

# SKYWRITINGS

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Home of the Yoopers



***Next chapter meeting this coming Saturday, October 15th  
09:00AM central held at Kubick Aviation!***



# The Prez Sez!

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Ford Airport Day (FAD) was a huge success, clearly our best in attendance in quite a while AND our Best Ever financially. Our gate receipts went up around 50% and we had a ramp full of people, in spite of pretty unfriendly weather. I attribute that to better circulation of posters (we got out 90 of them around the community and surrounding area) our radio coverage, the intersection signs displayed around the community (thanks Scott) and all the flights the B-25 knocked out Friday afternoon. The community knew there was something special going on at our airport!

It was unfortunate the B-25 headed back to Oshkosh Friday after completing flights for 42 people (mostly vet's too). Weather was their concern, since they can only fly VFR, and that proved to be a valid reason. It was unlikely they would have been able to fly back with the weather Saturday. Turned out, we had to cancel the Young Eagle flights by mid-morning as the ceilings dropped to below 1,000' so any local flights by the B-25 would have been cancelled if they had been here. The A-26 proved to be the star of the show once the B-25 was gone. It gave the public a good look at a WWII plane to compliment all the other things we had going on, which were plenty. We had the highest turnout of cars for the show ever. **Thanks Dianne!!** It was a win/win for us. They brought in quite a few people through the gate to see them, they spent money on the grounds for food, and their club provided all the trophies AT THEIR EXPENSE. Other than complaints from the group of one T-hangar tenant creating an issue, they seemed to enjoy it.

David Pasihow put the exclamation point on the kid's events this year with the added "Kiddie Train" and RC drones operating inside of our hangar (and inside a tent). He put 20 miles on his 4 wheeler, with thankfully a break from Jack Zacks to get a bite to eat at lunch time! Tim Howen and the airport added a kid's feature just outside of our exhibit area that was a huge hit. We had our usual pedal planes AND Ben from Kubick Aviation fixed our computer issue to get our Snoopy Plane back on line. The kid's events were likely also a contributor to the increased attendance and gate receipts. As always, we would barely be able to put on this event without the awesome help of the CAP!! The organization of the parents of the CAP cadets was GREAT. They had a system down of rotating the kids to make it more fun and keeping everything covered.

The Friday Veterans event went GREAT other than one minor hiccup we will strategically deal with going forward. We had such a large turnout, Beth (managing the free Vets Lunch) was afraid there wasn't going to be enough food. She broke into the freezer and hauled out some of Saturday's food to feed everyone. Lacy with the Dickinson County Veterans Affairs Office managed the ride schedule for over 30 vet rides. She is ONE ORGANIZED WOMAN!! Hope we can forge a relationship going forward with her office! Special thanks to non-Chapter member Volunteers: Cooks; John Erickson on Friday, Steve Coughlin & Brad Smart on Saturday, and helping Beth in food service; Lori Feira, Chris Beaudry, Ann Olson, Jeanette Kubick, Jen O'Brien, Maxine Nowak, Inez Riverside, John and Lori Jessen.

We are going to have a meeting at 9 AM at Kubick Aviation's Conference Room this Saturday morning. We have a lot of things to discuss; notes and follow up of FAD, a proposal on floor plan changes on the second floor area of our hangar AND plans for commencing interior wall construction for our "rough-in inspection" of our building permit. I will have a completed Financial Statement for FAD 2022 and an agenda to speed up our meeting. Hopefully we will see a good turnout!!

Tom Sullivan

# Editor's Section

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is doing well! We only have a few more good days until (should I say it) winter is here. Along with the cold weather approaching, most fly-ins are coming to a stop as well. It looks like, so far, Ford Airport Day has been a huge success! When I woke up that morning and saw it raining, my stomach sank, and I feared the worse. It was an excellent turnout for those of you who were attending or volunteering. My son sent his compliments to the chief for the pancakes

and sausages for breakfast during Ford Airport Day.



# A26 "Silver Dragon" & B25



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