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THE PREZ SEZ!

Our Christmas Party was fairly well attended this year. There were some of the usual faces missing though. I'm not quite sure yet if we're losing membership and/or interest. It would be nice to get some feedback on what's happening with some of our past "active" members.

A few items of business were attended to during the party. One being we voted to buy a set of electronic scales for weighing aircraft. Mike Betti did the research on them and has since ordered them. We should see them shortly. We also approved a budget for an enclosed trailer for storing chapter stuff in. Mike and I thought we had one we liked, but the interior walls were not of a friendly material for attaching shelving. We are still

looking. We bought ten 2011 EAA Calendars at \$10 a piece, and sold 7 of them. I still have 3 left for anyone looking for a nice aviation if you're interested.

We also conducted elections of officers at the party. I discovered we were a bit late on our biannual elections. Although several of us were open to new blood, no one was interested in replacing us. Our officer slate continues as it's been for some time. Most that attended the Christmas party viewed my latest project; a custom built log home. I was nearly done with the main structure at that time, and have since completed it as far as I can go until spring. Over the last 1-2 weeks I've been cleaning up a bunch of odd jobs that had been put off for that big project, with the thought in mind I can actually get back on the Lancair. I'm actually excited to get back on it, and tore down and cleaned my epoxy ratio pump this week. My goal was to be working on the Lancair by February 1st, and as I write this on Saturday, January 29th, I'll be working on it this weekend. . Hopefully I can make some real progress on it over the remaining months of this winter

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Save the Date!

Tentative Meetings

<p>Feb. 5th 9:00 am IMT Time Scott Trask's Shop/Hangar! See Map Page 2</p>	<p>Mar. 4th TBD</p> <p>ESC AREA?</p>	<p>Apr 1, SUN'N FUN SOUTH! 5:00 pm@ Jim Riverside's Trailer Site 19</p>	<p>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 Schwinefest Theme is "SPACE" Aug 6, 2011 Escanaba Area Sep 17, 2011 Ford Airport Day @ IMT</p>
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THE PREZ SEZ, (Ct'd from Pg. 1)

Bruce St. Onge has offered to help with the newsletter this winter while Jim is in Florida, but I got a call from him last weekend that he will not be able to. He is in Minneapolis for his training to become an air traffic controller, and was living in an apartment. On Friday night he heard a bunch of commotion in the hallway, and thought there were some kids screwing around. Pretty soon he heard someone hollering **FIRE!**

So he stepped out into the hall and smelled smoke. He got out with just a few key possessions. After the fire was put out, he was allowed in to get his clothes. His apartment was smoke and water damage, but not actually burned. Still, all his electronic stuff was rendered useless. Guess I'm glad he got out safe anyway. Scott Trask will be hosting our February meeting. Hope to see you there!

TOM

Grand Cayman Royal Botanical Gardens



They really are out there!

Editor's Notes

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Sun 'n Fun Wings at Sea Cruise! Charter Members Inez & Jim

Here I am in my trailer at the Sun'n Fun Early bird Campground writing about a **cruise** that Inez and I took. Inez and I had signed up for the Sun'n Fun "Wings at Sea" cruise that departed from Ft. Lauderdale on Jan. 16th and returned there on January 20th. Forty five of us from Lakeland's Linder Airport by bus to Ft. Lauderdale, FL on January 16th. We boarded Royal Caribbean's ship "Navigator of the Seas" along with another 40 or so people that had traveled to Ft. Lauderdale to board ship with our final total reaching 88 people. All are now Charter Members of the Sun 'n Fun Wings at Sea Cruise!. We left from there in the evening and sailed overnight to our first port at Georgetown, Grand Cayman on the morning of Jan 17th.

John & Martha King of King's Schools had flown into Lakeland, Linder Airport and traveled by bus to Ft. Lauderdale. They are a friendly and personable couple, and blended well with the whole group. They also conducted many seminars during the cruise. Some formal, and many informal.

On Grand Caymen they had arranged for a shore tour that included stops at a brewery, a beachfront area called Pedro's Castle, and a Botanical Garden.

We then got back on board ship and sailed overnight to Cozumel, Mexico. "Sun 'n Fun" had arranged a special tour for our group, which included sight seeing and then on to Cap. Eduardo Toledo Aerodromo. An Aviation Community that has been developing for several years. It has one black top runway 11/290 which is about 3200 feet long. Our bus first took us on a tour up and down the runway, and then into the central area where there are several buildings, A large cement "Tornado Proof" hangar, a three story terminal type building, and a two story Fire Hall, all built of reinforced cement.

The owner/developer Eduardo Toledo gave a talk on how he had decided to build the airport and develop an aviation community around it. An architect style drawing is in the terminal building that shows the future expansion plans. They include the usual taxi to your own hangar/home sites to just home sites adjacent to a golf course. Large ponds and waterways wind around the 100 plus acre tract. Their website is www.fly2cozumel.com.mx if you want more information about their operation.

Aircraft parked in the hangar were a Lancair IV-P Turbo Prop, a Beech Bonanza under complete restoration, a Christain Eagle, and an M-Pulse II Ultra Light. A Cessna 175 was parked on the ramp outside, which turned out to be the one that was used to fly the 12 winners of a drawing from the airport we were at, past Cozumel International Airport and past our ship and back up the coast line to our departure point. It turned out that I was sitting on the wrong side of the airplane to get good pictures when we went past the airport and ships. It was the high point of the cruise for me!, I was on the last of four flights, and there was an empty seat in back, it turned out that John King that came to fill it.

I've had some questions about the theme for Chapter 439's Schweinefest at Oshkosh is this year. It is "SPACE!" so, get out your favorite Star Wars Costume, and come join the fun. I know Whitey Jensen is going to say "I took up SPACE in school!" No, it's not that kind of space Whitey! I can hardly wait to see what kind of a space suit you will concoct!

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU! JIM

Sun'n Fun Wings at Sea Cruise Jan 16-20, 2011



12 of our group won a drawing for rides over Cozumel in this airplane!



Navigator of the Seas!
Cozumel Harbor, Mexico



Shucks, no rides in the Lancair



Cozumel, Mexico



It was too windy for the UL too!



Airport we flew from.

Secretary's Notes

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January 11th, 2011 Meeting Notes Tom Sullivan's home Iron Mountain, MI

Christmas Party

Chapter 439 Members present:

Mike Betti	Tom Sullivan	Scott Trask
Terry Glimn	Glenn Goodman	Gerald Coppeck
Mike Youngs	Dave Houseman	Bruce St. Onge

Tom Sullivan opened meeting 7:15 PM

Terry Glimn read the Treasurers report in detail.

Motion made by Mike Youngs to accept, supported by Dave Houseman, all others accepted.

Tom Sullivan showed us his books he keeps as President, including reprints of all the newsletters.

Tom Sullivan gave out the 2010 Chapter awards to all officers and position holders in our Chapter.

With regards to the Chapter purchasing some tools for members to borrow out for their projects, Mike Betti discussed a set of digital scales for \$879. Terry Glimn made a motion to purchase them, Dave Houseman supports, a formal vote was taken and all supported.

Mike Betti and Tom Sullivan discussed with the membership the need for an enclosed trailer to be used to store all of the Chapters tables, signs, etc used in events. Somewhere around \$3,000 would be needed to purchase a used trailer. Terry Glimn amended the amount up to \$4,000, supported by Dave Houseman, a formal vote was taken and all supported.

Mike Betti mentioned that a new website for all Chapters is in the works from National Headquarters.

Chapter Nominations were held by Tom Sullivan. Bruce St. Onge nominating committee, no other members were found interested in any positions. The following officers were voted back in:

President, Tom Sullivan, nominated by Dave Houseman, supported by Terry Glimn, all approved.

Vice President, Mike Youngs, nominated by Mike Betti, supported by Scott Trask, all approved.

Treasurer, Terry Glimn, nominated by Dave Houseman, supported by Mike Youngs, all approved.

Secretary, Mike Betti, nominated by Tom Sullivan, supported by Mike Youngs, all approved.

Motion made to adjourn by Terry Glimn, supported by Dave Houseman.

Meeting was adjourned 7:50 PM

Gerald Coppeck thanked Tom for his hospitality with our Christmas party.

Mike Betti - Secretary

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