As always, information will also be available by calling Oakland/Troy or Oakland County International Administration.

Most of our members will take a break from flying during the 10 day closure. If you have trips planned during that period and want to make arrangements, please contact me to discuss.

Dave

From the Flight Surgeon

Only a few weeks till 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!

Personal flotation devices, a good life raft and a review of ditching procedures are a must and don't forget to take advantage of flight following at least while you are over water. Fly Safe!

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

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:

**Dr. Scott Grant
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.

Miscellaneous

Dick McGinnis submitted an informative article on Behavior Modeling written by Rod Machado and published by the Air Safety Institute.

"Behavior modeling is accomplished by closely examining and dissection the subjective experience of the master who possesses the skill to be learned."

The full article can be found here:

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/aopa/cfi_vol3issue2/#/1

Local Events

JULY 14 Hastings Airport (9D9) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pancake breakfast Sponsored by Hasting Flying Association. Call Mark Noteboom 269-945-6306.

JULY 21, Washington Island, WI—Washington Island Airport (2P2) 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 55th annual fly-in lunch serving boiled whitefish, w/potatoes, coleslaw, all trimmings. Homemade desserts. Hot dogs, chips, beer available. Crafts, hayrides and music. Camping. Sponsored by the Lions Club. Call Larry Harvell 920-847-2770.

JULY 28, Northport Woolsey Airport (5D5) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Northport fly-in. Lions Club annual fundraiser. Antique cars. Rain date July 29. Sponsored by the Northport Lions Club. Call Dick Koenig 231-386-5984 or Al Noftz 231-386-9936.

AUGUST 4, Escanaba Delta County Airport (ESC) 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 4th annual pig roast and fly-in. Static displays, pilot contests and RC demos. Sponsored by the Delta County Airport. Call Connie Ness 906-786-4902.

AUGUST 4, Greenville Municipal Airport (6D6) 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast. Experience a unique way of being served pancakes by Chris Cakes. Adults - \$6, Children ages 6 to 12 years - \$4, Kids ages 5 and under ☐ Free. Sponsored by the Greenville Area Aviation Association. Call Kris 616-897-4266.

AUGUST 5, Caro Airport (CFS) 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Sandusky Flying Club. Call Bob Tanton 810-705-1070.

AUGUST 11, Ludington Mason County Airport (LDM) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pancake breakfast and fly-in. Display aircraft, RC models. Sponsored by the Mason County Pilots Association, EAA Chapter 772, and Mason County Aviation. Call John Berend or Bob Taylor at 231-690-0397. Email: j.mbiplane@gmail.com.

AUGUST 11, Oscoda Karo Kiwanis Fly-in. Family fun activities, airplanes on display, food vendors, kids games, airplane rides, silent auction, Kiwanis plane train, candy drops, proceeds to support youth programs.

AUGUST 12, South Haven South Haven Area Regional Airport (LWA) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fly-in breakfast.

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

AUGUST 18, Brighton Airport (45G) 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Brats and Burgers lunch fly-in. Car show. Sponsored by the Brighton Airport Association. Call Ray Krom 734-223-1927.

AUGUST 18, Kalamazoo Newman's Field (4N0) 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hearty breakfast (eggs, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee) all for \$7.00 at Newman's Field (4N0) at Kalamazoo. This event, on a beautiful 2600' grass strip, has long been famous for its great food and hospitality. Sponsored by the Mattawan Lions Club. Call Alan Wright 269-929-6006.

AUGUST 18, Mason Jewett Airport (TEW) 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mason Aviation Days. "All-U-Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast served with eggs, sausage, coffee and juice from 7:30 am to 11:30 am and then a Grilled Steak lunch from Noon to 4:00pm...Homebuilt, Antique, Warbird and general aviation aircraft on display. Airplane, Helicopter and Warbird rides available. FREE admission to Mason Jewett Airport Sponsored by EAA Chapter 55. Call Ken Vandenbelt 517-589-5051.

AUGUST 18, Frankenmuth Zehnder Field (66G) 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Grassroots Fly-in/Camp-in with contests, pig roast, awards and bonfire! For more information contact suzy@grassrootsaviators.com or visit http://www.grassrootsaviators.com/FRANKENMUTH_FLY-IN.html Sponsored by Grassroots Aviators.

AUGUST 26, Oakland County International Airport (PTK) 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fly-in breakfast and air show. Call 248-666-3900.

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club meetings with training videos,
guest speakers, etc.

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TOPS FLYING CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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LAST NAME _____ FIRST _____ MI _____

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: _____