

# SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439  
Central U.P. of Michigan

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Home of the Yoopers



## Surprising Volunteer helping with our Hangar !!



### Up-Coming Events

***EAA Chapter 439 Meeting. Saturday, December 11th, 9:00 AM***

**Stambaugh Airport Hosted by Dan Gervae**

# The Prez Sez!

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Our chapter is feeling the pain, missing our newsletter editor Will. My plate is tremendously full so squeezing in a monthly newsletter submission has always been a challenge. Compiling and completing the entire newsletter and getting it out to everyone; simply crazy. I'm hoping someone out there, like maybe one of our retired members (I'm still working) will seriously consider taking this one. The newsletter is really a major part of the glue to our chapter. I find it fun when I'm doing it. It's just finding the spare time with my schedule is really difficult.

I had the "closing in" of the chapter hangar high on my priority list, along with about 6-7 other personal and business projects. I DID find the time to squeeze that project in the end of October, first week of November. I solicited for help, getting one new member to step up, Trevor Burgundy, who worked with Beth and me on the Saturday and Sunday part of the week long project. I started on Wednesday setting up scaffolding with Beth and then Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of October a couple hired friends that helped a ton on the initial construction completed the west side soffit and fascia while I got a good start on the north wall gable end. Saturday Beth and Trevor worked the entire day. Trevor tore down the west wall scaffolding, and Sunday reinstalled it on the East wall, with some help from Beth when I wasn't stealing her for assistance on the north gable wall. The cover photo shows Beth up over 20 feet on the metal scaffolding. The 5 section scaffolding at the peak was 27 feet to the top, the work at that level limited to me most of the time. She was a trooper and helper the job could not have been finished without. And the winds and outside temps were unseasonably nasty that weekend (see picture of the three us during our lunch break). We completed almost all the north wall that weekend and with the scaffolding on the east wall set on Sunday, my paid crew progressed quickly on Monday, completing the east wall and helping me with scaffolding and ground planks to complete the high South gable wall.

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Erickson and I completed the high work on the south wall soffit and fascia, with Mike Ackerman supplying us with cut materials as needed, installing the last window and door, and getting all door locks and dead bolts installed. The following Saturday Beth helped me install the hangar door exterior trim and door seals. By that evening we had the hangar completely weather proofed. That job, as well as several other days during this project, was completed under lights after sunset! Volunteer hours for this project were around 100 hours for Beth, Trevor and me. Paid labor was under 45 hours.

I have Scott Doda coming out to install a light switch by the entry door for temporary lighting I'm installing over the hangar bay. We should be down to just steel exterior wall sheeting to complete the outside next spring (well, steps to the upstairs yet too). There are more interior walls to be built before calling for the rough in inspection, but the project has progressed much better than I had ever expected.

I think it would be nice to have a Chapter Christmas Party. I'm looking for feedback from the membership if interested and willing to attend. We need to have some fun events and not just all work events. Thoughts? Let me know.

Tom

***Our next meeting will be in the Iron River area, at Dan Gervae's hangar at the Stambaugh (Y73) airport, on December 11th, at 9:00 AM. He has a heated hangar with some fun aviation projects going on. If you've not flown in there, it's a 2,000'x 40' runway, with very serious drops off each end of the runway. It is very doable with the right plane and experience. I've been there many times in my C150, and my two Mooney's. I won't be taking the Lancair up there. Be careful if you fly in.***



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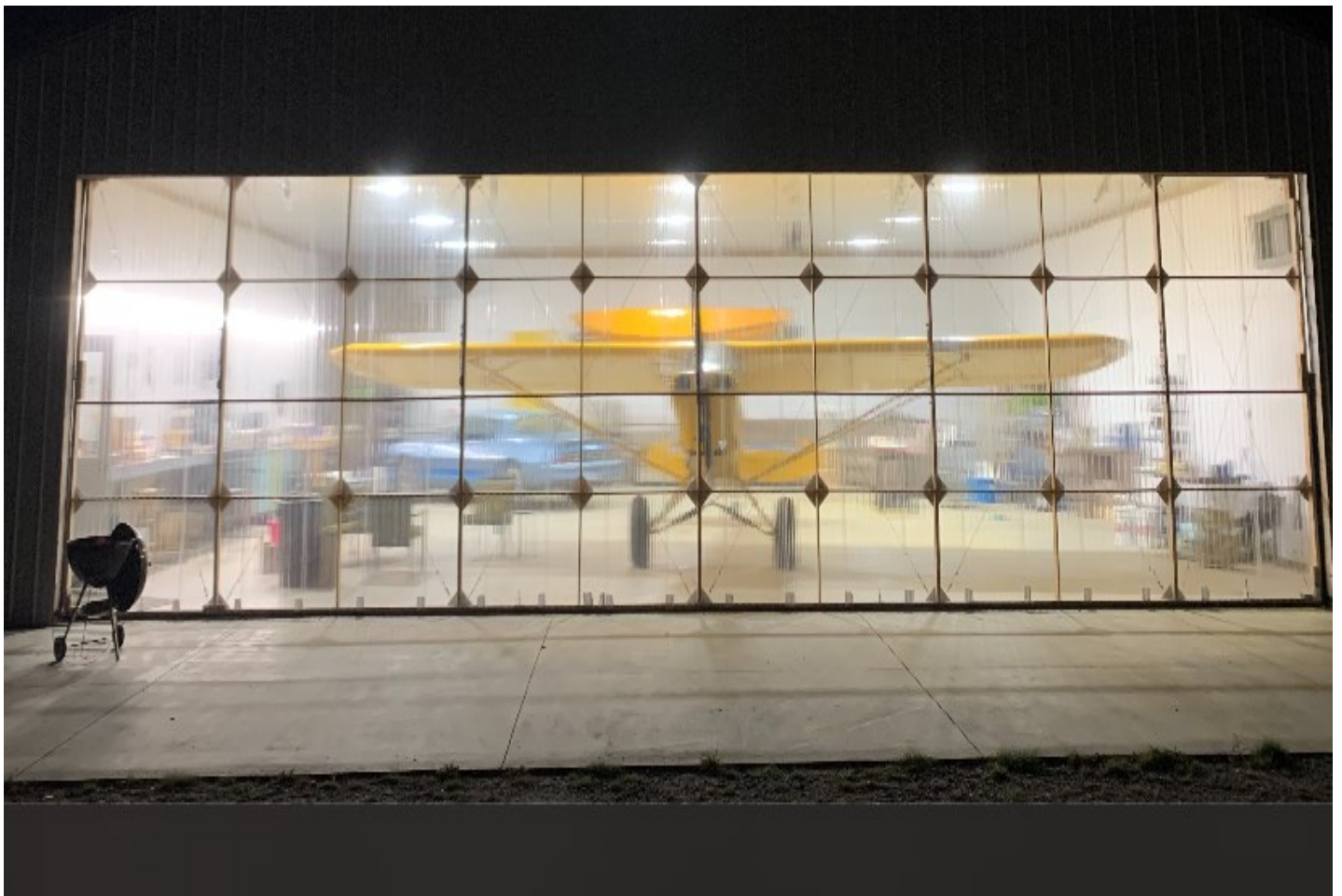
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