

SKYWRITINGS

EAA Chapter 439

Central U.P. of Michigan

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September 2011

Home of the Yoopers!

The Year of the Builder!



Mike Betti's Murphy Elite
During construction!



Scott Trask's RV-7A "Wild Thing!"
He & Co-Pilot Pam, have flown it out to
the West Coast twice!



Mike Betti's Murphy Elite
First Flight was 02/19/2007.
<http://mikeselite.dcsol.com/>



Dave VanDenburg's
Pietenpol Project 2nd??
First Flight Spring of 2010

Save the Date!

Tentative Meetings

Sept 3rd 9:00 AM
IRON MOUNTAIN TIME
KUBICK AVIATION
HANGAR @ IMT
**IMPORTANT MEETING TO
FINALIZE PLANS FOR FORD
AIRPORT DAY ON SEP 17TH!**

OCTOBER 8TH
MEETING?
GLADSTONE WEST
AIRPORT
HOSTED BY
BRUCE FLANNERY

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

The Prez Sez!

Tom Sullivan

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Air Adventure 2011 had pretty nice weather this year. I was able to make my first show in 4 years, where previous to that time I had a 13-year run without missing one. It was nice to be able to network with the other Lancair builders during my time down there. I had a rather unique situation develop, when an older "casual" friend called me from Felch, Mi asking about attending the show for the first time. He wanted to take his grandson down, but was going to drive down and back the same day. I expressed to him how little of the show they would see in a half day, and encouraged him to stay at least one night. With lodging what it is, that wasn't an option, so I offered he stay with his wife and grandson in my camper with me. Needless to say, they had a great "show" experience. Maybe this will become a regular event for them after that experience.

I also was merely a witness to a small part of our chapter at work, under Donna's trusty and dedicated leadership. As mentioned many times in the past, I have too many things on my plate to dedicate the hours most of you do for the air show. I hope when retirement comes, if it ever does, I will become part of the group down there. For now, my short trips will continue to be educational for my project. Anyway, your work group does the chapter "proud" with your hard work. I couldn't stay for Swinefest, had to get home for a funeral (mother-in-law passed on Wednesday AM) and we were leaving for a vacation with my wife to the west coast on Friday.

I've been working real hard on the Ford Airport Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 17th. The food permit and EAA Insurance (and Event Notice) were all taken care of in mid-July. We've decided on our theme for this year (last year was "The year of the 99's"). **This year will be "The year of the Builder"**. We will highlight project planes, in various stages of build (Certified restorations and Experimental airplanes), as well as completed projects. I've already gotten several commitments from builders willing to transport projects to the county hangar for public viewing. We're still working on commitments from owners of completed and flying specimens.

To make the event fun, we're working on a formation flight of 3 Mooney's to kick off the "Showcase of Builders Projects". With our emcee of many years, Jeff DeRidder, on the PA System, and timing the showcase fly-by appropriately, we could have the builders fly by the ramp area (within FAA Regs of course) this will be a great way to "Showcase" what kind of talent our area of builders possess. This will very likely result in a new found enthusiasm for the DIY attendee in the crowd; demonstrating this is something they could do themselves. Seems like this is one of the reasons for our existence as a chapter, to infect and enthuse others with our love of aviation.

We are in need of volunteers. Please contact me with your availability, and where you can help. We need participation from everyone if this is going to be successful. This is one of only two significant events our chapter does per year (in the local area anyway). Please make the commitment to support **your** chapter and infect others with the love of aviation, by providing them a well organized and very interesting airport event.

TOM

**Ford Airport Day 2011 "The Year of the Builder!" On Sat. Sept. 17th
HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

"The Year of the BUILDER!"

AIRCRAFT 439 BUILDERS HAVE COMPLETED!

TERRY GLIMN	Kitfox!
MIKE BETTI	Murphey Elite and is now building an RV-7
SCOTT TRASK	Kolb UL &RV-7A
DJ SCHNEIDER	Pazmany PL2 1st flew on 2 Aug 1990, Later sold it.
BOB HILL	Baeking Duce
WHITEY JENSEN	Volksplane VP-2
HERB GOTTELT	Kitfox
DAVE VANDENBURG	Thorp T-18 and Pietenpol
WALT LEINEKE	Thorp T-211
JIM RICHARD	Restored Aeronca Chief and is now restoring a Piper Pawnee
JERRY COPPOCK	UL and now a self design called "BABE-E"

CHARLIE HEISERMAN in 1928, 1930 and 1935, he built and flew these three aircraft from Ford Airport . The third aircraft was restored and is now in the Ford Glider Museum in Iron Mountain. He designed and built a 4th aircraft in the early 1980's while 80+ years old, and a member of Chapter 439. He sold it to Larry Oliver, but it never flew, due to landing gear problems. Does anyone know what became of that airplane? It was last seen in the old Goodman School Building.

ANDY & MOLLY WAIDNER	RV-9 and are now building an RV-12
JOE MINELLI	Sonerai with VW Engine competed & flew in 1977
AARON GUSTAFSON	Kolb UL & Zodiac
LLOYD CUDNOHUFASKY	Kitfox
HANK OLSEN	Sonerai & ????
BRUCE FLANNERY	Rebuilt Several Pipers and is now rebuilding a Hammond 100 with a Kinner Engine

**SEND ME INFO ON YOUR PROJECT, I KNOW THERE ARE MORE IN
PROGRESS OUT THERE! I WILL ADD IT TO THE LIST. Ed. JIM**

PROJECTS 439 BUILDERS HAVE IN PROGRESS!

TOM SULLIVAN	LANCAIRE IV-P TURBINE
JIM RIVERSIDE	ROTORWAY RW-133 HELICOPTER

Secretary's Notes

By Jim Riverside - August 6th Meeting.

August 6th, 2011 Meeting Notes at Terry Glimn's Hangar, Escanaba, MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JIM RIVERSIDE SCOTT TRASK BRUCE FLANNERY MARK FLATH
DAVE HOUSEMAN JIM LEFEVRE TERRY GLIMN

The meeting opened at 9:15 a.m.

Terry Glimn reported on information he had looked up on Dynamic Prop Balancers that were proposed for purchase at the previous meeting. His info was about a Hardwic Dynamic Prop Balancer, which was good, but a little on the high side price wise. Jerry Coppock said that he would do further research on comparable units.

Bruce Flannery said that he had used the Chapter Scales to check the weight and balance of a Hammond 100 Airplane that he is restoring. He had installed a Kinner Engine, starter and battery, which changed the weight and balance of the aircraft. He said the scales work great.

In talking with Bruce Flannery about his project and what is happening at Gladstone West Airport, of which he is the Airport Manager, it was decided that we would hold a Fly-in meeting there for our October 8th meeting. We can look over his Hammond 100 project and see what else is happening there. Our Chapter used to make one or more meetings at the Gladstone Airport every year when Tom Snouwaert was active there. Tom and his C-182 are surely missed!

Jerry Coppock reported progress on his own design, scratch built airplane "BABE-E". He now has the tail feathers, landing gear and engine on. It looks like an airplane now. He said that he had started on the project in 1988! So I have lost the title as having the oldest on going project in the Chapter. I started on my Rotorway Scorpion II in November of 1989! But, I am just building someone else's kit, whereas Jerry is building his own design from scratch! Not many builders take on that challenge.

Ford airport day was discussed. It was felt that we would scale it back somewhat this year as no war birds had been contacted as yet. We will still do Young Eagle Flights, Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. Scott Trask called Tom Sullivan to verify that Beth would once more coordinate the Pancake Breakfast and noon lunch. Tom also verified that he had sent the Event Registration to EAA HQS for the YE and Adult flights. Dave VanDenburg was called also re: Pedal Cars and said that he was not coming to FAD and someone else would have to bring them down. Tom Flannery said that he has a trailer, and would go up and get them if they are available. He will coordinate that with Dave. Someone is needed to supervise the pedal car corral, during the day. The "Snoopy and the Red Baron" combat simulator will again be available from storage in Tom Sullivan's building. Need someone to set it up and others to supervise it during the day.

Jim Leferve said that we need an Air Boss to work with the pilots flying during the day and coordinate the flight patterns to be used. He volunteered to do the job. So, be sure to talk with him before you fly!

Friday September 16th will be used to set up tables, equipment and displays, so come out and help!

JIM

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:

Home 906 563-5860

Cell 906 396-2745

Thanks, Larry Jensen

Editor's Notes

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We have tentatively set our next meeting for Saturday September 3rd at Kubick Aviations's hangar at the Ford Airport IMT at 9:00 am Iron Mountain time. Don't miss it as we will be finalizing plans for Ford Airport Day on September 17th. If another meeting is needed, it probably will be an evening meeting at Kubick's later one. You will be notified by e-mail or phone.

We will also need pilots to fly Young Eagles as usual. New for his year's Ford Airport Day is "Learn to Fly-Day" which is flying adults that have an interest in Flying. Pilots will be needed for that also. More information on the requirements is available on the EAA Website. Call and let Scott Trask know if you will be available to fly Young Eagles, and call me if you if you will be available to fly the "Learn to Fly Day" adults.

A pancake breakfast, a Custom Car Show, Pedal Car Corral, Snoopy & The Red Barron Simulator, public rides by Terry Glimm. A three Mooney aircraft fly by, and homebuilt fly-bys also should be part of Ford Airport Day also.

A custom car show will be held again, with awards chosen by the people looking them over and voting for their favorite car!

Please note that the FAD 2011 Poster shown on page 6 is a not the final version. It is what was done as of my deadline for the newsletter. I will e-mail you a copy of the final version when it is ready.

Bring your family and friends out for a fun day at the airport on September 17th. It looks like a really good show! Ed. JIM

**Ford Airport Day, "YEAR OF THE BUILDER" on SEPT 17th
HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

EAA CHAPTER 439

10th Annual Ford Airport Day

Saturday, Sept, 17th 2011

10 AM to 4 PM Iron Mountain, MI (IMT)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 to 10 CST.-----LUNCH 11:30 to 2:00 CST
Hotdogs - Hamburgers - Brats - Snacks - Coffee - Sodas - Water

This Year's theme is....

“The Year of the Builder”

Featuring:

- Restored and homebuilt airplanes of local area builders.
- Aircraft in both the completed flying state and “build stage”.
- Workshops by local experienced builders demonstrating the techniques used for aircraft restoration and homebuilding.
- A “Parade of Planes” will fly over the show area during the afternoon, displaying some of the finished homebuilt airplanes in flight.

The day's events will also host a “Custom Car Show” on the ramp, Trophies Awarded!!



**YOUNG
EAGLE
FLIGHTS**



DISPLAYS BY:

**Civil Air Patrol
Cornish Pump & Mining
Museum
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Kids Pedal Car Corral!
Lincoln Beachy Replica
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Plus more Aviation Fun!**

SNOOPY SIMULATOR



Kids, can you shoot down the Red Baron in the Snoopy Simulator?



CUSTOM CAR SHOW!!!



AIRPLANE RIDES!!!



Admission-\$3---Under 12 FREE!---Maximum Family Fee-\$10

Need More Information Call 906-458-6989



EAA 439 NEWS RELEASE

EAA Chapter 439 and Ford Airport will host the 10th Annual Ford Airport Day on Saturday, September 17th from 10 AM to 4 PM. The theme for 2011, “The year of the Builder”, will feature restored or homebuilt airplanes that are the hand work of local builders, and are currently “still in the project status” or are completed and flying. There will be some short workshops, conducted by experienced builders, demonstrating the unique techniques required for aircraft restoration or homebuilding. These workshops will highlight metal work, composite construction, and fabric covering. Chapter members will display several projects in the “build stage”, and a “Parade of Planes” will fly over the show area during the afternoon, displaying some of the finished airplanes in flight.

The Snoopy Simulator returns for the kids to “take flight”, in battle with the Red Baron. The pedal planes will be back for the younger children too. Young Eagle Flights will take place all day, starting at 8 AM. Children between 8-17 are eligible for these free “introduction to aviation” flights. In the event of a backlog of Young Eagle Flights, first time participants will be given priority for the flights. Adults can find a ride during the event for a nominal fee as well.

Other attractions include multiple aviation vendors in the main hangar. There will be a custom car show on the ramp. Cars are encouraged to come between 10 AM and noon. The driver and one passenger will get free admission to the event. Trophies for will be awarded at 3 PM.

The pancake breakfast will run from 8-10 AM, with pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage being the main menu items. Lunch will run from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, with hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, brats and fresh French fries available. Admission to the event is \$3 per person, with a maximum family cost of \$10.

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