

# SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439  
Central U.P. of Michigan

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Home of the Yoopers



***Next Chapter meeting will be this Saturday, April 22nd 0900 at Tom Sullivan's Hangar***



# The Prez Sez!

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Winter seems to be relinquishing to spring (and even summer sometimes), then reneging with more snow and cold. Kind of seems like "Yooper" Weather!! I will take credit for the 70+ degree temps from April 11<sup>th</sup> until the 15<sup>th</sup>, since we brought it home from Florida (flew back Tuesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, arriving at 1:30 PM). We always get blamed for bringing cold weather to Florida in the winter, and nasty weather back to the U.P. normally, so taking credit for good weather should be fair game as well. I know a lot of people really took advantage of the unusually nice weather, either enjoying early summer activities or doing projects outside. The good thing is, no matter what, the current cold snap won't last long now!

I have been working diligently with contractors on upcoming projects on the chapter hangar. I met with Dale Blagic at Blagic Brothers at the Construction Code Division going over the plans on both the heating systems and the plumbing plans. I have had numerous calls working out final details for the permitting and eventual work by Blagic Brothers on those projects. I have also spoken with Scott Morin on getting the water and sewer installed from the City of Kingsford's utility connection points into the hangar. I have not spoken with Scott Doda, but last we talked he was anxious to start on roughing in the electrical as well. First on the chapter work list is to get the rest of the interior walls roughed in and then call Dane at the Construction Code Office for a "Rough in Inspection". I spoke to him during my visit with Dale and the Plumbing Inspector and he has been totally understanding of the extended time line to having that inspection, acknowledging we are working mostly with volunteer labor. I'm hoping to work it out with Pete D. on any possible time he might be available that works with my schedule and then I will communicate any work sessions we put together for further hangar construction.

On another note as far as hangar construction, I was trying to secure a DC-3 that was recently hosted in the AOPA Pilot Magazine and referenced the organization to look at our Facebook page and Website. After suggesting that, I checked both sites finding we were late on newsletters on both, and our website is pretty weak with information and interesting pictures or other stuff. Mike and Bryan have both gotten their respective sites current, but Mike can't get pictures and other interesting stuff on the site if it's not sent to him. This morning I sent more "Member Airplanes" to get that folder more updated. Please "HELP US" get more pictures of your planes!! I will start reaching out to specific members over the next couple months to get that part of our website really looking good! Take a peak occasionally; <https://chapters.eaa.org/aaa439>. I also sent Mike a TON OF HANGAR CONSTRUCTION pictures, hoping we can add a tab just for that. If you want an appreciation for what we accomplished over the last several years, take a peak when Mike gets it updated!! If you can contribute pictures or info for any of the other folders on our website, please do so!!

I called the helicopter folks out of the Duluth that came in a few years ago; a follow up on my email from a couple weeks ago. I am still waiting for someone in scheduling to call and verify interest and availability for them to attend our show. David P. has been in contact with EAA National and it looks promising for several Military Trainer aircraft to be brought up from Oshkosh. More details to follow soon. I also spoke at length with Tim Howen on FAD, the Chapter Hangar and other pertinent news on Ford Airport. We will likely have some parking and ramp changes to deal with in 2023 based on growth and feedback from last year's event.

We've just confirmed the Steve Phillips Chapter Dedication Ceremony with Chris Phillips, his son. We're looking at Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Chris is making a Dedication Plaque. I'm hoping to have signage up on the hangar by that time as well. We're definitely hoping for a good turnout for the dedication.

Tom Sullivan



# Editor's Section

Hello, everyone hope everyone is doing well! It seems that mother nature has a funny way of making jokes. The warm eighty-degree weather was nice, but now that we're back to thirty's and forties, I don't think it's funny, but warmer weather has to be just around the corner. When it was warm outside, I busted out the smoker and smoked some BBQ ribs for my family. I was outside all day and even got sunburned. I got my son a rocket launcher for Christmas and finally got to play with it. I would be lying if I said I just got it for him, but he was very clear that it was his, and I was not to touch it, haha. Sometime this summer, pending the hangar completion, I think it would be nice to set a date this summer and do a BBQ at the new hanger.

Until next time Tail Winds –Bruce











Sun N' Fun 2023





## Lockheed 12A Electra Junior



Flying with friends to Venice Florida. Yes, the Mooney CAN fly with 4 adults, jut not with heavy ones or a lot of gas 😊



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**It's that time a year again Fly-Ins  
are starting!**



04/22/2023 (0730-1100) Annual Wittman Birthday Breakfast Fly-IN OSH

EAA Chapter 252 is holding its annual S.J. Wittman Birthday celebration. Pancake Breakfast includes, Sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice, coffee, and all you can eat pancakes. Adults \$8.00 dollars (Free for pilots of homebuilt aircraft that fly in) Children under the age of 10, \$4.00 dollars. (EAA Young Eagles event) For kids ages 8-17 weather permitting. Register Young Eagles



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