

# SKYWRITINGS

**EAA Chapter 439**  
**Central U.P. of Michigan**  
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**January 2012**  
**Home of the Yoopers!**



**Lancair IV PT that I thought I might get a ride in at Cozumel in Jan. 2011 but it was not to be! See Prez Tom's Lancair Project at Christmas Party on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ed. Jim**

**NEXT MEETING**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 7, 2012**  
**CHRISTMAS IN**  
**JANUARY!**

**5:00 PM Iron Mountain Time**  
**TOM & BETH SULLIVAN**  
**MAP ON PAGE ?**

**FEB 4, 2012**  
**MIKE BETTI'S**  
**HOME SHOP**  
**SEE HIS RV-7**  
**PROJECT**  
**IRON MT. , MI.**

**MAR 3, 2012**  
**JERRY COPPOCK'S**  
**HOME SHOP**  
**SEE HIS BABE-E**  
**PROJECT**  
**ESCANABA, MI.**

# The Prez Sez!

Tom Sullivan

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We had a pretty decent attendance at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, plus a hand full of Proxies, so we were able to amend the By-laws as proposed a couple of months ago. We had one extra vote to work with, and needed it to get the amendments passed. Thanks to every member that sent in a proxy, since if a single one of you that sent one had not, we would not have been able to get these changes completed. Under the present By-laws, we will have elections every fall.

One of our members, and a regular volunteer for the Ford Airport Day, Victor Goodman, had a pretty serious fall on the ice and concussion. Lee Ann has been sending me updates via email. Victor is currently at Marquette General and has had some procedures to relief pressure on the brain. From her last email, it sounds very serious and he is not out of the woods on this yet. Keep him, Lee Ann and Glen in your thoughts and prayers.

During the last meeting, we confirmed and/or established locations for the next 4 meetings. Jim should have those locations noted in this newsletter, but it's nice to have plans that far out for meetings! I was contacted recently by a member of the EAA Chapter 1270 from the Houghton area. It sounds like they are a pretty active chapter and they are looking for a relationship with their facing chapters (us and Marquette). I think this is a great idea, and hope that we can schedule some events where all three chapters get involved.

From a personal stand point, I should finish my log home project (I will have it covered and ready to move on site) by the time you read this. The Lancair project seems to be calling me, as I walk by it every day to keep the wood stove going. I have a few past helpers bugging me too, so maybe I can make some serious progress on it this winter. I'm finding quite a few members making good progress on their projects, which can be a bit infectious. Jerry Coppock sounds like he will be burning avgas next summer in his home built project. That means Jim and I better get moving, or we will take ownership of the "longest project in build".

If you've never made the Chapter Christmas Party, you're missing out on one of the best yearly events we host. Mark Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come out for an evening of fun and hangar talk! Potluck is the plan, and I provide all the beverages.

Tom

# Secretary's Notes

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EAA Chapter 439 Meeting Notes Kubick Aviation Iron Mountain, MI, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010

## Members present:

Mike Betti	Tom Sullivan	Whitey Jensen
Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr.	Lloyd Cudnohufsky Sr.	Gary Marsden
Scott Trask	Terry Glimn	Jim Riverside
Jim LeFevre	Bill Schaefer	Jerry Coppock

Tom Sullivan opened meeting at 9:10

Tom asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Jim LeFevre made a motion to approve, Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr supported, all others voted to accept.

Terry Glimn read the treasurers report. Motion made by Bill Schaefer to accept, supported by Jim Riverside, all others accepted. All Treasurers records have been turned over to Scott Trask, our newly elected treasurer.

## Old business:

Tom Sullivan talked about the proposed by-law amendments and read them in detail to the group. Several members discussed how the changes will work. After considerable discussion, Gary Marsden made a motion to accept new by-laws amendments, Bill Schaefer supported, 2/3 of the "current" chapter membership accepted, whether in attendance or via proxies assigned to Tom or Jim.

Tom noted with the newly accepted By-Laws amendments, 3 of the 6 directors will come up for election every year for a 2 year term. We need to establish which directors elected last month are one or two year terms. Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr. made a motion that the top 3 Director vote getters will get a 2 year term, the remaining 3 will be a 1 year term. Terry Glimn supported, all others voted to accept.

Tom Sullivan made a motion that Terry Glimn to be given a **Chapter Lifetime Membership** for the many years he served as our treasurer. Jim LeFevre supported, all others voted to accept.

## New business:

Tom Sullivan asked for a motion to purchase new roasters to be used for our events. Whitey Jensen made a motion, Jim LeFevre supported, all others voted to accept.

Scott Trask asked that we start an inventory list of the Chapters assets. All thought this was a good idea, Tom Sullivan will start one.

The group is also looking for someone to build a box for our scales. Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr and Sr accepted to come up with a box or such to keep them in.

Jerry Coppock is looking at various prop balancers for the chapter to buy, he will report at a later date.

Several members gave an update on their projects:

Jerry Coppock is building a scratch built high wing airplane that may fly next summer.

Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr. has a Kitfox that will be ready to fly any week now.

Scott Trask is building a RV8, empennage is complete.

Mike Betti is building a RV7, empennage, wings complete, working on fuselage.

Jim Riverside helicopter is being moved around, hoping to complete someday.

Motion made by Terry Glimn to adjourn, Jerry Coppock supported.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:25.**

# Editor's Notes

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Happy New Year!, and a belated Merry Christmas!. I hope that everyone survived the Holidays okay. It gets to be a little hectic this time of year, between Christmas activities, Shopping, wrapping presents, decorating and parties! It seems that there are more things to do than there is time for.

But, here comes January 2012 ready or not, and one more "Christmas in January" Party for Chapter 439 Members at Tom & Beth Sullivan's home in Iron Mountain. It's on January 7<sup>th</sup> and will be another great gathering at their home, starting about 5:00 pm Iron Mountain Time. It is a pot luck affair, so bring your favorite dish to share. Always a great selection of food there!

Inez and I will be among those missing it though, as we will be leaving for Florida on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The Sun 'N Fun convention that we will be doing volunteer work for, has been moved up to March 27 through April 1<sup>st</sup> this year. That starts our 90 day stay there earlier than usual, so we leave earlier than usual also. We will be with you in spirit though! We might be arriving in Lakeland, Florida about the time you are at the 439 Christmas Party.

In the Newsletter Archives, I found Craig Sorenson's "ODE TO XMAS 80 -CHAPTER 439" when I was looking for something interesting to put in this newsletter on page 5. I re-edited it to put in our January 2012 newsletter. If I remember right, Craig was having a little trouble with the "Turbulence" at the Buck Inn in Escanaba that night, so Bob Hill read Craig's creation to the gathering instead of him. It was the hit of the party that night! Craig hasn't been active with us for a while, come on back Craig, we miss you!

Note his comment "Remember Air Show "79" ? Well all the debts are gone!" which brought back a lot of memories for me. We had a great air show in 1979, but at a substantial loss for the Chapter! We did have the bills paid, but only because of many of our members signing personal notes to help get them paid off. It took us a couple of years of raffles, penny a pound airplane rides, pancake breakfasts and such to reimburse the members, but we did pay them all back! We ended up a stronger Chapter from the experience, due to the teamwork that it took to repay the debts. If we would have had more teamwork before the air show, Maybe we would have had better results. It was a tough lesson learned!

Tom always does a good tour of his Lancair Project, and a couple of other projects that he is working on in his "spare??" time. He gets more things done in a year than most people do in two! Or even more years than that for us old geezers!

I put a picture of a Lancair that I saw in Cozumel during a cruise Inez and I were on in January of 2011 on Page 1, thinking that it might give Tom a little more incentive to work on his! They are beautiful airplanes. I can just picture Tom zinging over my house on left downwind to Runway 19! Will have to try and get an actual picture of that when he starts buzzing around the airport. **JIM**



**If the wings are traveling faster  
Than the fuselage, it's probably a  
helicopter!  
However, it's probably unsafe in  
any case!**

## Ode to Christmas 1980 EAA Chapter 439

I am glad I was invited  
to this EAA affair.  
I'm also glad we drove today  
cuz the weathers bad out there!

Look at Ev Petraska,  
He's been drinking in the pub!  
I heard him tell the ladies  
that he flies a Super Cub!

I went flying late one day,  
with Jimmy Riverside.  
Old Bob Hill sits in the back,  
Cuz he's afraid to look outside!

We went on down to Oshkosh,  
to see what's new that flies,  
and had some mutti hutties,  
It's a wonder I survived!

In the morning there was breakfast,  
Hot coffee, cakes and all,  
Cooked by Mrs. Jensen,  
And gobbled up by all!

She's a real nice lady,  
She helps us all she could!  
But did you hear that Whitey,  
Made an airplane out of wood?

I guess that it's not all that bad,  
An airplane made at home.  
Bob Hill said they fly faster,  
When you make them out of foam!

One man has a Sonerai,  
There's a chopper busting loose!  
I hear that a Kingsford man,  
Built a Bakeng Duce!

There is a man amongst us,  
Who by far is super fine!  
And he was building airplanes,  
Way long before our time!

His name is not Orville,  
Nor Wilbur Wright is he!  
The expert in his workmanship,  
To this day you can see!

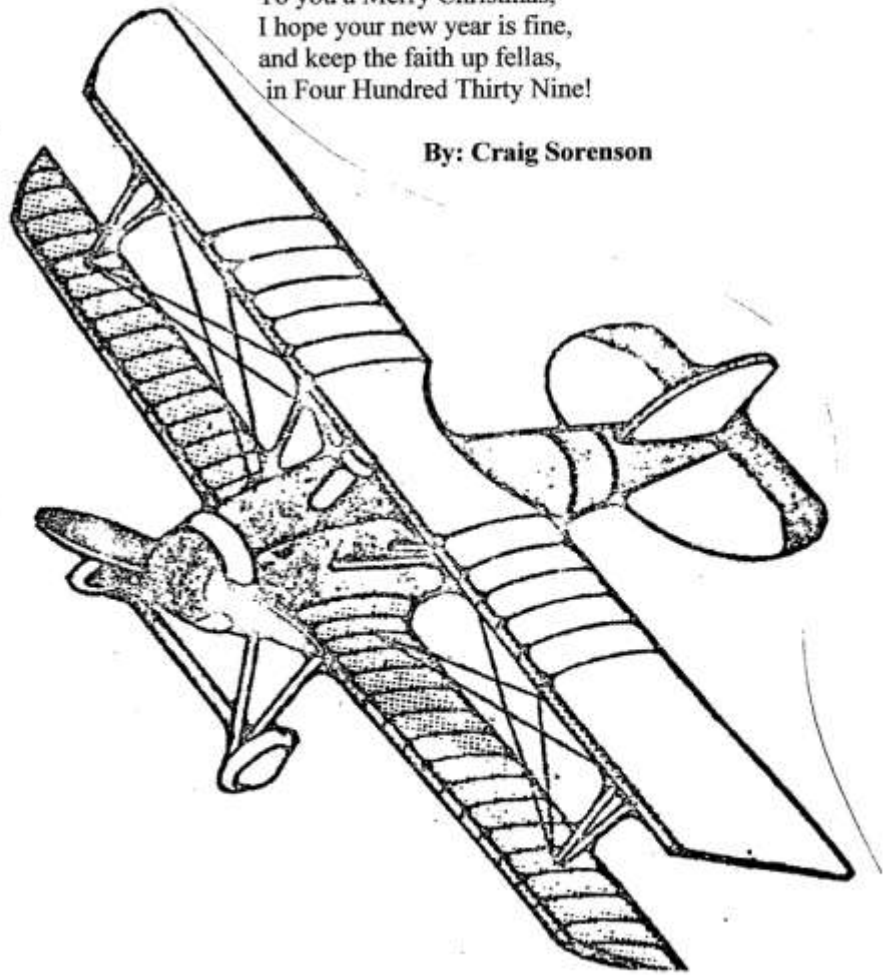
He built and flew them high and fast!  
He built and flew them slow  
And forgot more about man's flight  
Than all of us will know!

So lets all take our hats off  
And drink a toast to him!  
A man that's loved by one and all,  
Old Charlie Heiserman!

This past year was a tough one,  
and it didn't take us long!  
Remember "Air Show 79?"  
Well all the debts are gone

To you a Merry Christmas,  
I hope your new year is fine,  
and keep the faith up fellas,  
in Four Hundred Thirty Nine!

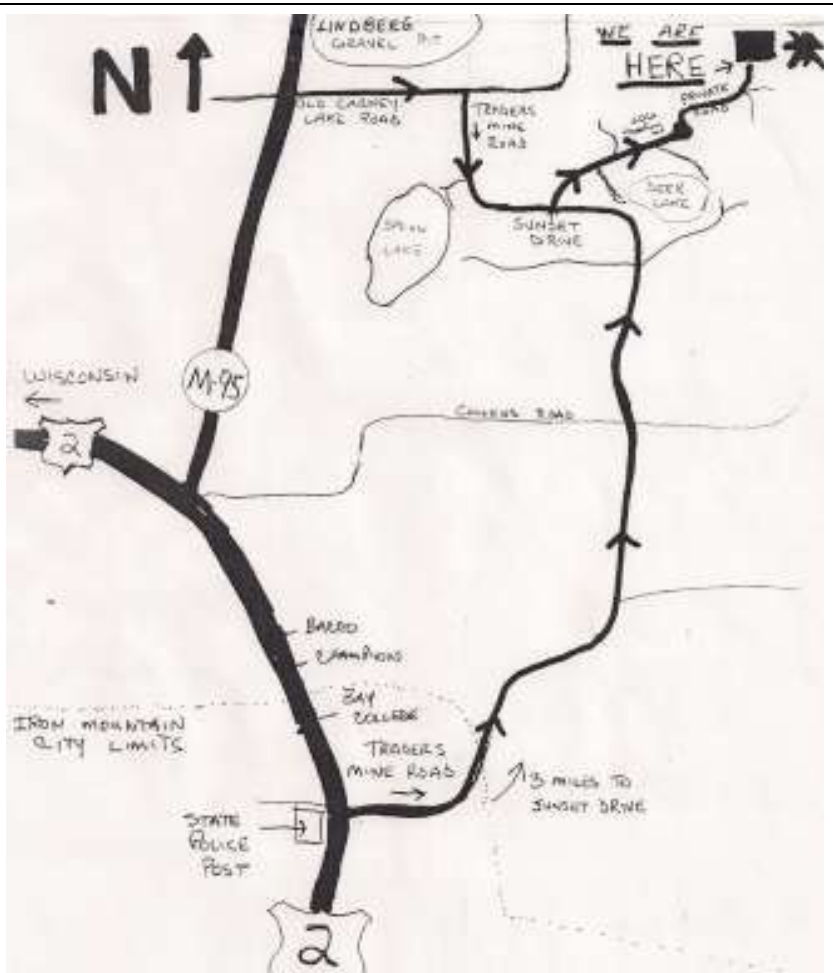
**By: Craig Sorenson**



**Chapter 439's Current Membership List!**  
**If your name isn't here, Check your expiration Date**  
**At [www.eaa439.org](http://www.eaa439.org) on the Members only Page!**

Mark Anderson  
Richard & Marilyn Auttersen  
Harold & Lois Berg  
Mike & Lori Betti  
Bob Boykin  
Lynne & John Burke  
Rosario Capillo  
Jerry Coppock  
Lloyd & Nancy Cudnohufsky  
Lloyd & Lorrie Cudnohufsky Jr  
Donald Duck  
Michael Ennis  
Bruce Flannery  
Terry & Nancy Glimn  
Glenn & Lee Ann Goodman  
Victor Goodman  
Herb & Heidi Gottelt  
Eric Hansen  
Michael & Jill Harbeck  
Bernie Harrigan  
Corinne Holm  
Dave Houseman  
Matt Janousek  
Larry & Donna Jensen  
Walter Jensen  
Darrel Jones  
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Joe Komblevicz  
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David VanDenburg  
Andy & Molly Waidner  
Larry Wedell  
Michael Youngs  
Steve Zurcher



**MAP TO TOM'S HOUSE!**

## Up-Coming Events

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 439's Snow & Fun North Meeting at Jerry Coppock's in Escanaba
- March 27 to April 1, 2012 SUN 'N FUN Convention Lakeland, FL
- March 30, 439's Sun 'N' Fun South Jim Riverside Site 19 in Early bird Campground
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 439s Meeting at Lloyd Cudnohufsky Jr.'s Home Workshop
- May 19 & 20 439's Work Weekend at Oshkosh, (Tentative Date)
- June 9<sup>th</sup> 439's Young Eagles Day at Ford Airport IMT
- July 23 to 29 AirVenture 2012 Oshkosh, WI
- Sept 15??? Ford Airport Day (Tentative Date)

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**Dues are \$15.00 a year! From August 1<sup>st</sup> Please send them to our treasurer'**

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