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THE PREZ SEZ!

2011 has arrived!! Boy, where do those years go? Last month's meeting was at Terry Glimn's hangar. There was a little mix up on the time, and the only Escanaba membership to make it (two of them) showed up an hour early and left. Dave V. came early and left too. Jim Riverside drove over and Scott, Mike and I all flew over in separate planes (we all needed to get a bit of flight time and shake the cobwebs from our planes). As usual, Terry had an educational project for us to review (must be the school teacher background). He has the Continental Engine off his Cessna for overhaul, and had the case partially assembled, but still open enough for a good peak on how an aviation engine works. We all got a good look at the

inside with some explanation on how a lot of the parts work and are assembled. Pretty interesting project Terry has going on.

Scales for weighing aircraft were brought up at the meeting, and a lot of research has been done since the meeting, both in types of scales & prices, and what the FAA requires for "Certified scales". In consulting with EAA and several IA's, we found that any scale can be certified for use in weighing an airplane; they just need to be checked for accuracy by testing with a known weight. It appears the best "bang for our buck" will be the racers scales, which each one will weigh up to 1,000 lbs, and run about \$800 for 4 of them (not sure if we can buy just 3). We will have more info and hopefully make a decision at the Christmas Party.

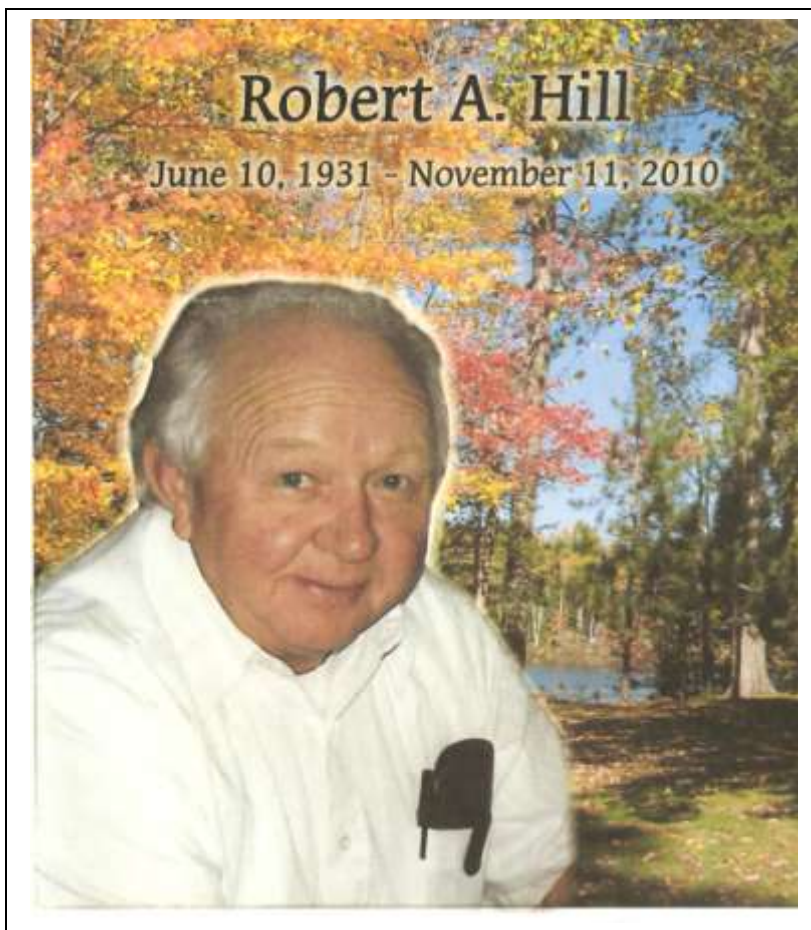
Another pending issue is the purchase of an enclosed trailer. I am really running out of room at my hangar for

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Save the Date!

Tentative Meetings

<p>Christmas Party Jan 8th 5:00 pm CST 2300 Z Tom & Beth Sullivan's Home Iron Mountain, MI</p>	<p>Feb. 5th TBD</p> <p>ESC AREA?</p>	<p>Mar. 4th TBD</p> <p>IMT AREA?</p>	<p>Apr 1, 2011 SUN'N FUN SOUTH! Apr 2, 2011 SNOW & FUN NORTH ESC?? May 22-22 Oshkosh Work Week End June 18 Young Eagles Day @ IMT July AirVenture Jul 25-31, 2011 Aug 6, 2011 Escanaba Area Sep 17, 2011 Ford Airport Day @ IMT</p>
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Robert A. Hill, 79 of Kingsford, MI passed away on Nov. 11, 2010. He was born on June 10, 1931 in Kingsford, son of the late Robert S. Hill and Christine (Peterson) Gasbarro. Bob married Dolores Wepsala on September 10, 1955, at the First Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain; she survives.

Bob lived in Chicago before moving to Iron Mountain where he attended Iron Mountain High School and graduated in the Class of 1949. He served in the United States Air Force from 1950 to 1954, when he was honorably discharged. After their marriage, Bob and Dolores resided in Detroit, Munising, and moved to Kingsford in 1962. Bob worked for the Breitung Twp School System as a junior high teacher from 1962 until retiring in 1986.

Bob had many hobbies including hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He also enjoyed spending time at Crystal Lake

Community Center where he would swim, sauna, and socialize with friends. Bob especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, EAA Chapter 439, Kiwanis Ski Club, and the American Legion Carpenter Clash Post No. 363.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Dolores Hill; four daughters, Lynn (Jeff) Iverson, Kingsford, Carrie (Mark) Rollenhagen, Interlochen, MI, Sally Santi, Kristen (Jeff) Pearson, Kingsford; one step-sister, Marge (Ed) Simbob, Quinnesec; nine grandchildren, Allysa (Sam) Blazier, Matt and Chris Iverson, Emily Rollenhagen, Brian Rollenhagen currently serving in Iraq, Anthony, Paul and Celeste Santi, Tom Sgrecci; one great-grandson, Kyle Blazier, and many cousins.

The visitation was held on Friday November 12, 2010, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church, Iron Mountain, MI. The Kingsford Carpenter Clash American Legion Post No. 363 conducted a veteran's memorial service Friday at 4:45 pm at the Church.

Funeral Services were held Friday at 5:00 pm at the Church, Rev. James Chinery officiated. Burial was at Breitung Twp. Cemetery, Quinnesec, Michigan.

Ed's Note!

Bob was a long time active member in EAA Chapter 439 and had been awarded a Lifetime Membership by the Chapter. He was Co-Chairman of EAA Chapter 439&132's "Maintenance Support" group that works before and during EAA Air Venture Conventions each year. This group is EAA South Maintenance's right hand! We do just about anything and everything requested by them to make things work. Even a few things not requested??? Bob will be sorely missed by all of us!

Jim Riverside

In Memory of Bob Hill!



Bob + Delores Hill
Fly-Daze 82



Bob briefing the crew!



Vadie Sisk earns his wings!



Lunch at Oshkosh



L-19 Ride Ford Airport Day 2003



Making Signs YE-Day 2004

Editor's Notes

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439's Christmas in January Party Sat Jan 8th 5:00 pm Hosted by Tom & Beth Sullivan at their home!

Chapter 439's Christmas in January Party is again being hosted by Tom & Beth Sullivan at their home at 5:00 pm IMT time, on Saturday January 8th. It is always a great party and is always interesting to see what Tom's latest project is! Get an update on his Lancair IV-P project too!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! HERE IT IS 2011!, READY OR NOT !!!

Due to an error on my part, the December Newsletter showed the meeting time as 9:00 am EST, when it should have been 10:00 am EST or 1500Z which Terry Glimn had given to me. I got the translation to local time wrong in the newsletter.

Molly and Andy Waidner along with Dave VanDenburg showed up at 9:00 am EST. The rest of us showed up an hour later for the meeting, but they were long gone! We could have had three more at our meeting. Sorry folks, I will try to get it right from now on. It is the hazard of living in this twi-light time zone along the Michigan Wisconsin border! Always mix ups for meetings or other scheduling when it involves crossing that twi-light time zone!

Our meeting attendances have been dismal to say the least for far too long! I can't point any fingers, as I have been among the missing some myself due to other commitments. Everyone has too many things on their plate it seems. We need to improve on that attendance! Come on out and help us make the meetings so interesting that you won't want to miss any! Host one yourself, we would all like to see your project! We need a place for the February meeting, now is your chance!

If you have any ideas about what we should be doing at meetings you can send an e-mail or write to myself or any other club officer giving us your ideas! Our home address, e-mail address and phone numbers are on the mailing page of each issue of the newsletter.

Meetings at members homes are always interesting! If you want to host a meeting at you home, shop, or at some other interesting place, send me an e-mail as to when and where, and I will help work it into the meeting schedule.

There have been problems getting the newsletter to you in a timely manner, and some not getting it at all due in part to my e-mail listings not being up to date. But I think I have that under control now.

Dues are another problem, it seems that there are a lot of members behind on their dues. If you get your newsletter by US Mail, it will have your expiration date printed on the mailing page, please look for it there. Those of you getting your newsletter via e-mail can look it up on the Chapter Website. It is at www.eaa439.org. Go to the Members Only Page, enter password "airplane" and submit, select "439 members only Page. Chapter members' expiration dates are listed and current as of 12/25/2010. If you don't agree with the date shown, contact Mike Betti at mbetti@uplogon.com

Inez and I will be missing the Christmas Party this year, as we are leaving for Florida on January 6th. Earlier than usual, but due to a cruise we are taking with a group of Sun'n Fun people when we get down there and get settled in our 5th wheel Trailer there for the next three months. Should be home about April 7th or there-a-bouts! I will still be involved with the newsletter via e-mail from there. JIM

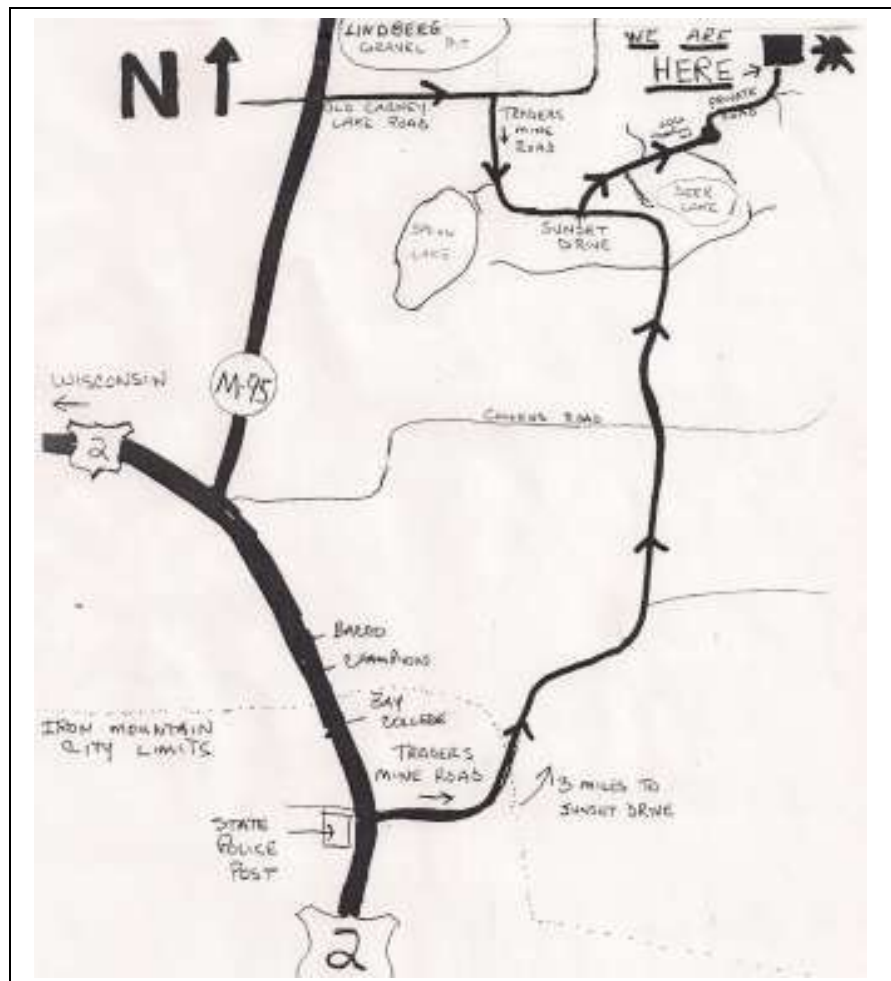
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Chapter stuff. We are now storing tables and chairs in the Northwoods Airlifeline hangar too. Another advantage of getting a storage trailer would be the efficiency it would bring to our annual Ford Airport Day, having everything stored in a mobile storage unit. We could also more easily transport our Chapter equipment to Escanaba if that group every wants to put on a major event. (Sawyer wouldn't be out of the question either). Mike found a nice 16' enclosed trailer on Craig's List for around \$2,000 in Negaunee, which was kind of within our pre-established budget. Without prior membership approval though, we did not act on buying this. We will need to discuss this option and if the membership is in approval of this idea, establish a maximum budget number so we can act if we find one for sale (not sure if that one is still available).

I've been reviewing the chapter membership list, and we have a LOT of REGULAR MEMBERS that are not current, many expired since 2008 or longer. I hand wrote the membership expiration date on the "mailed copies" last month, and either Jim will have them printed or I'll hand write them on the mailing label again this month. If you are receiving your newsletter by email, please look up your membership status on our website. Jim provided everyone with login information via email about a week ago. If you're a supporter of the chapter (business, donor, etc.), you may be getting a complimentary copy and this does not apply for continued newsletter delivery. We will begin dropping expired members, starting with the most delinquent ones, shortly.

The last item of business is our Christmas Party. It's Saturday, January 8th at my home just north of Iron Mountain, at W8056 Oak Ridge Road (for those with GPS). Jim will have a map in this newsletter as well. We do pot luck; just bring a dish to pass. Since we are on Central Time, we start at 5:00 PM so our Eastern Time Zone friends don't get too hungry. See everyone on the 8th!!!

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