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**Saturday, June 24th, at 11 AM we are hosting the Dedication of our Hangar in
Memory of Steve Phillips**



The Prez Sez!

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Lives and schedules being really crazy for Bruce and me, we were unable to get a newsletter out last month so this is another combined "2 month" newsletter; May & June. The timing is pretty good for this one though, with a big event coming up this weekend for the Chapter. Saturday, June 24th, at 11 AM we are hosting the Dedication of our Hangar in Memory of Steve Phillips. Beth and I were given Facebook Manager Access by Bryan Granholt and we posted an update on this in the last week. Unfortunately for our Chapter, Bryan has accepted a job outside the area and he will be moving soon. A personal thank you to Bryan for his dedication to our group over the last several years and we wish him the best of luck moving up in his career. We have several confirmed attendees to the event and we will host a lunch afterwards. At this point, we will be cleaning the hangar on Friday and starting the set-up for the ceremony. We are looking for volunteers to help us prepare the hangar for this Ceremony.

Progress on the hangar has been significant over the last month. Pete DeCreane and I have put a lot of time in, completing interior wall work on the first and second floor, reconstructing headers over all window and door openings to meet current (crazy) code requirements, getting drywall installed in the utility room enough for the furnace installation to be started, and building the deck and stair structure for our outside emergency exit to the second floor. Both Blagec Brothers and Scott Doda (with Julian) have done considerable work on furnace installations, duct work, and "rough-in" of the electrical on the first floor of the two story area. It's starting to look like an active construction zone on the interior!

I will update a bit more on the Dedication. I have two of the three signs completed we agreed upon for the south side of the building, with expectations all three signs will be mounted on the building before Saturday's Dedication. Beth and I peeled several layers of vinyl off the billboard on Sunday to prepare for new dates to be installed for this year's FAD (Ford Airport Day). I have the new vinyl to install and will have the dates correct on the billboard before the Dedication as well. Beth has food ordered and John Erickson committed to cook. I ordered a pair of cordless mic's for our PA system, so hopefully I don't have to rely and on my brother borrowing me mic's any more. I ordered over fifty printed 5" x 7" pictures I had on my phone of the hangar construction and we are starting a collage showing the different stages of the construction for the public and membership to view during this event and for FAD as well. Please come out and show your support for both Steve, and appreciation for the hard work your membership has put forth on this momentous project.

David Pasahow has been working hard getting EAA to bring us in some unique aircraft for Ford Airport Day. Tim Howen has been coordinating with us as to changes in layout based on construction projects and also in bringing in aircraft for the museum display planned for the newest county hangar (which will be a draw for FAD as well). I've run into a dead end on the Helicopter coming from Duluth, after three communications and no real interest due to changes in their business model. As mentioned above, the loss of Bryan Granholt leaves us with no real future for a Young Eagles Coordinator. Scott expressed to me he definitely wants out, but will help with the transition of that position to a new candidate. Thanks Scott for your dedication to this position over the years for our Chapter!

Hoping to see everyone on Saturday!!!

Tom Sullivan

Editor's Section

Hello Everyone, hope everyone is doing well! This will be a May and June newsletter. Looks like Summer has finally arrived! For me that means a very busy schedule at work flying and at home with my son. A few weeks ago I took an Air lifeline flight and asked my son, "do you want to go to school or go flying with me for the day"? Big surprise (not really) he said, "I want to go flying with you". I let him fly the airplane a little bit on the empty legs. I was teaching him where to put the airplane in reference to the horizon and surprising he did fairly well for only being four years old. I know it's a joy to see him enjoy flying as much as I do. Hope you all had a good Mothers Day in May and Fathers Day in June. I got the what I want to do picture from my sons school and that made my day and entire week! A little pilot in the making. Much to my surprise I thought this year I would be missing all of Oshkosh, but somehow being the junior guy based at Chicago, I was able to get the week off! Unfortunately, I won't be able to make the the Dedication of our Hangar in Memory of Steve Phillips this weekend. I was really hoping to make it but, work had other plans for me. I hope see you all down at Oshkosh!

-Bruce St Onge







Picture of a P-51 that Tom Sullivan took down in Florida





Just like a true pilot taking a nap. Flying is hard work.



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07/01/2023 (1000-1400 Eastern) Brat Lunch Fly-In Houghton Lake, MI

Brat Lunch, Hot Dogs, Chips & Soda - Fly-In and Open House
Contact: James Dehlin (989) 821-9751

07/21-23/2023 (1200PM– 1000A) Northern Lights Fly-In Tomahawk, WI

Come visit Beautiful KTKV in Tomahawk WI. before heading to Oshkosh. There will be a pancake breakfast, Car show from local car clubs, and food trucks during the day. This is open for all GA, Ultralight, and Paramotor pilots.
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