



TROY OAKLAND PILOTS FLYING CLUB, Inc.

Oakland / Troy Airport, Troy MI. (VLL)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

August, 2012

Shortly after the Cardinal incident occurred I read a magazine article where the author was discussing prop strikes. I found it interesting when he stated that invariably, the aircraft owner ends up with a better airplane than they had prior to the prop strike. The engines are either inspected or replaced, resulting in either new components or a more powerful engine. Props are often replaced with new blades, or perhaps a three-blade prop is installed. In the end, the engine and prop are in much better shape than they were before the incident. In our case, we had a bit more than a prop strike, but the result is similar. With the addition of the Cessna TR182 to our fleet we now have a more powerful, higher performing, great looking aircraft. Good things can rise up out of the ashes (Metaphorically speaking...fortunately, there were no ashes.) I guess that author knew what he was talking about!

The new aircraft came with a few extras, including two pilots: Gib Hufstader and Dick Waters. Welcome to TOPS!

Our maintenance crew has a few moves and additions. You can see the changes later in the newsletter. These folks are the unsung heroes of the club and really deserve a big thank you. Hug a plane captain today!

Make a note on your calendar that our annual MDOT Wings program is scheduled for September 12, 6:30 PM, at Larson Middle School in Troy. More information will follow.

See you at the airport.

Dave Starnes
Troy Oakland Pilots President

CLUB FUNCTION

The Phenom VLJ

Tuesday, August 14th, 6pm

PTK

Map: <http://mapq.st/RtbvLZ>

Liam's First Flight

by Joe Hass

After flying down to Muncie on Friday June 15 to watch my son Chris compete in the Extreme Flight Championships Paula and I landed back at Troy to get a phone call from my son David. David and his family wanted to "get together". I picked a restaurant to meet them. The glass of chardonnay arrived just before my 4 year old grandson Liam came in to announce "Grandpa, we are going flying". Son David then



came in with his wife Shawn. I told him that I would send the wine back. David encouraged me to not only have that glass but another. I looked at him and said "How am I going to fly with 2 glasses of wine". His response ? "What makes you think that you are going to be the pilot?".

At the celebration of Liam's first birthday I presented the young man with a set of aviation earmuffs with the statement "You can wear these when you go flying with

Grandpa". David responded "His first flight will be with me as P.I.C."

David is a private pilot but family, work and a child kept him from staying current. David used the small inheritance from my mother's estate to regain his currency. Financing wasn't the only issue. As a board member with the flying club we both belong to I see all of the flight hours, financials and schedules. A team of very crafty individuals "cooked the



Liam's First Flight

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books" to make sure I never suspected a thing.

Nothing could have made me more proud, or cause my eyes to well with emotion, as David announced "Cessna 64477 departing runway 9 with 3 generations of Hass men on board " for Liam's first flight. A perfect Father's Day Gift. Couldn't help but think that my father, also a pilot, was with us in spirit too.



As we were pre-flighting, Liam found some parts that matched the color of the plane. "What are these Grandpa". "Wheel pants" I answered. "Why" was his response. "To make the airplane go faster" I said. With that we were preoccupied with the preflight. A moment later we looked around to see the Wheel pants sitting next to the wheels. "Put them on. I want to go fast" Liam said.

Joe Hass



Paula, Chris and Joe Hass with Chris' competition aircraft.
YAK 12 HP 105" wingspan, 26 pounds, smoke.

From the Flight Surgeon

Lots of different things going on aeromedically with the FAA.

First is the Exemption Petition from AOPA/EAA which would extend the use of LSA privileges to larger aircraft using your valid state drivers license and an every two year required online course on aeromedical factors.

Next is an initiative submitted by former EAA Aeromedical Advisory Council Chairman Dr. Jack Hastings to remove some of the current diagnosis (such as hypothyroidism) from the list of conditions the FAA follows on Special Issuance.

Finally the FAA is looking at a new program Australia is starting which would allow your family doctor to sign off a form to be able to fly certain aircraft under a certain weight.

I have opinions on the various proposals and have some feelings on which ones will survive and which will not. Suffice it to say we are moving into new ground here. What I don't want, and I am sure no one else wants to see is changes which results in more aircraft fatalities. There were 457 GA fatalities in the USA in fiscal 2011. Anything we do that raises that number would seem to be a step in the wrong direction!

More to come and please call or write if questions.

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.

Local Events

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 12, Sandusky OH (SKY) Pancake Breakfast

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.

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 18, Alpena County Regional Airport (APN) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wings Over Alpena air show - a tribute to the Korean War. Free admission & parking for aircraft. Parking on civilian side of airport, air show on grounds of Alpena CRTC (north end. Air show website: www.wingsoveralpena.com. Airspace will be closed from 10 AM to 3 PM (estimated) .

AUGUST 18-19, Oakland-Troy (VLL) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mustang Aeronautics Fly-in and Open House. The Midget Mustang and Mustang II fly-in will be held at the Oakland Troy Airport and the Mustang Aeronautics facilities at 1990 Heide, Troy MI. All aircraft and drive ins are welcome. There will be a BBQ lunch both days along with aluminum aircraft workshops and factory tours. This is a great opportunity to see the airplanes inside and out and talk in length to the builders and flyers. The Midget Mustang and Mustang II are single and two seat aluminum designs that can cruise over 200 mph.

AUGUST 25-26, Alma Gratiot County Airport (AMN) 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sunday Gratiot community airshow. Air Show Featuring: AeroShell Team, Gene Soucy, Teresa Stokes, Matt Younkin, Kyle Franklin, Bob Carlton, John Mohr, Vlado Lenocho, Mike Gillian, Misty Blues, P-51, F4U Corsair, B-17, Wildcat, AT-6, Stearman. Night Air Show on Saturday Night. Aircraft parking not available. Check NOTAMs.

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

SEPTEMBER 12, Troy, Larson Middle School, 6:30 p.m.– MDOT Wings Program - Sponsored by Troy Oakland Pilots (TOPS).

SEPTEMBER 21-23, Detroit City Airport (DET) 8:30 a.m. Michigan Air Tour. A weekend long celebration of flying around the State of Michigan. This year's MAT starts on Sep. 21 and will include visits to DET, RMY, ADG, BTL, CAD, and APN. Join us as we see Michigan from the best seat in the house, the air! Go to <http://www.miaviation.org/> for more information and to register. tourdiretor@michiganairtour.org Sponsored by The Michigan Aviation Association

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- **\$1,800.00** (security deposit and application fee) gives you a full individual membership.
- **24 hour** Internet and telephone scheduling.
- **Indoor** hangared planes with engine pre-heaters.
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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 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

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: _____