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Congratulations to Dr. Mike Dettloff who completed his first solo flight on August 25th. He later completed his first cross county flight with Marv on September 5th.

Following a long standing family tradition of pilots starting with his great grandfather in World War II, then his grandfather, and then his father, Hunter Miller has now achieved his goal of being a pilot. He successfully completed his private pilot check ride on September 14th. If that wasn't enough for the month of September, he also got married on September 21st. Congratulations, Hunter!

This may be a little delayed, but the EAA Vintage 43 Aircraft Association members completed their inaugural Young Eagles flights on Saturday, August 24th. The September newsletter was already complete when this occurred. There were 21 kids and one mom who took their first general aviation flight with Bob Britt in his Cessna 205, Larry Diller in his Cessna 182, Coleen Gaydash in N3567Q, Lane Taylor in Pete's Cessna 172, and Mike Askwig, who flew a Piper Cherokee donated by Phoenix FBO in Oscoda.

This was a well coordinated and worthwhile event that put some big smiles on the faces of kids and their parents. The weather played a big role as it was absolutely perfect with clear skies and light winds. Congratulations to Pete and his volunteers for a job well done.

Our airport was asked to be a part of Operation Northern Strike, an annual joint military exercise. We had three Navy H-60 Seahawks on the field doing a combat search and rescue mission in which all three were on the runway for a short time before departing to the north.



The airport has not yet had the 2024 crack sealing of the ramp and taxiway completed. I checked with Lansing MDOT Aero and was advised they are currently in Cheboygan and have Rogers City and Gaylord and possibly one or two more ahead of us.

The fuel pump failed on the GMC Sierra plow truck. We quickly learned that the fuel tank was being held up by one nylon cargo strap. A fuel pump and mounting straps have been picked up and Darryl will be returning the vehicle to service soon.

The fuel farm tank was recently power washed. Iron Out was applied to the stained areas under the hose reel removing a lot of the rust stains. The sides of the pump were also painted, improving the appearance to the aging pump.

"It sounds like a no-brainer, but it's not always that simple. External pressures, get-there-it is, and a whole host of decision making errors can lead to an accident. The NTSB says that nearly every GA accident has some type of poor risk management or aeronautical decision-making involved. If you're ever in doubt, it's best to stay on the ground."

"If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible."
–Bob Hoover

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