

# SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439  
Central U.P. of Michigan

July/Aug 2023  
Home of the Yoopers



***This meeting we need strong Membership attendance. We have very important information to share and decisions to be made!***

**Next meeting is Tuesday, August 22nd 1830 Central Time  
at the chapter hangar**



# The Prez Sez!

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Bruce and I have been extremely busy this summer so the regularity of our Chapter newsletters has been lacking lately. We both realize the importance of regular communication, but the commitment to keep a monthly newsletter at your in box, or mail box, pretty much lies with just the two of us. A couple nights ago I managed to get a total of 3 hours sleep, being kept awake by thoughts of the incredible amount of work I have on my plate and the realization that there is no possible way I can get the workload reduced without help, incredible focus, commitment and efficiency. Combine that with the reality of the time "I have left" to complete all my bucket list items; it's looking pretty daunting. That said, at least a couple big "list items" have been recently checked off.

So, a few of those nagging areas on my plate that can be addressed here are FAD and the Chapter Hangar. Let's start with FAD (Ford Airport Day). We are really late getting the ball rolling on this and I am committed to making it happen. But, WE NEED HELP!!!! By the time you receive this newsletter I hope to have the Donor / Sponsor letter completed, a good start on the Poster, the Health Department Food Permit applied for, and have started soliciting for sponsorship funds. I will be calling the port-a-potty folks early this week as well. I have a meeting with the car show group on Wednesday, at noon at Wendy's, to firm up details on that. I hope to meet with Tim Howen on the car show display area before that. They are not interested in the location we used last year, so we have some work to do there. We will be having a Chapter Meeting at the Chapter Hangar this Tuesday evening, 6:30 PM. If the membership is committed to hosting FAD this year, we need to see a GOOD TURNOUT! It's imperative we divide and conquer the preparation / work list so our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual FAD is a success!

The chapter hangar has had a lot of serious work done on it this summer. Most of the heating system in the two story area, as well as the main heater in the hangar, are installed and ready to fire up. Prior to closing up the last of the upstairs walls we fork lift raised all the drywall (4' x 12' x 1/2" and 4' x 12' x 5/8") to the second floor so we didn't have to bring it up there by hand. Scott Doda and Julian have completed the rough in of the electrical, across the complete hangar. They even have the kitchen area electrical ready should we be able to use our hangar for serving food this year. That may be an issue though if we can't get a working sink on line by FAD, since the Health Department will require running water. The water line and sewer has been run into the hangar by Scott Morin and the City of Kingsford. Blagic Bros. has all the rough in completed on the plumbing. If we could hammer out a couple serious work sessions installing insulation and drywall, we could likely have running water, providing Blagic Bros. could return and get some fixtures installed. This would need to happen very soon though!

If you cannot make the meeting, please advise your willingness and availability to contribute to the two chapter projects just described above. If you are able to make the meeting, we will discuss this all then and generate the volunteer list (and possibly dates) to make some serious progress on these two important projects / events.

I want to shout out a reminder on membership renewals. Memberships renew on August 1<sup>st</sup> every year. Unless you paid several years ahead, or are a Lifetime Member, you may be due to renew your membership. It is \$15 a year for those receiving an electronic newsletter (emailed) and \$25 a year for those receiving a USPS mailed copy. For those getting an emailed copy, we group the newsletters into mailings based on expiration date, with a note in the text that you are either current, just expired, or have been expired for more than a year. Many of you are getting a complimentary copy as well.

Hope to see everyone on Tuesday!!

Tom Sullivan

# Editor's Section

Hello Everyone, this will be a July/August newsletter because of my busy schedule these last few weeks, I did not have the time to do a monthly newsletter. Pushing forward into the fall and winter I should have time to do a monthly newsletter now that things are settling down. Surprising, I was able to attend Oshkosh this year. My son Valen looks forward to Oshkosh every year. I was happy I could take him again, third time in a row for him and for me I lost count. This year it was fairly warm to say the least. We have some important items to discuss at our meeting this Tuesday so if you can please come!

See you all Tuesday!

-Bruce St Onge



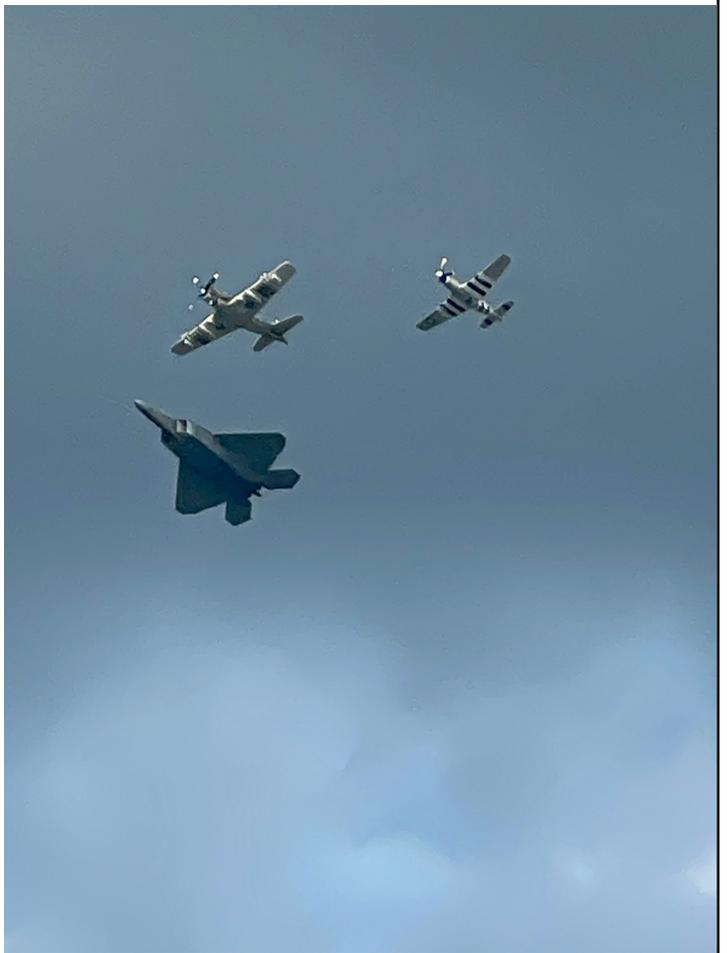


Looks like everyone is tired

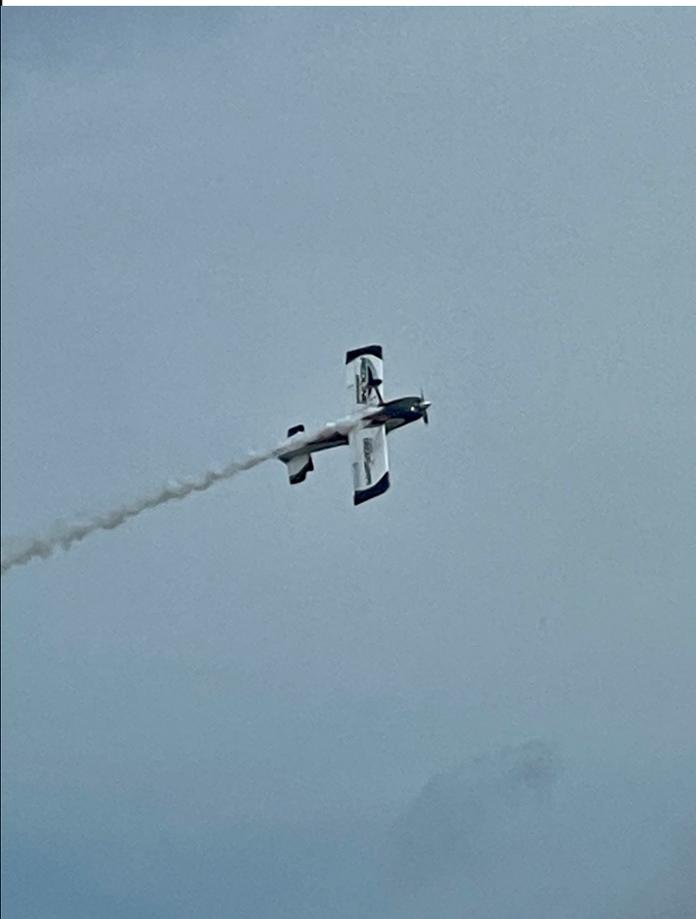
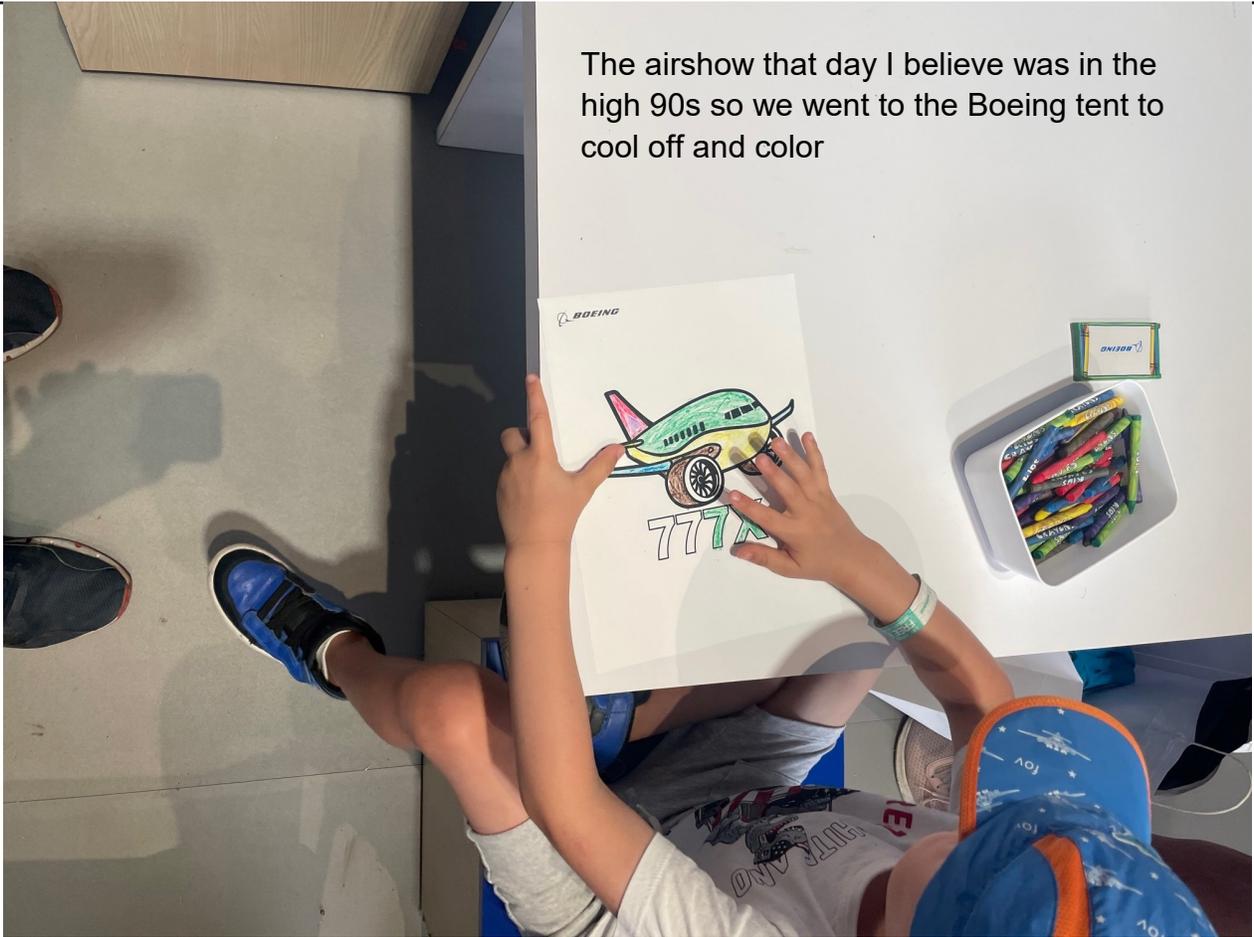




Trying on my new headset



The airshow that day I believe was in the high 90s so we went to the Boeing tent to cool off and color



## EAA Webinars

Register at: **Webinars** <https://eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-webinars>

*All webinars are 7 pm CDT unless otherwise noted*

09/06/23**	Legal Interpretations	Mike Busch
09/11/23	AeroEducate for Your EAA Chapter	Daniele SP.
09/27/23*	Collision Avoidance in the Traffic Pattern	Tom Turner
10/18/23**	Weather Flying with ForeFlight: ADS-B	Bret Koebbe

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## Fly-In's

*All times are central time unless noted*



09/02/2023 (0730-1100) Fly-in or drive-in Breakfast Shell Lake, WI

Fly-In, Drive In Pancake Breakfast Shell Lake Airport, KSSQ,, Pancakes, Sausage, Beverage, Held in conjunction with Shell Lake Town and Country Days. Sponsored by Lake Pointe Aero Club, Price \$8.00, children 5 and under free.

Contact: Robert Rand (715) 635-7146

09/16/2023 (0730-1100) Wittman Airport Fly-In Breakfast Oshkosh, WI

EAA Chapter 252 is holding its annual Wittman Airport Pancake Breakfast and Airport Expo. The pancake breakfast will include sausage, scrambled eggs, milk, juice, coffee, and all of the pancakes you can eat! Adults - \$8.00 dollars, (Free for pilots of home-built aircraft who fly in.) Children under 10 - \$4.00 dollars. Free Airplane Rides! (EAA Young Eagles Event) For kids ages 8 to 17 weather permitting. Register Young Eagles at: <https://youngeaglesday.org/?yereg&event=87NMclqj7> Wittman Airport

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