

# SKYWRITINGS

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## A THIRSTY VAN????

On Friday afternoon on July 29th, Dave and Vicki Minelli went to check the water levels and cup situations at the various water-buffalos on the North 40. The first stop went as planned, checked the level of the water, added some cups and drove to the next two tanks. On the return trip, 15 minutes later(?), there was a Toyota Mini-Van crashed into the side of that first North 40 buffalo. No one was in the Van, and it was still running, and unlocked. Dave took a few pictures, shut the engine of the car off, drove up the road, where the visitor center for that area is located. After parking the gator, he looked back at the buffalo, and the car was gone (2 minutes?), He drove back to the scene of the crash!, and saw the car had been moved and a couple people were looking at it. The problem started when the driver of the car rushed to help another man push his airplane to get fuel! The owner of the Toyota thought he left the Toyota in Park (He didn't!). The Toyota rolled about 50 yards, straight into the buffalo! No one was hurt (except the Toyota), the man was grateful no-one, or no airplane was hurt, and apologized. The buffalo seems to be impervious to Toyota's and didn't receive even a scratch. **Pictures and article by Dave and Vicki Minelli.**

Save the Date!

Tentative Meetings

**AUG. 6 10:00 AM  
ESCANABA TIME  
TERRY GLIMN'S  
HANGAR @ ESC  
IMPORTANT MEETING TO PLAN  
FOR FORD AIRPORT DAY!**

**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
MEETING?  
WHERE DO YOU  
WANT IT TO BE?  
LOOKING OVER  
YOUR PROJECT?  
HELLLLPPPP!**

**FORD AIRPORT DAY @IMT  
SEPT. 17, 2011  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
YE FLIGHTS &  
LEARN TO FLY DAY, ADULT  
FLIGHTS NEW THIS YEAR!  
WARBIRDS & CARSHOW!**