



TROY OAKLAND PILOTS FLYING CLUB, Inc.

Oakland / Troy Airport, Troy MI. (VLL)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... March, 2013

It's spring!

March 20th marks the beginning of spring and I don't know about you, but I am ready! I think the mildness of last winter spoiled me. I'm looking forward to good weather for flying and short pants. If you are a Skyhawk pilot (Aren't we all???) you'll want to attend our club meeting on March 26th. We have some exciting upgrades taking place for 08K that will be on the agenda.

On one of those dreary winter days, TOPS co-hosted an EAA gathering featuring Mac McClellan. Mac had to drive down from up north due to very low ceilings and ice. Despite the dismal weather we had approximately 120 people in attendance. We finally had an event where all the treats and beverages were consumed. This event was great for GA, local pilots, and the community. (I'm disappointed with the photo below - I thought I was taller than that.) Events such as this one, the evening with astronaut Greg Johnson, and our annual MDOT Wings presentations are all made possible by the generosity of Joe Hass. He gives his time and resources to ensure that membership in TOPS is an association to be proud of. We can all make sure that this isn't a thankless job by letting him know next time we see him.

I'll see you at the airport.

Dave

Next club meeting:

March 26th at 7 PM.

On the agenda: Major upgrades for 08K.

Join us at Joe Cook's Midwest Video,
1515 Souter in Troy (Maple and Rochester).

J. Mac McClellan



TOPS sponsored an evening program with Mac McClellan, EAA Director of Publications, on January 29th, 2013.

Photo of Mac and Dave Starnes, TOPS President.

The winner of the AirVenture package was Mark Perry of Ann Arbor.

Thanks to everyone that made this event possible!



TMOA could impact busy GA season in northern Michigan

By Alyssa J. Miller

The U.S. Air Force is requesting to establish a temporary military operations area (TMOA) in northern Michigan from Aug. 5 through 16 in support of Exercise Northern Strike, a training exercise that will include abrupt maneuvering from the AH-1/UH-1, UH-60, A-10, F-16, and B-52.

The Grayling TMOA would be established between the Grayling Aerial Gunnery Range (R-4201A/B) and Pike West Military Operations Area from 5,000 feet msl up to but not including Flight Level 180. It would be active from 8:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Central Daylight Time and other times by notam.

This would render V78-609 unusable to IFR traffic during the TMOA's active times. No other Victor airways would be negatively impacted. Because pilots often voluntarily avoid flying in MOAs, the Grayling TMOA would force pilots to make large detours during the busy summer flying season.

AOPA is requesting that the Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center and Air Force work together to mitigate the impact the TMOA could have on GA pilots. So that the FAA can have a better understanding of the impact this airspace would have on operations, pilots are encouraged to submit comments about the effects on their personal flying to Manager, Operations Support Group, AJV-C2, Airspace Study 13-AGL-06NR, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137. Please copy AOPA on any comments. Comments are due April 1.

<http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/articles/2013/130227tmoa-could-impact-busy-ga-season-in-mi.html>

TOPS Website:

<http://troyoaklandpilots.org/>

LOCAL EVENTS

Apr 17 — Plymouth, MI. The Results of Pilot Deviation Safety Seminar. Plymouth Library, 223 South Main Street. 6:30 - 7:30. 517-335-9792.

May 4 - Midland Jack Barstow Airport. Breakfast fly-in. 7 - 11:00 AM. Pancakes, eggs cooked to order, ham, sausages, and the best home-made donuts in Michigan! Children's activities. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1093.

May 18 - Lapeer - DuPont-Lapeer Airport (D95) 7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fly-in breakfast. Adults \$7.00, kids 6-11 \$4.00, 5 and under free. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1303. Call Becky 810-614-9348.

May 26 — Lake City, MI. Lake City airport - Home Acres Sky Ranch ([Y91](#)). 50th anniversary DO-OVER fly-in, drive-in breakfast. Pancake breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Donation \$6.00 adults \$3.00 children 4-12 yrs. Pancakes, ham, eggs, coffee, juice, 1 homemade donut. Contact Don Kohler, 248-496-7132.

Jun 9 — Ann Arbor, MI. Ann Arbor Municipal Airport ([KARB](#)). EAA Chapter 333 Pancake Breakfast. Fly-In/Drive-In pancake breakfast and airport open house. Pedal planes and bounce house for kids, airplane static displays. Breakfast served from 8-noon. Contact Chris Gordon, 734-845-4029.

Jun 15 - 16 — Ypsilanti, MI. Willow Run (YIP) ([KYIP](#)). Thunder over Michigan Air Show. This year's show will feature the USAF Thunderbirds. Contact Kevin Walsh, 734 483-4030.

Jun 22 — Jackson, MI. Jackson County ([KJXN](#)). 46th Pancake Breakfast / Fly-In. Another great year to fly in and enjoy our all you can eat breakfast. Prizes for Pilots and General Public. Contact Earl Scott, (517) 783-3988

Jun 23 — Flushing, MI. Dalton Airport ([3da](#)). EAA Chapter 77's 26th Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast. Come join us for our 26th Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast. Pancakes, eggs, homemade sausage, and all the trimmings!! Cost Adults \$6, kids 5-12 \$4, under 5 FREE!! Vintage/Classic a/c, Experimental/LSA, Warbirds, Hot Air Balloons, Rotorcraft, R/C Models, General Aviation Displays Contact Jeff Spinney, 810-210-6882

From the Flight Surgeon

Big changes are coming in FAA Aeromedical Certification. The biggest will be a new program called Certificates an AME Can Issue or "CACI". This will involve about 18 different medical diagnosis which previously were special issuance conditions generally requiring yearly documentation to go to the FAA. Now your AME will ask you for supporting medical documentation for your condition and if you meet the criteria and are otherwise qualified they can issue a normal duration medical certificate. The AME does not even need to forward the medical documentation to the FAA. The specific diagnosis have not been announced but they will likely show up in March 2013. This program will reduce waiting time for medical certification and free up FAA time for more complicated cases. Feel free to call or write if questions.

A frequent question I get from pilots who are filling out the application for their FAA medical is "what doctors visits do I need to report on the form and what can I leave off?" You do need to report visits to any medical, mental health or counseling providers. However you can skip routine visits to eye doctors, dentists and FAA flight physical providers. Multiple visits to the same providers can be consolidated into the last time you saw that provider.

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
Birmingham, MI 48009
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Same day appointments are possible. Make sure you mention that you are a TOPS member.

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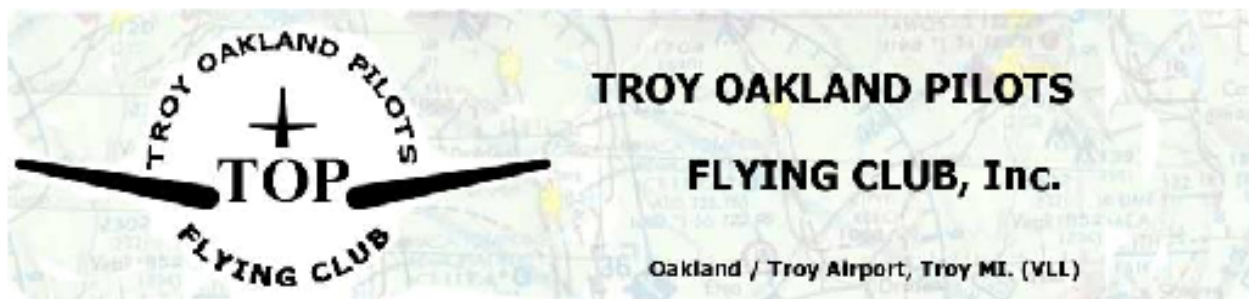
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PILOT CERTIFICATE TYPE _____ NUMBER _____ DATE ISSUED _____

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