

# Vintage DC3 Lands for Pilot Broadcast at County Airport

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from fiddle player Jeff Pritchard accompanied by plane owner Dan Gryder on guitar. These broadcasts also include interviews with local personalities and are streamed live on the AVWeb site.

Many of the pilots compared this journey to that of the barnstormers in the 1920s. Mr. Gryder said they fly the plane very low, sometimes as low as 100 feet, and can see people on the ground waving to them.

The seven members besides Mr.

Niles and Mr. Gryder are pilots from various locations around the globe, including North Carolina, London, New York, British Columbia, and New Brunswick. Some say they got involved after reading about the trip in magazines like Flying, while others found it online or heard about it from those in the industry.

After refueling in Kalamazoo May 26, they headed to St. Ignace. The group was debating where to fly next, although Duluth, Minne-

sota, seemed the best choice to avoid inclement weather. One place they know they will be is Gaston's White River Resort in northern Arkansas over the weekend of May 30.

The trip was devised a year ago by friends Mr. Niles and Mr. Gryder, and the wireless access is being sponsored by Verizon, which allows the group to broadcast from both the ground and the air, although streaming video in the cockpit has been difficult to achieve

effectively, said Mr. Niles.

He said the tour has been successful so far, with increasing interest in the online broadcasts. The show they broadcast at St. Ignace received 1,526 views when he checked it 10 minutes after it was available.

The seven pilots on the trip with Mr. Gryder, Mr. Niles, and Mr. Pritchard were Bruce Russell, Gerry McCarley, Tony Smith, Jim MacFadden, Gerry Smith, and Bill Ziesentz.



**Airplane owner Dan Gryder (left) and champion fiddle player Jeff Pritchard entertain an audience of about 1,500 during a live online broadcast in St. Ignace Wednesday, May 27.**

# Mackinac Island Expects Good Lilac Festival Turnout

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Michigan's. My fingers are crossed."

The festival has a few new events this year. One of them is movies at Mission Point Theatre Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays. Radio Mackinac will kick off the Summer Concert Music Series at Mission Point Theatre Wednesday, June 10. The concert will be at 8 p.m. and will feature singer Billy Brandt.

"He's an amazing singer and songwriter," Mrs. Slevin said. "He's got over 20 Detroit Music Awards."

The festival begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday, with the Pre-Coronation Concert at Windermere Point, followed by the Coronation of the Lilac Queen by Mayor Margaret Doud.

The Lilac Festival 10K run is at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6, after which is the Lil Lilac Run/Walk at 11 a.m. Later that afternoon is the first session of Walk and Talk with Lilacs at 3 p.m. at the Harbour View Inn. The session is \$10 and is repeated at different places and times throughout the week.

Sunday, June 7, at 9 a.m. is the Lilac Festival Lybster Brunch at Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub. Lybster, Scotland, is the home of Fort Mackinac's Lieutenant-Gov-

ernor Patrick Sinclair and is the sister city to Mackinac Island. Learning to Grow, a program where children learn about planting and repotting lilacs, is at 1 p.m. in Ste. Anne's Churchyard. The program is also offered Monday, June 8, and Tuesday, June 9.

A Golf Tournament will take place at The Jewel at Grand Hotel Monday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$50 fee and for registration call (906) 847-3331. That evening, there will be a Sunset Cruise Under the Mackinac Bridge leaving at 8 p.m. on Star Line Ferry.

A Grand Hotel History Lecture will be given Tuesday, June 9, at 10 a.m. with historian Bob Tagatz. The lecture will take place at Grand Hotel and it is included with the hotel admittance fee. That afternoon, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Ard-n Academy of Irish Dance Ceili Dancing will demonstrate Irish Social Dancing at Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub. Participants are encouraged to join in. That evening, the Gate House is hosting a Jazz and Wine Night with Alex Graham at 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. tours will be given of the Governor's Summer Residence. The tours are free and last until 11:30 a.m. Also, from 2 p.m. to 4

p.m. there is a Lilac Festival Wine Tasting at the Yankee Rebel Tavern.

A Taste of Mackinac Culinary Event will be at the Harbour View Inn Thursday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m. It will give locals and visitors a chance to experience fare from different chefs on the Island and has a special appearance by Ard-n Academy of Irish Dance and piano music by Dalmain Wheatly. Also on Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., is the Lilac Festival Beer Tasting at Patrick Sinclair's Irish Pub.

At 2 p.m. Friday, June 12, Doc Crain will lead a hiking tour starting at the Marquette Memorial in Marquette Park. The Lilac Festival Garden Party: An Evening of Lilacs with Jeff Young, a lilac curator, will be at Metivier Inn. The event will last from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and has a \$25 fee per person.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, June 13, the Epona and Barkus Parade will take place on the boardwalk. The fee is \$20 and proceeds will benefit the Mackinac Island Dog and Pony Club. Following the parade is the fifth annual Mackinac Island Dog and Pony Show at Windermere Point at 1:30 p.m. The show features a show of trick horses and dogs, called Dan Wallen Dog House.

# Volunteers Prepare for Kids Fishing Day Saturday

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anglers a great opportunity to see the fish close up, Mr. Colegrove said, and to watch as they chase after a baited hook. The trout in the tank were purchased from the Cedarbrook Trout Farm in Harrisville by the sportsmen's club specifically for the event.

Participating youngsters will also receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win some of the many prizes to be given away throughout the day, including fishing rods, tackle boxes, life vests, T-shirts, flashlights, and ferry tickets to Mackinac Island donated by the ferry lines. Although Kids Fishing Day is designed for kids 16 and younger, Mr. Colegrove said it is open to anglers of all ages, and families are encouraged to participate.

He is expecting more than 300 youngsters, accompanied by almost 200 adults, to attend the program. Young children at the event must be accompanied by an adult.

Anglers are encouraged to bring their own fishing rods, bait, and tackle, however, a limited amount of equipment will be available for use. Castle Rock Ponds is on Castle Rock Road, just past the North State Street overpass in St. Ignace, across I-75 at Exit 348.

The event is sponsored by the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa

Indians, Hiawatha National Forest, Mackinaw Outfitters, Michigan Straits Chapter of the Safari Club International, and the 4-H Youth

Program at the Michigan State University Extension.

For more information, contact Louie Colegrove at 643-8875.

# Dr. McElhany Retires After Ten Years of Serving at Hiawatha Behavioral Health

A physician who served the EUP area, Robert "Dr. Mac" McElhany, M.D., is retiring after serving 10 years as a psychiatrist with Hiawatha Behavioral Health, the agency announced April 29.

He has seen more than 1,030 patients during 11,000 patient contacts in Chippewa, Mackinac, and Schoolcraft counties, and provided

more than 1,000 psychiatric evaluations in the EUP.

Before working there, Dr. McElhany worked for 20 years in private practice, followed by 10 years of working in patient psychiatry at Marquette General Hospital.

He and his wife, Darlene, reside in Marquette.



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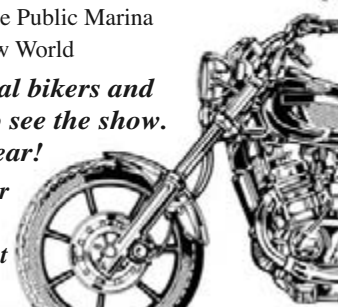
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*We'll see you next year!*

*Thank you so very much for all your hard work and dedication. We look forward to repeating this great event Sunday, May 30, 2010.*



# Community Open House Planned at Les Cheneaux

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the attendees at the Choose Les Cheneaux Luncheon Thursday, May 28, about organizing the event. The main topic she sought opinions for was if the event should be limited to nonprofit organizations or expanded to encompass area businesses.

"The nonprofit organizations are only as strong as the businesses in our community, and vice-versa," said Township Treasurer Katie Carpenter, who supports including businesses. "It would have more of a draw to have the different groups and mix those together, rather than to have just one or the other."

Originally she planned the event to be specifically for community organizations and not include businesses, Mrs. Hudson said, however, based on the input from the Choose Les Cheneaux group, that changed. She said the goal of the open house is to inform residents about what types of services are available in the Les

Cheneaux area.

Cedarville contractor Mike McMaken said: "Its amazing how many people come here year after year and really dont know all the businesses that are in town or what they have to offer. Its a shame."

Mr. McMaken plans to exhibit at the event next month.

Displays at the open house will be set up around the perimeter and in the middle of the community center, where exhibitors will be able to present any information regarding their business or organization, as well as offer promotions, raffles, give-aways, and recruit volunteers.

The Community Forum is recruiting exhibitors, and Mrs.

Hudson has a list of several area organizations she wants to contact, and plans to use the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce e-mail list to attract businesses. Space at the event will be limited and exhibitors must register by Wednesday, July 1.

"I dont think having enough is going to be an issue. I think youre going to have more than you expect," said chamber president and business owner Diane Patrick about finding businesses to participate in the event. "I know Im going to be there with bells on."

The next Choose Les Cheneaux Luncheon will be Thursday, June 25, in the Community Center at 11:30 a.m.

# Morning, Evening Book Clubs Meet at St. Ignace Public Library June 17

The evening book club will meet Wednesday, June 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library. The club is reading "Astrid and Veronika" by Linda Olsson.



The morning book club will meet Thursday, June 18, at 10 a.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library to discuss "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski.

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