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EAA Chapter 439
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November 2011
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1935 Hammond Bi-Plane 100 HP 5 Cylinder Radial Engine

NEXT MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

TENTATIVE MEETINGS

**NOVEMBER 5TH 9:00 AM
IRON MOUNTAIN TIME**

**FORD AIRPORT
KUBICK AVIATION
PILOTS LOUNGE
FLY-IN OR DRIVE IN
YOUR CHOICE!**

**DECEMBER 3RD
9:00 AM IMT TIME**
Ford Airport
Kubick Aviation
Pilots Lounge
Important Meeting
To Amend By-Laws

**JANUARY 7, 2012
CHRISTMAS IN
JANUARY!
TOM & BETH SULLIVAN
HOSTING US AGAIN!**

The Prez Sez!

Tom Sullivan

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The October meeting at the Gladstone Airport was almost like a step back in time. There were 4 rag wing 1930-1940's airplanes sitting on the grass along the grass runway, with older hangars and an old barn for a backdrop. As I was watching Dave Houseman taking pictures, I thought those pictures could be looked upon later as having been taken in the 40's. Pretty neat!!

I mentioned at the last meeting the need for some updates to our By-laws. We missed our "bi-annual elections" in 2010, which is pretty easy to do when we only have elections every 2 years. I am proposing we amend the By-laws so the elections for the two year terms of our officers are on alternating years; on odd years for the President and Treasurer, on even years for the two V.P.'s and the Secretary. That proposed policy is dependant on By-laws amendment at the December meeting. We will still need to elect all officers this coming November meeting, per current By-laws.

I spoke with our accountant recently, having just completed and received the IRS 501c3 non-profit status for our soccer club, about recent "hot spots" with the IRS in regards to operations of non-profits. Although the purpose of the meeting and review was for the soccer club, the issues in regards to IRS review and oversight are much the same. A quorum of officers and directors is required to conduct business. Regular meetings can be held, but to conduct business, we need a majority of officers and directors present. The By-laws, as currently written, do not account for this policy. In addition, although we have an allowance for directors, we've never had them (nor do the By-laws account for their election and terms). I will modify the By-laws with a "Draft" reflecting those changes and have Mike post it on the website for membership review.

As far as voting to amend the By-laws, the amendments need to be posted 30 days prior to acceptance (this serves as that notice), and we need a 2/3rds majority to accept the amendments. We will look at adopting the changes at our December meeting, but there is no way we will be able to get 2/3rds of our membership to a meeting. Sometime between now and the December meeting, any current member (more on that in a minute) that will NOT make the December meeting must send their vote by proxy to Jim or me, or a member you know will attend. You can assign a general proxy, or assign one with your specific vote on the proposed changes. Unfortunately, your officers are the ones on the hook if the IRS determines we are not operating by their rules, so this is important business.

We've had a bit of a membership lapse over the past few years. Many "members" are out of current by several years. We do not require you pay for every year since you were last current, but we need to get a lot of members current again. Jim and I agreed to post the "a current members list", so you can review it to see if you are current. We felt this was more tactful than listing those out and by how many years. If your name is not on the listing in this newsletter, you are not current. The membership list on our website, under the "members only" page (password "airplane"), does have members that have expired from as far back as 2007. Our intent is to clean this up to no listing more than a year out of current. Please send your dues in.

Tom

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EAA Chapter 439 Proxy;

I hereby assign my vote for By-laws amendment during the December 2011 meeting to _____.

Member name printed _____ Date; _____ Signature _____

Meeting Notes

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October 8, 2011 Meeting at West Gladstone Airport Hosted by Bruce Flannery

Members & Guests Present:

Tom Sullivan Bruce Flannery Terry Glimm Mark Flath Scott Trask
Jim Riverside Lynn Sykes Bill Landry Molly Waidner Andy Waidner
Dave VanDenburg Harold Hertig Dave Houseman Jerry Coppock

About five airplanes flew in for the meeting at West Gladstone in beautiful fall VFR weather. They gathered in the former Thorin Aviation Hangar to look over several aircraft still in there after others had been taken outside to make room for our meeting.

The main attraction was a 1935 Hammond Bi-Plane that Bruce Flannery has been restoring. He had recently installed a freshly overhauled 100 HP, 5 cylinder Radial Kinner engine on it, which now has an electric starter. Bruce said that it is the only Hammond in existence. There were only four of them built. Bruce said that this one had been a 1st Place winner at the 1995 Sun 'N Fun convention, but he was having trouble finding verification of that.

Prez Tom Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:57. He reported on our Ford Airport Day activities on September 17th. Said that it was one of our better ones, and were money ahead on it. We flew 92 young eagles, and 25 adults during the day. The "Metal", "Fabric", and "Composite" fabrication seminars were well attended. The various projects on display were looked over by the crowd as well. The custom car owners were happy with the turn out they had and will be back again next year.

Terry Glimm gave his Treasurer's report and also passed around a copy of it. He said that all the bills he had received were paid, but was expecting a few more to come in.

Jerry Coppock reported on two brands of Dynamic Prop balancers, and was still waiting for information on two others.

Bruce Flannery said that the Chapter scales worked great to update the Hammond Weight and Balance after the engine change.

Under New Business, Prez Tom said that he is working on a change in the Chapter By-Laws in regard to Officer Elections. Need to have officer elections yearly, instead of every two years as we have been doing. He will post proposed changes on our website, and hopefully be able to vote on them at the November meeting.

Tom Sullivan thanked Bruce Flannery for hosting the meeting at West Gladstone airport. Bruce suggested that we send a letter to Ken Strauss who is now the owner of the airport. So, a letter with the signatures of all people present at the meeting was started, and will be sent to Ken by Bruce Flannery.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 Escanaba time.

Misc. Stuff!

LARRY JENSEN HAS A GARMIN 495 GPS FOR SALE!

I have a like-new Garmin 495 GPS that I need to sell and am wondering if I could get it in the 439 newsletter.

I've used it 7 or 8 times (no damage history). It comes with everything that came in it's original box. Although Garmin has discontinued making it, I still see it advertised for \$1299 in Trade-A-Plane. I have reduced it down to \$500. I am moving up to Garmin's new 510 GPS with XM weather. Call me at:

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Thanks, Larry Jensen

Editor's Notes

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We had great weather for flying into West Gladstone airport for the October 8th meeting. But, I wasn't one of those flying in. I wanted to stop at Menards after the meeting to check out some materials I wanted to buy. But it turned out that I didn't get to do that either, as I found that I could still make a meeting of our Recyclists Motorcycle Club at the Randville Bar if I drove there right after our Chapter meeting, So, I was able to get two meetings into one day! Usually have to miss one or the other, especially when they are in two different towns.

I guess there were about five airplanes that flew in with their airplanes. I forgot to go around and check out who actually flew in for it. It was nice to see a line of airplanes parked in front of the former Thorin Aviation hangar there. It brought back memories of many camp over meetings the Chapter had there years ago.

Some where along the line, we have lost doing those type meetings. They were always a family fun week end. We also used to camp out at Iron County Airport the first Week end of October and do fall color flights from there, and sometimes did Young Eagle flights too. Once in a while we would hit the fall color in its peak, but usually were a week early or a week late, so didn't get the colors in their prime display. Maybe we should try and do one of those campover week ends in 2012? Who would like to volunteer for setting one up for the Chapter???

EAA Young Eagles department put an article in the Iron Mountain Daily newspaper regarding my 400th Young Eagle flight. Will try to fit it in the newsletter somewhere else this month. It wasn't expected, and I got a lot of congratulations from people here in Iron Mountain that read about it, and didn't even know that I was a pilot. Never thought I was keeping it a secret???



Photos by: Jim Riverside West Gladstone Oct. 8 2011



Chapter 439's Current Membership List!
If your name isn't here, Check your expiration Date
At www.eaa439.org on the Members only Page!

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