



Club  
News  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...**

**BY: Joe Hass**

### **Welcome...**

Please join me in welcoming new members Jeff Rotberg, Troy Lindner and Barry Sobel. Troy has already helped us out with a problem shutting down our old website.

### **Our MDOT Safety Symposium**

Our annual Safety Seminar in early September was a huge success with 102 pilots from around the area in attendance. Tom Krashen from MDOT did his usual fine job. I owe him a big thank you as I made arrangements for everything but the speaker! He rearranged his schedule and helped us out. He introduced some new signage, specifically IFR hold short lines, which I actually used 3 days later on a flight to Midway. That trip, specifically the last 5 minutes, could be the topic of an upcoming meeting.

**Wash and Wax  
Saturday  
October 24th  
8~1:00**

### **PTK Users Meeting**

The controllers from PTK along with staff from Detroit Approach and the local FSDO gave an informative presentation on the improvements that have and will continue to occur at PTK. Lots of emphasis on runway incursions and safety zones. They are training a lot of new controllers. They appreciate any and all pattern work.

# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued...**

## **Wash and Wax**

Our next meeting will be our annual fall Wash and Wax on Saturday, October 24th at 8 AM. Plenty of work for all ages and skill levels. Bring the family. A sumptuous feast of culinary delights will be provided both at the beginning and at lunch.

## **Elections**

Our November meeting, dated to be determined, will include our annual elections. As I have previously indicated I will not be running for an office. Please consider joining the Board to help guide the club in the future.

## **828**

New fuel caps have been installed in 828. On my flight to Midway fuel flow from each tank was very even.

***See you at the airport***

Joe Hass

# Members making it happen

## Cody Londal

Congratulations to Cody Londal, the 21 year old grandson of Dick Johnson. Cody soloed in 477 on Wednesday, August 19. Congratulations to Cody and his very proud grandfather and instructor. Contact Cody at [clondal@umich.edu](mailto:clondal@umich.edu).

## Dr. Scott Grant

TOPS member Dr. Scott Grant can now provide examination services for your aviation medical. Dr. Grant is located in nearby Birmingham (Maple and Old Woodward). His contact information is:

**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.

# From the Flight Surgeon

A new question on the FAA Medical Form 8500-8 is causing some confusion and concern for pilots during their flight physicals. The new question "18y" asks if the pilot is receiving "Medical disability benefits". This question was a direct result of the "Operation Safe Pilot" a few years ago on the West Coast which compared Social Security Disability records with pilot medical applications.

The frequent concern is "can I fly if I am receiving disability?" The answer is probably yes but it depends. Some medical conditions for which you might receive disability have little or no aeromedical consequences. Other diagnosis might be significant. The best strategy is to call or email us (*or Dr. Scott Grant at the number above*) if you have concerns over any proposed or current disability compensation you might receive. We can help guide you as to the potential implications regarding your continuing FAA medical certification. Fly safe!

Gregory Pinnell, MD  
Senior AME/Senior Flight Surgeon USAFR

# Local Events

**SEPTEMBER, 26 Dowagiac Memorial Airport (C91) 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Fly-in pancake breakfast. Antique aircraft, tractors, and classic cars. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1028. Call Eric Richardson 269-449-5393. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 979 and Friends of the Airport. Call Kathy Reaume 810-364-6890.

**SEPTEMBER, 27 Port Huron St. Clair County International Airport (PHN) 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Pancake breakfast. Wings, wheels, and watercraft. Young Eagle flights. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 979 and Friends of the Airport. Call Kathy Reaume 810-364-6890.

**SEPTEMBER, 27 Berrien Springs Andrews University Airpark (C20) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Breakfast and fly-in/drive-in. The Department of Aeronautics is pleased to invite pilots and non-pilots alike to our annual event. Come for a hearty pancake breakfast & stay to check out the interesting aircraft that fly in. Learn more about the Aeronautics Dept. as you see the airport, check out our fleet of planes, and visit our flight simulation center. e\_mail: simmons@andrews.edu Call 269-471-3120

**SEPTEMBER, 27 Bay City James Clements Airport (3CM) 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** "Fall Fest" breakfast. Airplane rides, motorcycles, raffles, and more. Sponsored by Valley Aero Club. Call Pat Kunkel 989-684-3131.

## OCTOBER 2009

**OCTOBER, 4 Sandusky City Airport (Y83) 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Dawn patrol. Rain or shine. Sponsored by the Sandusky Flying Club. Call 810-414-3009. [www.sanduskyflyingclub.com](http://www.sanduskyflyingclub.com).

**OCTOBER, 10 Elkhart, IN Elkhart Municipal Airport (EKM) 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Michiana Dawn Patrol. Located on the North side of the field, CR6. Adults \$6.00, \$3.00 kids 8 and under. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 132. Call Bill Van Patten, Jr. 547-295-4132.

**OCTOBER, 18 Watervliet Municipal Airport (40C) 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Chili hop fly-in. Free fall color hayride. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 585. Call 269-463-5532.

**OCTOBER 24TH, 8 AM TOPS WASH AND WAX**

# 2009 Club Officers & Appointees...

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## ***TOPS Flying Club*** ***(Troy Airport, KVLL)***

\$1,800.00 (security deposit and application fee) provides  
you with a full individual membership.

Can be paid in our EASY payment plan at \$600 to join, \$100/month for 12 months.

24 hour Internet and telephone scheduling.

Indoor hangared planes with engine pre-heaters.

Pre-pay your flight time and save 10%!!

Cessna C172s: \$55 and \$65 per hour (before 10% discount!) with fuel allowance.

Cessna C182 with Garmin 430 WAAS and autopilot

Cardinal C177RG with Garmin 430 WAAS and autopilot.

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,

guest speakers, etc.

A great group of friendly people.

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TOPS FLYING CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
REVISED 5/04

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. SEC. # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS M S SPOUSES 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 \_\_\_\_\_