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Home of the Yoopers



***Next Chapter Meeting at Tom Sullivan's Hanger Saturday
February, 25th at 0900 CST***



The Prez Sez!

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Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Chapter Xmas Party due to lack of commitment for attendance. We seem to be able to "rally the troops" for Ford Airport Day and at least SOME of the work sessions on the hangar, but getting more commitment from our membership for the social aspects continues to be a challenge. I'm still holding out hope that the hangar, once completed, will be a "gelling factor" for our chapter. That said work should progress again once our winter weather breaks.

Scott Morin tentatively scheduled in early December to install the water and sewer lines, but weather hit us just as he got close and we elected to post phone until spring. All the permitting and fees have been completed with the City of Kingsford. It's just a matter of working with unfrozen ground. I also received a bill from Colin Jacobetti for engineering services on the HVAC to get a furnace installed in the two story area by Blagic Brothers. That will likely proceed this spring as well.

I've communicated recently with Chris Phillips, Steve Phillips' son from Finland, about the hangar dedication to Steve this summer. They are planning on the whole family (they all live out of the area) to attend the ceremony and have a celebration in remembrance of Steve while they are here. The time frame they are looking at, mid-July is also his wife's (Patti's) 70th Birthday. Chris asked if he could make the plaque that will be displayed with Steve's name on it and I was happy to allow that as his personal dedication to the overall ceremony.

I received communication from a Young adult wanting to join our chapter and is working on their Private Pilot's License and very interested in aviation. It is refreshing to see the excitement and enthusiasm for aviation by our younger adults. It's certainly been less frequent than the interest we would see 30 years ago. Teagon Johnson has been added to our Chapter Newsletter Mailing list and is welcome to join our group and our next meeting. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our love of aviation as we move into the next phase of chapter activities with our new hangar. We will consider any scholarship options that the chapter, or my personal scholarship program, may be able to extend as we get to know you.

On the personal side, I was able to fly the Mooney Rocket down to our Spruce Creek home in Florida the end of December. In typical GA luck as related to tailwinds, I saw 40-60 MPH headwinds most of the way down, and pretty much the same on the nose coming home ten days later. I've NEVER had head winds flying south in the winter. My ground speed of 160 knots at 15k (and heading vs true course were 25 degrees different) near Indianapolis saw a drastic change when Indy Center asked me to turn 70 degrees left (to the east) for flow going into Indy. Ground speed jumped to 245 knots AND I was still crabbing for some crosswind component! I'm now at 50 hours on the Mooney since the engine was torn down for prop-strike inspection (prior owner prop strike) and it's running very nice. I had some avionics glitches (expensive ones) that have finally been all resolved (thanks Kubick Aviation), making this last trip much more enjoyable. This past week I bought a new Bose Noise Cancelling headset..... to replace the one stolen out of my Lancair on Christmas morning 2021. Human nature really baffles me sometimes....how someone so down on their luck can have a fellow human being so callous to steel from them during that moment. At least some of us can sleep with a clean conscious.

We will have a meeting on Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 AM CST at my Hangar, 300 Riverhills Road. For first time attendees, Im the frirst hangar PAST the main Terminal, with the Northwoods Airlifeline sign on it,

Tom Sullivan

Editor's Section

I hope everyone is doing well after the new year. I know I've been extremely busy with my simulator training down here in Dallas. I'm currently on the Boeing 737 once again, but at least it's an easy transition since I have a lot of flight time in the 737s. I had a few days off in the middle of my training in January, and my girlfriend came down to Dallas; we went to an aviation museum called "Fort Worth Aviation Museum"! I enjoy going to anything aviation, and I'm glad that she suggested going to an aviation activity. I was surprised that she wanted to go to the aviation museum. It looks like she's a keeper as

long as Tom doesn't talk to her, but I have Beth to ensure he behaves, haha :) I'm joking, Tom talk to her all you want :) Earlier this month of February, I finished my IOE (Initial operating experience) with American Airlines. With my previous 737 time a lot of the check airmen told me that it's very evident that you flew 737s. They also made a remark that they wish all IOEs were this easy. I told him I'm just an average pilot, he looked at me and said well at least you're humble about it.

Till next time

Bruce



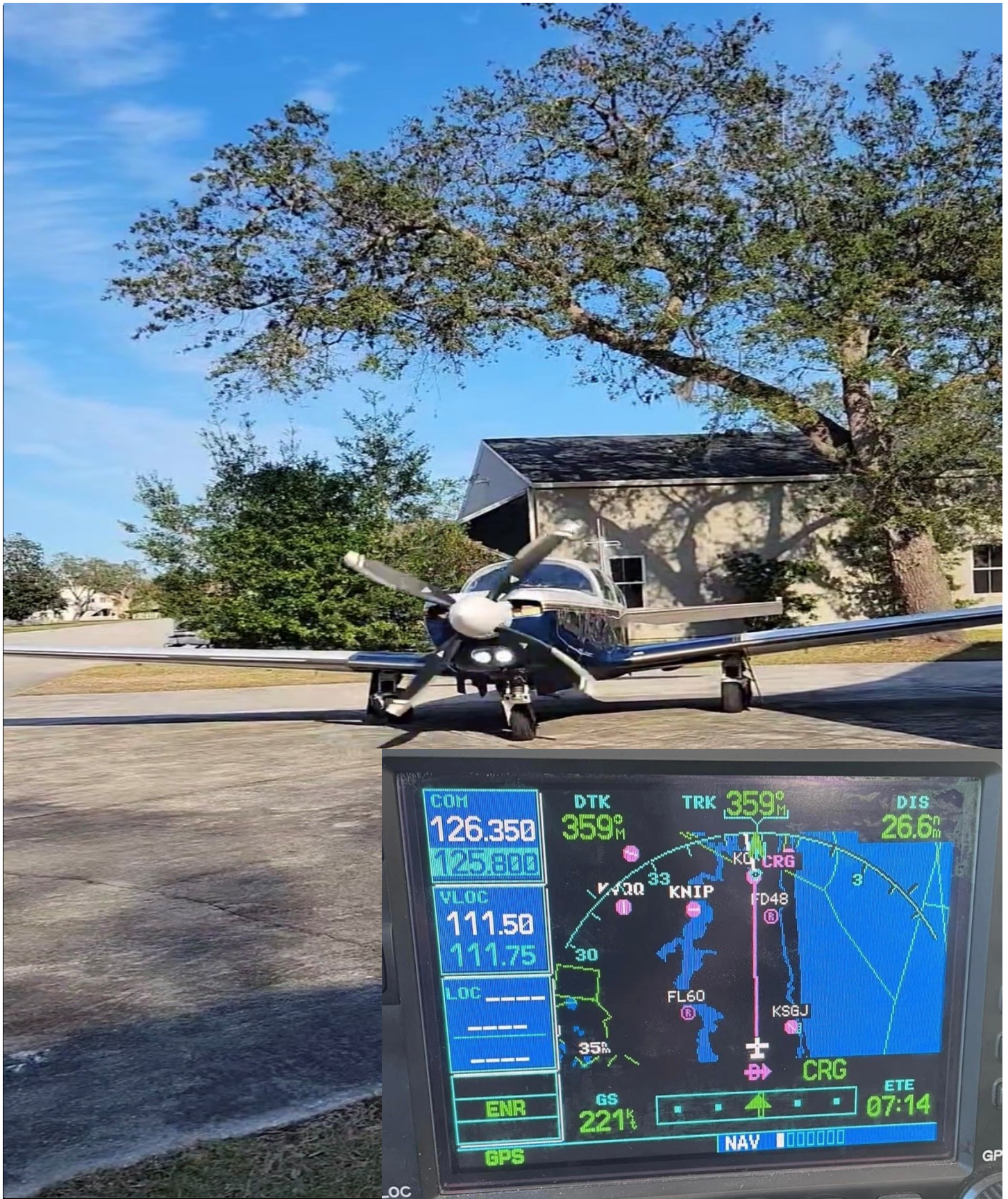
An American Airlines display and Thunder Bird aircraft at the Ft. Worth Aviation Museum



Tom's Mooney with the nice four-blade prop and some war birds



Tom's Mooney parked in front of his home in Florida with a nice ground speed of 221 knots



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A neat radial engine coffee table that I really liked and some props and wheels from a B-36



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