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Home of the Yoopers



***Meeting Tuesday, June 11th 6:30 PM
Katrina With Her Victor***



The Prez Sez!

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I just got back from Florida, AGAIN, last Saturday, June 1, after flying Allegiant out of Appleton. My Mooney was due for Annual on Saturday, June 1, and the prospect of getting stuck down there “out of Annual” made airline travel a much better option this trip. We went down for the hangar door installation and to install the steel sheeting on it once it was on the hangar. The week presented us with 90-98 degree temps, making outside work extremely miserable. The evenings were nice, but every morning I woke to temps in the mid to high 70’s; not really any relief, even at night. I was installing the rubber door seal over the top of the door hinge up until 10 minutes before I needed to hit the road for the airport on Saturday morning. There wasn’t a spare minute left of time when I completed the door installation. There’s a couple small projects left on it, but they can wait until fall.

Our featured airplane this month (on the front of our newsletter) is Katrina Hodges’s Victor being rescued from a field in the UK. She is bringing the fuselage back to Ford Airport to be added to the Museum, with the A-26 owned by her partner, Vinnie, in the new County Hangar. She has her work cut out for her, but once completed this will be an awesome addition to our aviation community. We’ll be posting updates as her project progresses. Maybe next month we will get a picture of it arriving.

Our Chapter hosted a Young Eagles Day in conjunction with Kubick Aviation hosting a Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday (June 8th). We flew 44 kids with 3 airplanes, in spite of rain most of the morning. Chad had donated the proceeds (\$450) to the Chapter after the Breakfast. The response to the YE’s Day was very positive. Each of us pilots had some interesting passengers. I had one show up in full military gear, including a plastic (toy) Oxygen Mask! At least half my YE’s were receiving their first airplane ride! The enthusiasm was off the charts (as well as Social Media Posts by parents later Saturday).

I’m keeping it short this month. That gives us room for pictures of our YE’s Day and Kubick Aviation’s Pancake Breakfast.

Sorry for a short notice, next meeting is Tuesday, June 11th, 6:30 PM at our Chapter Hangar!



Editor's Section

It's hard to believe another month has gone by. I'm finishing the newsletter on a long sit in Dallas before my other flight. Summer is finally here with warmer temperatures and my son being out of school for the year. On the last day of school I went into my sons early-kindergarten class dressed in my pilot uniform and with a few projects for the kids to do. Of course my son Valen needed to inform everyone that I'm his dad. The age of the kids in his class range from five to six. I asked them who likes to read books only a few raised there hands (my son being one because I read to him every day and instill in him that reading is very important and one of the keys to success). I then asked the class who wants to be a pilot with everyone raising there hands. I told them if you want to be a pilot you have to read and be good at it. I said, "so what are you guys going to do tonight?" They all shouted, READ A BOOK! I read the class Snoopy Takes Off, the book I've been reading Valen for the past few weeks (he loves the book you could say). After the book we put together foam airplanes and as we were building them, I taught them very simple concepts of aerodynamics and how airplanes fly. My first question was, how do airplanes fly?" Of course I had to give them the joking but not joking pilot answer of lots and lots of money. After the brief lesson all the kids enjoyed throwing the airplanes around in the class room. After that I handed out to everyone a world globe and asked a few questions about it. I brought in a small snack for the kids before I left. I told his teacher I been meaning to do this earlier in the year but just been so busy. She told that she understands and thanked me for coming in. I told her it's my pleasure to come in. I love aviation and I enjoy sharing my love of flying with the younger generation and hopefully if I can spark an interest in just one child to do something in aviation it's worth my time. To be frank our area has very limited resources and aviation just isn't something that's taught in the school system. I remember when I was in school we talked about an airplane for about ten seconds but it was in relation to a math question. My goal for next year is to go into the school a few times a year and encourage and spark the

interest of curiosity of what this flying thing is all about and not only just flying but all other careers in aviation.

-Bruce

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A gorgeous Supercharged (you heard that right) Lancair Legacy on Spruce Creek. Lots of dyno hours but not certified for flight yet.





Scale Mustang "Kit plane" with Big Block Chevy at S&F. Tom's Friends in the plane are Nick Hermes above, Sam Aycoth below, falling in love with it. (His first trip EVER to a major Air Show).





Twin Beech and a 1936 Waco. YQC-6



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