

SKYWRITINGS



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Young Eagles Fly-In and Breakfast June 8th

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The Prez Sez!

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I just got back from Florida on Sunday, after driving down with the steel sheeting for my new hangar door, expecting we would be installing it on that trip. Well, building permits in Florida are a whole different story than up here in the U.P. Submission needs to be “in person”, even though contractors must do it on line. The waiting period, in spite of their website stating 5 days, is 2-4 weeks. All this is predicating on them finding no other documentation they desire for the project too. It looks like I get to make another trip down for the door install, in the HOT, HOT Florida summer! We brought my '63 Impala and Harley back, in my enclosed trailer, as well as a prop-jet engine in the pick-up truck box for the Lancair I'm finishing up. We're already installing it on the airframe, hoping to see it running soon.

I just received a permit for the Hangar Door on our home on Spruce Creek in Florida last night so, my hopes of a work bee at the hangar between Tuesday the 28th and Thursday the 30th will have to be rescheduled. We will likely leave sometime around Memorial Day for a 5/29/24 Hangar door installation and closing up the house for the summer. I can't express how excited we are to visit Florida this late in the spring (sarcasm alert on high!). As far as the hangar, we're planning on insulating and installing drywall, first in the bathrooms so Blagec Bros can install the plumbing fixtures and then start insulating the upstairs walls as well. I will send an email AND text to the membership when we can commence with that work after we get back. It is our goal to have the bathrooms and kitchen completed for our 21st Ford Airport Day in September, providing us with bathrooms AND a permanent kitchen for the gals.

I'm keeping this short this month. That gives me room for a couple of Lancair IVPT repair pictures.

Tom Sullivan



Editor's Section

I've been working a lot the last few months, you know you've been working a lot when you have flight time limits that your approaching to exceed and it's just about half way through the month so far. As I type this months newsletter from the hotel room on my overnight in Phoenix, AZ, it's going to be one hundred today but it's a dry heat as they tell me. For those of us back north I enjoy just seeing fifty degrees, needless to say its finally warming up. I'll usually know it's going to be a nice day without looking outside because I can hear airplanes buzzing overhead. I'll usually blurt out what airplane it is by the sound and my son says to me, "dad how do you know what airplane it is without looking at it"? I told him when you're around airplanes long enough you can tell by the sound, you can even fly an airplane by the sound. He proceeds to tell me so, when I burp really loud you know it's me because you've been my dad since I was a little baby and you know what it sounds like. As I laugh I said, "yes Valen just like that". I recently bought a house in Kingsford near the airport so go ahead and rock your wings when you're overhead! Speaking of rocking your wings airventure is just around the corner and my son has asked me almost everyday when can we go see the airplanes. Needless to say I might have a small influence on him with regards to aviation. Depending on Tom's schedule hope to see everyone at a meeting and a work bee in the near future. Until next time.

-Bruce



Tom how did you get the tail into your mooney? Did you "saw" it done before?



Tom informing us on his progress from the last meeting



This was taken last November when I was a passenger in the back of a 787 Dreamliner. Pay close attention to the amount of flex the wing has!



This last February we went on a cruise out of Charleston, SC. I bought airline tickets to ensure we got there (yes I actually bought tickets). It was an early morning departure out of Appleton of five a.m. Here's my son reading the safety card, he was very into it and asked me many questions about what was in the safety card.

EAA Webinars

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

All webinars are 7 pm CDT unless otherwise noted

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| 06/07/24** | Minimally Invasive | Mike Busch |
| 06/19/24* | Tips for Flying into EAA AirVenture 2024 | Fred Stadler |

* Qualifies for FAA Wings credit.

** Qualifies for FAA Wings and AMT credit.

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FAA WINGS In person Seminar

<https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/events/EventList.aspx>

**05/23/2024 Thunderstorm & Severe Weather— Burger and Ice Cream Social
1700 Central Time**

Pilotsmith 1911 Airport Drive Green Bay, WI 54313

The National Weather Service predicts and issues weather warnings every day. Learn how the NWS creates these predictions and how you can apply this knowledge as a pilot to make you weather decisions safer.

This event begins with a social at 5pm where burgers and ice cream. Talk with experienced season pilots, student pilots, and the Pilotsmith instructional staff in a fun laid back setting. At 6pm we will begin our presentation.

06/24/2024 Cross Country Flight Planning 1800 Central Time

Pilotsmith 1911 Airport Drive Green Bay, WI 54313

If you fly airplanes on cross country flights or plan to do so then this seminar is for you!

Fair weather Pilot, are you one of them? If you are worried about taking an airplane to go past the airport boundaries or you do not fly to hamburger socials, to visit friends across state lines then this seminar will get you started. This is a 1.5hrs interactive seminar you will be encouraged to ask questions!

We will discuss the following: 1 Human Factors 2 Cross Country Planning 3 Weather 4 Airspace-use of ATC 5 IFR to VFR or visa versa 6 Descent planning, proper traffic pattern entry, stabilized approach

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