



TROY OAKLAND PILOTS FLYING CLUB, Inc.

Oakland / Troy Airport, Troy MI. (VLL)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

June, 2014

Fellow aviators:

It's easy to see why we love flying so much. I admit that of all the things I spend my time and money on, aviation is the one that always seems to rise to the top in social conversation. It's possible that some tire of hearing stories of quick trips to fun destinations or great heights in a glider, but it gets a much greater response than bragging about my grandchildren. It seems like everyone, both aviator and the unfortunate ground-bound, enjoy hearing about the adventures that being a pilot can bring.

I recently accepted a position that landed me in the university's Chicago headquarters. They release the shackles long enough for me to sneak out of town for a quick trip home on the weekend. I know this seems like an ideal opportunity to exercise my passion for flying, but the expense reports do not have an aviation column. The Friday night traffic and construction on I-94 often have me day dreaming about being above it all. To further frustrate, my downtown condo gives me a great view of the peninsula where Meigs Field once captured the interest of all Midwest aviators. Oh, the lost opportunities!

We have probably all felt the frustration of having to talk about flying, more than actually taking to the air -- forced to fly in conversation rather than in the cockpit. Whether it's 10 or 100 hours logged in a year, it's still one of the most exciting ways to spend your time and money. I'm looking forward to summer trips with the family and the Monday morning coworker question, "Did you get to fly this weekend?"

See you at the airport (or on I94).

Dave

Next club meeting:

**Tuesday
June 24, 2014
6:00 PM**

Cookout at the Club hangars

From the Flight Surgeon

When it comes to FAA medical certification these are the most unsettled times I have seen in the 14 years I have been a senior aviation medical examiner for the FAA. Here are some of the issues: 1) The FAA is behind in special issuance certification due to the government shutdown and problems with their computer system, 2) the FAA continues to at times request medical information which is neither aeromedically relevant or consistent with current medical practice.

But, the FAA is not the only problem. AOPA continues to push for changes which throw out the baby with the bathwater. Their petition/legislative initiatives if enacted are almost certain to raise the death toll in general aviation past the approximately 400 each year seen now. A recent position paper by the AeroSpace Medical Association indicates the death rate may rise significantly. The "driver's license medical" is really a joke as state standards vary widely and quite a few states really have no medical standards at all.

So, where is the answer? The desired end state is where we get all who are reasonably safe to fly in the air and have a responsive system to protect those who might endanger themselves, their passengers and those on the ground.

So, in April the FAA announced an impending Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to relax medical standards for recreational/private pilots. We don't know what is in the NPRM but I suspect we will very soon. Hopefully it will be reasonable and reflect a good blend of common sense and practical solutions to aviation medical oversight.

No country in the world allows pilots to fly with absolutely no medical oversight. Some countries have standards much harder than the FAA's. More to come.

Gregory Pinnell, MD
Senior AME/ Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR
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Dr. Scott Grant , TOPS member, provides examination services for your aviation medical. Dr. Grant is located in nearby Birmingham (Maple and Old Woodward).
His contact information is:

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Huron County Memorial Airport (BAX) Bad Axe, MI Aviation Day **Date:** June 08, 2014 **Time:** 07:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Aviation Day

Oceana County Airport (C04) Hart/Shelby, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 08, 2014 **Time:** 07:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Fly-In Breakfast

Air Show: Gaylord Regional Airport (GLR) Gaylord, MI **Date:** June 14, 2014 - June 15, 2014 **Time:** 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM **Description:** Air Show

Young Eagles - Mason - Jewett Field (TEW) **Date:** June 14, 2014 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM **Description:** Young Eagles

Mason - Jewett Field (TEW) Mason, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol "All-U-Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast

Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) EAA Chapter 113 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol: Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) EAA Chapter 113 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast

Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) Plymouth, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Fly-In Breakfast

Mason - Jewett Field (TEW) Mason, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol "All-U-Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast

Padgham Field (35D) Allegan, MI Fly-In Pancake Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In

Ludington - Mason County Airport Fly-In Breakfast and Car Show **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol: Ludington - Mason County Airport Fly-In Breakfast and Car Show

White Cloud Airport (42C) Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 08:00 AM - 01:30 PM **Description:** Sponsored by City of White Cloud

Shady Lawn Field (4M4) Bannister, MI Fly-In **Date:** June 15, 2014 **Time:** 04:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Fly-In

Southwest Michigan Regional Airport (BEH) Benton Harbor, MI WWII Reenactment "Lest We Forget" **Date:** June 20, 2014 - June 21, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 06:00 PM **Description:** "Lest We Forget" WWII Reenactment

Price's Airport (9G2) Linden, MI Fly-In Breakfast and Car Show **Date:** June 21, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In and Car Show

Kalkaska Airport (Y89) Kalkaska, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 21, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In

Dalton Airport (Flushing) Fly-in/Drive-in breakfast **Date:** June 22, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:30 AM **Description:** EAA Chapter 77's 27th Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast

Kirsch Municipal Airport (IRS) Sturgis, MI Pancake Breakfast **Date:** June 28, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Pancake Breakfast

Roben-Hood Airport (RQB) Big Rapids, MI AirFest Unplugged **Date:** June 28, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 02:00 PM **Description:** AirFest Unplugged

Clare Municipal Airport (48D) Clare, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 29, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In

Hillsdale Municipal Airport (JYM) Hillsdale, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** June 29, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In

Sandusky City Airport (Y83) **Date:** June 29, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol: Sandusky City Airport fly-in breakfast

Houghton Lake State Airport (5Y2) Houghton Heights, MI Fly-In Brat Lunch **Date:** July 05, 2014 **Time:** 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Lunch Fly-In

Watervliet Municipal Airport (40C) Watervliet, MI Fly-In Steak Dinner **Date:** July 05, 2014 **Time:** 11:00 AM - 05:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Fly-In

Watervliet Municipal Airport (40C) Watervliet, MI Fly-In Breakfast **Date:** July 06, 2014 **Time:** 07:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Description:** Dawn Patrol Breakfast Fly-In

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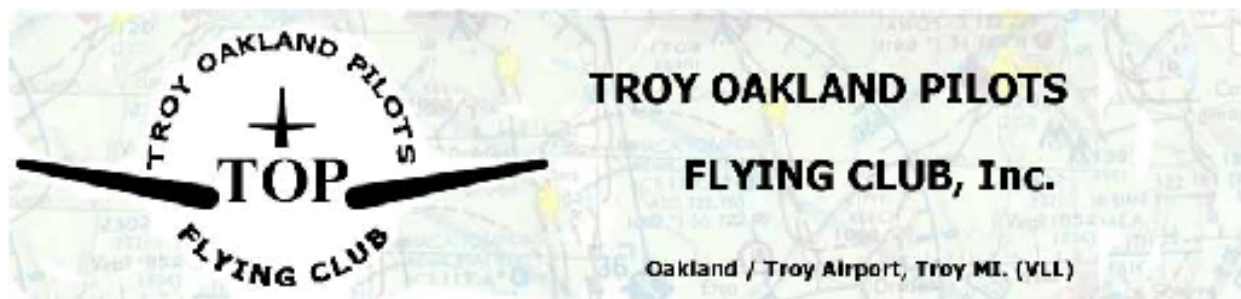
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First _____ MI _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth _____ Marital Status ☐ S ☐ Spouse's Name _____
Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____
Email Address _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Pilot Certificate Type _____ Number _____ Date Issued _____
Total Hours _____ High Performance Hours _____ Complex Hours _____
Medical Class _____ Date Issued _____ Additional Ratings _____
Type of Membership: Single ☐ Family ☐ (Separate Application Required Per Member)

Have you ever:

Had an aircraft accident, incident, insurance claim, certificate suspension or revocation?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

Had an auto driver's license surrendered, suspended, or revoked?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

Been arrested for, or charged with operating a motor vehicle or aircraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

Been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or no-contest, to a felony crime or misdemeanor other than a traffic violation?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

Had an insurance company cancel, decline to insure, or refuse to renew your aircraft coverage?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet.

Additional comments may be provided on a separate sheet.

Signature _____ Date _____

Referred By: _____ Member # _____

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