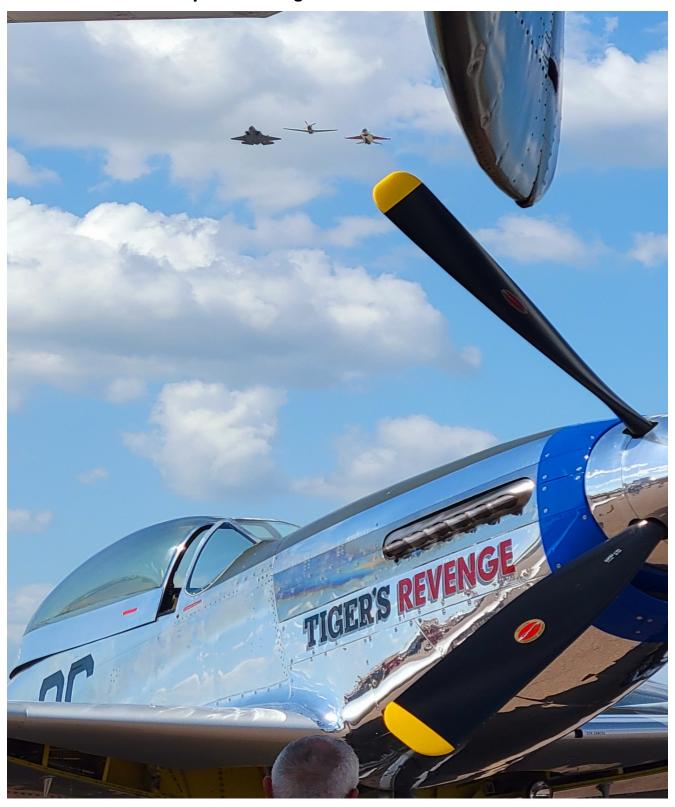
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Chapter Meeting 4/22/25 PM 6:30PM PM



The Prez Sez!

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I sent a copy of our Annual Meeting Minutes out after our last meeting, via email. As I wrote my newsletter submission last month, I was doing it while the outside temperature was 60 degrees. A month later I'm writing, looking out my office window, as snow flurries are sprinkling down from the sky and it won't hit 40 today. Ahhh, the joys and uncertainty of weather in the U.P. of Michigan. I have been back a week from Florida, happy to get away from the 80+ degree temps and hot sun, now just a memory as I think back about the great two days I spent at Sun & Fun with Eric H. We flew down on Wednesday, enjoying the quick efficiency of my Mooney, as we looked down on the traffic crawling along the interstate below us. We drove down Friday, since we were registered to attend the Lancair / LOBO Friday evening dinner and wanted to get home that night. We enjoyed the Blue Angels show and the cover picture in this month's newsletter was taken from a portable chair under the horizontal tail of an old WWII bomber, looking past the nose of a P-51, as the Tribute Flight of new and old fighter planes flew formation over us. All remaining pictures are from the Spruce Creek "Taxi In" - Aircraft Show, with many more to display in the coming months.

Bruce is busy so I gave him a break this month asking him to get me an editor submission and I would handle the rest. Little does he know I have my ulterior motives; he will reciprocate sometime in the coming months giving me a break as well!! Although I took a ton of pictures at the Spruce Creek "Taxi In" and Sun & Fun for newsletter "Eye Candy", we also asked our members at the last meeting to send us articles and pictures as well. We would like to keep our newsletters "MONTHLY, but a little help from others will go a long way in meeting that goal.

We discussed, and had support to host, a Flying Start Program in May. Next week's meeting will have this, and our June Young Eagles event, as our major topics / projects to plan. With a mostly complete hangar, it's time to invigorate our group with new people and more fun activities. Having our own hosting venue on the ramp, and a viable kitchen for any food prep that accompanies our activities, hosting activities becomes much easier and efficient. Hopefully we can see some members step up and help finish the upstairs and meeting room downstairs (basically drywall finishing work, paint in both areas, and a ceiling downstairs). We are a rare EAA Chapter to have a new facility like we have, and especially with no debt to acquire it.

Hoping to see everyone on Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 PM, at our hangar.

Tom Sullivan



Editor's Section

Hello everybody. This month Tom is doing the newsletter because my computer is on the fritz. I should have a new computer at the end of this month. It's officially springtime in the U.P., we always know that it's spring because it jumps from winter back to summer back to real spring weather all in one day sometimes. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for a real warm-up. With that being said, this summer, we should have a barbecue at the new hangar and do it at a time where everyone can make it! If the membership is interested in a barbecue at the hangar, I will smoke barbecue ribs, pork butt and or / a brisket. At work I had an exciting flight if you're at the meeting this month I'll go into detail about it. Also on a positive and or personal note my wife Taryn and I recently revealed to our family what gender our baby will be. We will be having a girl and giving her the name of Gabriella Amelia Ann St.Onge (for those of you wondering, yes, one of the middle names is after a famous aviator). The baby is due at the end of August so my summer is going to be fairly busy and here comes the no-sleep club once again. Until next time.

-Bruce

Tom has a bunch of Spruce Creek "TAXI IN" Photos for this month. This is the local EAA Chapter's Annual Event to show off the planes based at the air park. Pretty nice stuff!!











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04/23/25	Flying to and Around Alaska / 7 PM	Vic Syracuse
04/07/25*	Security Violation / 7 PM	Mike Busch
05/13/25*	Stop Dreaming & Start Flying / 1 PM	David Leitung
5/13/25	Save Time & Money Flight Training / 4 PM	Larry Bothe
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5/15/25*	FAA Medical Certification & You / 2:30 PM	Tom Charpentier
5/15/25*	Getting Started in Helicopters / 5:30 PM	Joe Norris

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