

SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439
Central U.P. of Michigan

September 2021
Home of the Yoopers



Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 439
Presents:

18th Annual Ford Airport Day Saturday, September 18, 2021 8 AM to 4 PM Iron Mountain, MI (IMT)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 to 10 CDT/LUNCH 11:00 to 2:00 CDT
Hotdogs - Hamburgers - Brats - Snacks - Coffee - Sodas - Water

This Year's Event will feature ...

Helicopter Rides



By
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From \$35 to \$79 per person

FREE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS

**For Youth 8 to 17
Registration
9am to 11am**

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- ✓ Dick. Co. Pilots Assn.
- ✓ Custom Car Owners
- ✓ Model Airplane Club
- ✓ Kids Pedal Airplane Corral & Train!
- ✓ Menominee Range Historical Foundation
- ✓ Snoopy Simulator
- ✓ Guardian Flight & AirMedCare Network

Numerous Aircraft on Display!

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Admission - \$7 --- Under 8 FREE! --- Maximum Family Fee - \$20

Need More Information Call Tom Sullivan 906-458-6989 or Will Kroeger 906-241-9070

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Up-Coming Events

Monday September 13th 6:30pm (CDT) - Meeting at Chapter hangar on the east side of Ford Airport (KIMT) Iron Mountain, MI. Let's talk about FAD.

Friday September 17th 11:00am Tribute to Veterans event

Saturday September 18th 8:00am - 4:00pm Ford Airport Day

All of the above events need member support — please come and participate!

The Prez Sez!

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Tom is taking a break.

New Ways to Preflight Your Destination

By Susan K. Parson, FAA Safety Briefing Editor

We didn't have to use stone tablets and chisels when I was first learning to fly in the late 1990s, nor did I have to use hamster wheels or, worse, bicycle-style pedaling for propulsion. Even so, I sometimes feel like a fossil when I think about tools and techniques that now seem so quaint — even downright primitive. At the cross-country stage of training, for example, part of the drill was to get the flight school's dog-eared copy of the Airport/Facility Directory (now called the Chart Supplement) and look up the airport(s) to be visited on a dual or solo cross-country flight. Step two was to use paper and pencil to create a kneeboard-sized sketch of the runway configuration, using the edges to note things like frequencies and FBO information. Instructors also expected us to depict any obstacles on the approach path. I specifically remember that part because I had an ongoing informal competition with a fellow student whose hand-hacked airport diagrams were miniature works of art.

The work involved in creating these DIY airport sketches did have its benefits. Having to find, decipher, and depict safety-critical pieces of data helped embed this information more deeply in my sometimes-befuddled brain. Today, however, there are much better ways to make preflight visits through and to the airspace and airports that you intend to use. Even if you don't subscribe to any of the amazingly capable apps that abound these days, you can use Google Earth to skim over the terrain and explore your departure and destination airports. The app I use enables you to "pre-fly" a trip through the waypoints you load, and it offers three-dimensional airport depictions. Having been a map- and chart-geek for most of my life, I can happily spend hours using this online magic just to explore.



For the finishing touches, though, nothing beats seeing an actual flight to the place you plan to go. You can find plenty of such videos on YouTube, but the FAA has taken a more intentional approach through its growing series of [From the Flight Deck videos](#). This video series provides pilots with actual runway approach and airport taxiway footage captured with cockpit mounted cameras, combined with diagrams and visual graphics to clearly identify hot spots and other safety-sensitive items. The blue circles denote videos in development and clicking

brings up a dialog box with the projected video release date.

Airports circled in green have a video already; just click on the circle for the name of the airport and a link to the actual video. The ones I've watched are around seven minutes long, but of course you can watch them as many times as you like. I especially like the way that the charted area appears in the upper left corner of the "real life" video footage, so you can simultaneously see both views and hear the explanation. It's a terrific, cost-free way to know before you go, so you can operate anywhere with competence and confidence.

(From the September/October 2021 issue of FAA Safety Briefing.)

Editor's Notes

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My Last Newsletter

Yes, this is my last newsletter for EAA Chapter 439. I will be in Nebraska full time starting 1 October. Linda and I have enjoyed our time here in the UP, but the desire to spend more time with our grandkids was too great to stay here.

We will miss the beauty, serenity and general feel of the UP. We will miss the log home we designed and built, swimming and boating in the lake, and the walks in the woods. Most of all, we will miss the people we have met and the friends we have made over the past 9 years.

We received a lot of guff 12 years ago when we told people we were building our retirement home in the UP. They thought we were crazy to move north in retirement instead of south to a warmer climate. We just smiled and stated that they could not understand unless they had lived there. We spend two and a half years at Sawyer Air Force Base, then moved into our lake home in Little Lake after I retired. We had initially planned to stay there but the job offers in Nebraska were too great to pass up, so we moved. However, the desire to get back to the UP was always there.

We are grateful for the quality time we have spent here and will miss everyone very much.

Now on to Tribute to Veterans and Ford Airport Day.

Advertising: I think we have done enough on this aspect for at least FAD. TV: We contacted the TV stations that service the local area. Only one has responded and hopefully will be covering the Tribute to Veterans event and promote FAD. Radio: To reduce our cost this year we are only running ads on three stations instead of the 8 we normally use. We plan on changing the ads next week to include the Vet event. Newspaper: We scaled back on the Daily News ads this year with having just 4 smaller ads (3 FAD & 1 Vet). Internet: FAD was posted on numerous sites. Flyers: People took a lot of flyers (see page 1) at last month's meeting to distribute. 8x11 Flyers were mailed to 26 area airports. Banners: The FAD banner will be updated and placed last week. Our event banner will be updated with the sponsors before FAD.

Sponsors: Thanks to the people in the chapter who managed to get sponsors for these events. We pulled in enough money to cover our expenses, but every additional dollar will help pay future bills and will help towards our goal of completing the hangar. It is not too late to ask someone to sponsor FAD. We may not be able to get their name on flyers or banners, but we will make sure they are recognized in the paper in a post event thank you ad.

Volunteers: We have a lot thanks to CAP, but can always use more help. Please respond with where you can help to the emails coming out next week. (see next page)

Tribute to Veterans: The work for this event starts the day before (Thursday) since we will need to clean the hangar. This will start at 1pm. We still need people to help on Friday: setup in the morning; tear down in the afternoon; set up the food service; serve food; clean up the food area and setup for FAD. (continued on next page)

EAA Webinars

Register at: Webinars

All webinars are 7 pm CDT unless otherwise noted

9/8/21	Avoiding Carburetor Icing - A Cool Pilot's Guide to Carb Heat**	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
9/14/21	Air Racing History - Part 2	Connor Madison
9/21/21	Buying Your First Aerobatic Airplane	Budd Davisson
9/28/21	Welcome to EAA – Getting the Most Out of Your Membership	David Leiting
9/29/21	Flying With the iPad — Your Digital Co-Pilot*	Bret Koebbe
10/5/21	Rotax 912 Engine Installation & Operational Tips**	Phil Lockwood
10/6/21	Blowout!**	Mike Busch
10/12/21	The Grumman Duck	Chris Henry and Ben Page
10/20/21	Preventing VFR Into IMC: Using Your Personal Weather Minimums*	Dr. Scott Dennstaedt
10/27/21	A Clue (or Two) For Your Next Flight Review*	Rod Machado
11/9/21	The Autogyro	Chris Henry and Ben Page

* Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.

** Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.

Tribute to Veterans and Ford Airport Day Continued:

FAD: Our biggest area of need is food service! Please consider helping in that area or as a floater to help where needed. Besides food service, the other two positions we need filled are manning the ticket table at the door in the morning and people to help with the helicopter (not sure what is needed besides insuring people waiting for rides do not wonder onto the ramp). Once again, family members and friends can help.

Please consider working one or both days. Don't worry if you don't know what each job entails, Tom and I will be available both days to provide instruction and guidance.

Talking about volunteering - Lets talk about FAD 2022. The chapter needs someone to be the co-coordinator since I am moving away. I have all my notes from coordinating the past four events and am willing to provide guidance as needed. So, please contact me or Tom Sullivan if you feel called to coordinate and help run this event next year. In fact, come to this year's event to see how it goes to get a feel for what might be expected.

Will

P.s. Please get the word out about the Tribute to Veterans event. Starts at 11am on Friday September 17th. Veterans will receive a free lunch.

Flying Events (within 200nm): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner *All times CDT unless noted*

Wisconsin/Yooper Flying Hamburger Socials are a go for 2021 Go to www.wiflysocial.com

2nd Saturday of Month - Jay's Breakfast Antique Aerodrome (9WS2) De Pere, WI			7:00am - 9:00am Turf
Sept 11	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Superior, WI (SUW)	7:30am - noon
Sept 15	Fly-in (L) Foodfest	Watertown, WI (RYV)	Noon - 2:00pm
Oct 2	Fly-in (L)	Ontonagon County (OGM), Ontonagon, MI	11:00am - 3:00pm EDT
	Brat Fly-in (L)	Wisconsin Regional (JVL), Janesville, WI	10:00am - 2:00pm
Oct 9	Space Day	EAA Museum, WI (OSH)	10:00am - 5:00pm
Oct 20	Fly-in (L) Foodfest	Watertown, WI (RYV)	Noon - 2:00pm

ONTONAGON COUNTY AIRPORT-SCHUSTER FIELD (OGM)

35932 Airport Rd. Ontonagon, MI 906-884-6214 airportmgr@ontonagoncounty.org

Join us for our first Fall Color Fly-in/Drive-in; all are welcome!



Come and enjoy the beautiful fall colors as you fly/drive along the shores of Lake Superior

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.(EST)

Lunch \$3.00



20-MINUTE AIRPLANE RIDES

\$50 adults/\$45 Children



FREE RIDES (first time introductory flights) for the first 20 youth, ages 8-17; rainchecks available for future rides.

Come and help support our Airport

Enter our contests at the event for a chance to win one of many great prizes

- * One lucky "fly-in" winner will receive a certificate for a future 2-day car rental from Al's Auto, with a \$100-off motel certificate at Scott's Superior Inn & Cabins, along with a \$25.00 Syl's Cafe certificate.
- * Two lucky "drive-in" winners will win a free 20-minute flight by Lauer Aviation.
- * \$25.00 Gift Certificate for UP North Café or \$20.00 Gift Certificate for Connie's Place.
- * \$15.00 Gift Certificate for Randall Bakery (Wakefield, MI).
- * Win a Gift Certificate for Vollwerth's King Of Meat Sampler Gift Box (valued at \$36.00)
- * Other prizes awarded

Displays by: 64th Aero-Squadron Model Airplane Club
Guardian Flight & AirMedCare Network (Photo-op setup, activity books for kids)
SONCO Ambulance
Ontonagon County Sherriff's Department Patrol Car
Michigan State Police Patrol Car
Additional may be added

Donations by: Al's Auto, Bread Of Life, Coca-Cola (Hancock bottling), Connie's Place, Ironwood Wal-Mart, Lauer Aviation, Pat's Food, Pepsi Bottling (Houghton), Randall Bakery, Scott's Superior Inn & Cabins, Sunday Lake Market, Syl's Café, Bill & Linda Uhlig, Up North Café, Vollwerth's, 906-Shirts

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