

SKYWRITINGS

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Home of the Yoopers



EAA Chapter 439 Meeting - Monday
8/12/24 6:30 PM In New Hangar



Northern Lights over Montana

The Prez Sez!

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Sorry for a skip in monthly newsletters. Bruce and I have been extremely busy the past couple months. Most of my spare time has been consumed with the EAA Chapter Hangar project, although 2 of my other 3 major projects on my plate have taken some of my time as well. We've made really good progress, intent on getting the hangar much more usable for Ford Airport Day 2024 on September 14th. The two stall Men's and Women's Bathrooms are completed, as well as the water heater and slop sink on line in the utility room, and hopefully we'll have a fully functioning kitchen by FAD! I cannot express enough our thanks to Pete DeCraene and, my wife, Beth, for the HUGE amount of hours they've volunteered to get this project moved along! Pete not only helped a bunch while we were still working on the exterior, he has dedicated an enormous amount of time with the interior work over the last year. There's not another member that comes close to the time he's given on this project. Beth spearheaded the insulating task, ensuring we insulated the two story area as professionally as possible. She also helped with drywall, priming, both wall and floor painting, and has tons of hours cleaning up after Pete and me.

Scott Doda has stepped up as well, by not only providing the wiring at a crazy ridiculously cheap price, but has put a lot of time into the drywall work on both floor as well. We have the upstairs area currently about 70% complete with drywall. We are on pace to have the entire two story area closed up enough to heat this winter, albeit probably not complete (especially upstairs), but closed up from the hangar for heating. These three individuals are the reason this hangar will become functional and making our Chapter 439 Hangar our home for the next phase of chapter activities. On behalf of the membership, WE SAY THANKS!!!

We had an opportunity from EAA to direct a donation of a Steen Skybolt, partially completed kit, to our future Kids in Aviation Program we have envisioned. We had offers from a few members to "help", but no one was ready to Steer or Manage this future program at this time. Unless that changes, I see no way we can accept this donation.

FAD is closing in. David Pasihow has been pounding doors for supporters, locking some up already. I was able to secure a 4 seat R-44 Helicopter that will sell rides to the public. David and I ran into a brick wall trying to locate a WWII plane for this year's FAD. Obviously we are still open to options, but I expect finding anything other than "Interesting GA Planes" to attend, a major draw looks to be out of the question at this time.

Please check your membership notice with the newsletter email. You are grouped into mailings based on expiration date, so the text of the email delivering your electronic newsletter will indicate if you are current or not (and if you are categorized wrong, please let me know).

Tom Sullivan

Editor's Section

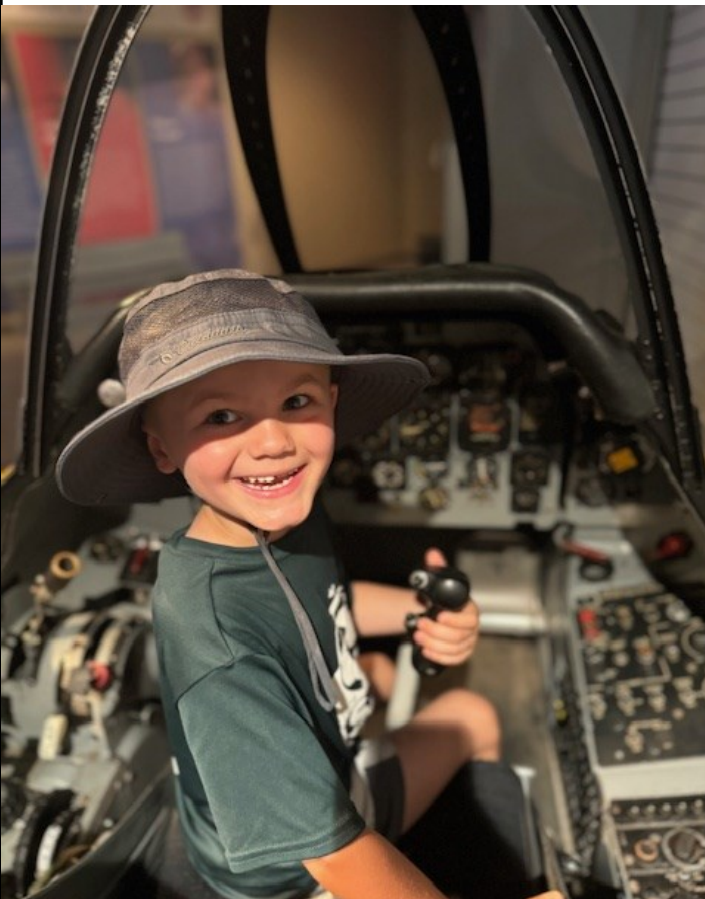
Hello everyone. It's been a busy few months and summer is almost over. Tom and I parked our campers next to each other at Oshkosh in the 24 hour generator section this year. Due to campground changes at Oshkosh we lost the slots from last year. With the new sites we were not able to have our doors facing each other, shielding our area from the sun with our canopies and having an open area between us to gather.

It was seemed to be very busy at Oshkosh this year. My son, Fiancé, and I were going to attend the night show but, with the amount of people I saw going down there, we decided not to go. I'm glad we didn't go because we heard it took people over an hour and a half to get back to the campgrounds. Needless to say, it was a very good show, but a packed one at that. We watched it from the campsite on the live stream and some of the show was visible from our site.

I have finally completed a few projects that can now be checked off my list. One of those was the pedal plane that my son has been wanting me to finish. All I know is that I better finish it before he outgrows it. My son has a hockey camp in Appleton for a week and then it's already back to school for him.

A huge thank you is owed to Tom , Beth, and Pete DeCraene for their dedication and continued effort on the chapter hangar project!

I hope to see everyone at the next meeting, this Monday, 8/12/24, 6:30 PM at the Chapter Hangar!! There's lots of progress to view since the last meeting!!



Setting up
of campers
about 6-8
days prior to
the show



My son falling
asleep in my
lap during the
day airshow





The wright-flyer



In the nose well of the B-29 when it started to downpour



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