



TROY OAKLAND PILOTS FLYING CLUB, Inc.

Oakland / Troy Airport, Troy MI. (VLL)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... January, 2013

Happy New Year!

As the former membership director of TOPS I had many opportunities to describe the virtues of club membership to potential members. In most cases the person was unaware of how flying clubs operate or what the benefits might be. In 2011 AOPA recognized the value of flying clubs in helping pilots fly more frequently and affordably, and that there was a lack of awareness on what clubs could offer. They launched a survey of more than 250 flying clubs and 800 members. They found that clubs play a significant role in the GA community, and that nearly all the pilots considered their club membership as a positive experience. TOPS has had the good fortune of being at or near capacity when other flying clubs have not been so fortunate. I think it is great that AOPA is recognizing the importance of flying clubs and promoting their value to the aviation community. They now have an advisory group of 11 flying clubs committed to the initiative. AOPA is promoting what all of us know - a flying club offers a long list of recreational, social, learning opportunity, and financial benefits. We can be proud of our club, our aircraft, and the dedication of our members who make this all possible.

See you at the airport.

Dave

J. Mac McClellan
Presentation on current happenings in the
EAA and General Aviation.

Tuesday, Jan. 29th
6:30 Reception
7:00 Presentation
Larson Middle School
2222 East Long Lake
(between John R and Dequindre)



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Proudly Presents an Evening with **J. Mac McClellan**



EAA Director of Publications

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

**Mac will discuss current happenings in and
around EAA and general aviation**

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Larson Middle School - 2222 East Long Lake - Troy, MI 48085

**For More Information Contact
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LOCAL EVENTS

Jan. 29th: [Grass Roots Pilot Tour sponsored by Troy Oakland Pilots Flying Club](#)
Troy Oakland Pilots Flying Club (TOPS) is one of the hosting organizations for the nationwide Experimental Aircraft Association Grassroots Pilot Tour. The featured speaker is J. MAC McClellan, EAA's Director of Publications. Everyone invited, no charge. 7 pm at Larson Middle School.

Jan. 25-26: [Ypsilanti-Great Lakes Aviation Conference and Expo Event](#)

The 2013 Great Lakes Aviation Conference is the most complete aviation conference in the Midwest, offering educational seminars for all pilots from Students just beginning to learn about flying to Seasoned Professionals. It also offers educational experiences for all forms of Aviation Maintenance professionals, whether just learning or those who have worked in the industry for decades.

The conference features approximately 100 different exhibitors! The industry representatives will be there to talk to you and answer all of your questions. You can shop for the best in avionics, pilot gear and training aids, and experience the latest products on the market.

The informational and instructional breakout sessions with the pilot in mind, offer a wide variety of topics presented by expert speakers from all over the country. Session topics range from simple VFR to real-world IFR flight issues. Other seminars address weather information, aircraft ownership opportunities, FAA issues, flying destinations, and the latest and greatest of everything in aviation. For the Aviation Maintenance Professional, we offer a wide variety of topics from maintaining your aircraft and its varied components to Human Factors and Professionalism. www.GreatLakesAviationConference.com

Feb. 9: [Dawn Patrol: Plymouth Mettetal Airport EAA Chapter 113 Chili Fly-In](#)

Bring a pot of your best Chili to share or try one of ours. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Event held in the heated comfort of the EAA Chapter 113 Aviation Center hangar. Rain, snow or shine! Contact John Maxfield at 248-890-6767 or email avee8rrr@yahoo.com for more information.

From the Flight Surgeon

You could not tell it from the recent weather but winter is here. Those of us that utilize our aircraft in the cold climates contend with many challenges such as the potential for low body temperature or "hypothermia". Just as many aircraft engines don't start well when cold, pilots don't perform as well either when we are chilled. For example, exposed body surfaces such as hands are prone to frostbite when doing a good preflight in cold conditions. Cooling the body even a few degrees can lead to severe shivering making manipulation of controls difficult. With even mild hypothermia other body processes degrade which can lead to confusion, apathy, inability to think clearly and stiffness in the muscles. The bottom line? Dress warmly in layers, do pre-flights inside whenever possible in cold weather and consider hand warmers to keep your fingers safe and supple. Fly warm and safe!

Fly Safe!

Gregory Pinnell, MD

Senior AME/ Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR

www.AIRDOCS.net

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

2013 Club Officers & Appointees...

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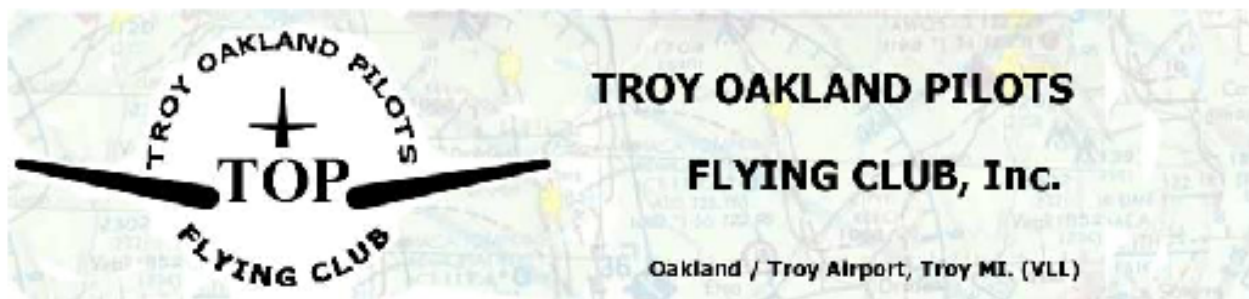
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- **\$1,800.00** (security deposit and application fee) gives you a full individual membership.
- **24 hour** Internet and telephone scheduling.
- **Indoor** hangared planes with engine pre-heaters.
- **Pre-pay** your flight time and save 10%!!
- **Cessna C172s:** IFR Certified!
- **Cessna C182** with Garmin 430 WAAS and two-axis autopilot.
- **Cessna TR182** with Dual Garmin 430, Strike Finder, TCAD, and autopilot w/ altitude preselect.
- **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 and guest speakers.
- **Great** group of friendly people!



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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: _____