

# SKYWRITINGS

**EAA Chapter 439**

**JUN/JUL 2011**

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**COME TO THE  
GRAND OPENING OF THE  
GLIDER MUSEUM ON  
JULY 17, 2011  
SEE THE RESTORED  
CHARLIE HEISERMAN  
HOME BUILT AIRCRAFT  
WHICH HE FLEW FROM  
FORD AIRPORT IN THE  
EARLY 1930'S. IT WAS THE  
3<sup>rd</sup> HOME BUILT HE MADE!**

**THIS CG-4 GLIDER IS THE  
CENTRAL ATTRACTION  
AT THE GRAND OPENING  
OF THE GLIDER MUSEUM  
ON JULY 17, 2011. THIS  
PICTURE WAS TAKEN IN  
2010! YOU SHOULD SEE IT  
NOW WITH THE WINGS ON  
IT LOOKS LIKE LIKE IT  
IS READY TO FLY!**



**Save the Date!**

**Tentative Meetings**

**AirVenture 2011 - Jul 25-31, 2011  
SCHWINEFEST THURS JUL 28<sup>TH</sup>  
The theme is "SPACE & OR NASA!"  
THE PRE CONVENTION PARADE IS  
ON JULY 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Get your favorite space suit out and  
ready to wear!**

**Aug 6 10:00 AM  
ESCANABA TIME  
TERRY GLIMN'S  
HANGAR @ ESC  
COME ONE AND  
ALL TO GET FORD  
AIRPORT DAY  
PLANNING DONE!**

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

# The Prez Sez!

Tom Sullivan

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We had good intentions, during the meeting at Mikes in April, to put on a decent June 11<sup>th</sup> event. I filed the event insurance form, and we were going to get a poster going. I had planned to promote it with the local radio station and newspaper as well. Unfortunately, I didn't realize that weekend (actually, that day) had already been scheduled by my wife for my son Cory's graduation party. Needless to say, my participation on June 11<sup>th</sup> was going to be very limited. Combine that with a pretty substantial "honey-do list", I was unable to get any more work done in planning the event.

I had Jim send out a "mass email" last week indicating I was backing out of all planning and participation for this event, and if it was to still happen, someone else needed to step up and chair it. Thus far, that hasn't happened, so I think the event is pretty much cancelled.

The meeting at Terry's in May was reasonably well attended. Jim flew over with me, and Scott flew over as well. It was nice seeing some of our chapter members from ESC and SAW. We discussed the Tony Q. offer of a hangar, but logistics, time, and the county requirement for us to "own" the hangar pretty much killed the deal. The one highlight of the offer was the clear interest we have from management at Ford Airport to see us with a hangar and meeting facility. I strongly believe we will see this goal realized sometime in the future. I, for one, will have more time on my plate in the future, with kids going off to college. As a 501c3, true non-profit, there may be a day we get a sizable donation to kick this project off as well. Being involved with Northwoods Airlifeline, I've seen first-hand that this CAN happen. Ford Airport Day has been a consistent revenue producer too, especially since we've dropped the risk and higher financial exposure of air show acts.

We are right around the corner of the biggest event of the year for EAA members; Oshkosh and AirVenture. I hope to get back on track, attending this year. I made it 14 years in a row, and have now missed the last 3-4 years (can't even remember how many now). With a very active winter on the Lancair, I really need to get down there this year for updates on that project. My schedule is not conducive to working the show yet, but that will happen sometime in the future, when my life is not so terribly busy.

I, and others, have expressed an interest in a fly out, for either a breakfast or an evening dinner. If you're interested, contact me and we'll see when we can sneak that in. Time flies incredibly fast, so it won't be long and we'll be changing seasons again.

Tom

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# Editor's Notes

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I am **FINALLY** getting another newsletter out to you! Sorry for missing the June issue entirely! Getting the combined June/July issue out has been a bigger challenge than I thought it would be. But, here it is combined as a such as it is! Ready or not!

I was in a battle with C-Diff diarrhea for almost four weeks, and not getting very far from the bathroom. It was apparently caused by Clindamycin pills that I had taken to get rid of the remaining rash from cellulites that I had earlier this spring on my left leg. It cleared most of the rash, but induced the C-Diff almost four weeks after I took the pills! I hope you never catch it. 10 days of Flagyl pills were prescribed to stop the C-Diff, and it brought my system back around to normal. But it sure took the wind out my sails for a while, as well as a slight buzz, while taking them. I am just now starting to feel like a normal human being again! My get up and go had just got up and gone for far too long!

I had sent some e-mail feelers around about possibly having a meeting in early July here in the UP. But I found that there wasn't much interest in having one. July is always a busy time for people it seems, and they want to be out doing things other than meetings. In the past, we usually don't have a meeting in early July. People are content to go to Oshkosh to enjoy AirVenture, or as volunteers later in July. This year AirVenture runs from July 25<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss it, it sounds like a really good show this year!

We have tentatively set our next meeting for August 6<sup>th</sup> at Terry Glimn's hangar at the Delta County Airport at 10:00 am Escanaba time. I hope that I remember to call Terry about it before he reads this! Don't miss it as we will be doing the final planning for Ford Airport Day on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also be needing pilots to fly Young Eagles as usual. New for this 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 and a few War Birds should be part of Ford Airport Day also.

Our Pre-Convention parade through the EAA Campgrounds will be on Sunday evening June 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme for it as well as Schweinefest is "SPACE" as I remembered, and "NASA" as others did. In any case figure out your costume and bring it along to Oshkosh! Schweinefest will be held on Thursday evening July 28<sup>th</sup>. Come one and all, the more the merrier! It is always a great roast pork and corn on the cob and side goodies. There is also good music to listen and dance to. You can also entertain us by singing a few careokee songs for us also.

I thought that I would have brought the trailer down to Oshkosh by this time, but Civil Air Patrol activities, getting my flight Physical renewed July 6<sup>th</sup>, and a family reunion in Stanton Michigan on July 9<sup>th</sup> changed that. We will be back home from Stanton on July 10<sup>th</sup> and hope to be headed for Oshkosh shortly after that date. But, then have to be back a couple days before July 17<sup>th</sup> to help set up the display for Charlie Heiserman's Airplane on the Grand Opening of the Glider Museum July 17<sup>th</sup>. Plus a bus driving trip or two for Pellegrini tours usually pops up during our stay in Oshkosh.

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# Secretary's Notes

By Jim Riverside -- May 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## May 7th, 2011 Meeting Notes Terry Glimn's Hangar, Escanaba, MI

12 Members present! A new record! Lets see if we can beat it next time!

Tom Sullivan Jim Riverside Terry Glimn Dave VanDenburg Scott Trask Dave Houseman  
Molly & Andy Waidner Jerry Coppock Wayne Springinsguth Pat Morrow Jim Gordanier

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 with Terry Glimn giving his Treasurers report. He passed around a detailed list for all to read. It was accepted as read. Terry also said that he had used the new scales to re check the weight and balance of his C-172 and found it to be very close to the original weight and balance. He said that they worked okay.

Tom Sullivan reported that he had sent in the paperwork to EAA for our combination YE Day and Adult Learn to Fly Day that is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that there was a nice article about Chapter 850 in the latest Sport Aviation Magazine. Good work Chapter 850!

Tom Sullivan next read a proposal from Tony Quadrani, that he would donate a Quonset Hangar on his Turner Grade road property to Chapter 439 provided the chapter moves it to and rebuilds it on a site on Ford Airport for joint use by the Chapter and Tony, but with Tony retaining ownership of the hangar. After much discussion, both pro and con, and the fact that the Chapter needs to own the hangar to qualify for Historic Site benefits on Ford Airport. Scott Trask made a motion that we decline Tony's offer. He was supported by Molly Waidner. The motion was carried unanimously.

Andy Waidner proposed that the Chapter purchase a Dynamic Prop Balancer, Said that the cost would run from about \$1495 to \$2000, depending on what is purchased. Proposal tabled until further information is gathered about the different models.

### CHAPTER PROJECT REPORTS

Jerry Coppock is back at a scratch built project he started in 1990. He is using a ground power Continental A-65 that he has built up to Continental O-200 specifications.

Andy & Molly Waider also reported on the progress of their RV-3B project. Has been slow during the winter months, but should speed up now in the warmer weather.

Dave VanDenburg reported that he started a Hatz Classic last fall, fabric with wood wings. It is well on toward completion.

Dave Houseman is working on a Hammond Bi-Plane with Bruce Flannery. It has a Kinner engine.

Terry Glimn presently is putting a new PM-5000 intercom system in his Piper Commanche.

Jim Riverside reported on his perennial Scorpion II Project. He is thinking it may become a full scale RC model. Anyone know where to get some large servos???

Tom Sullivan reported that he has put more than 300 hours on his Lancair project in the last two months. Currently Tom is installing a Red Dot Commercial air conditioning unit in it. It is a 16 K BTU 24 volt unit, that he got a good deal on. He is installing it now. (Painfully slow!)

Scott Trask reported that he will be having cataract surgery soon!

Terry Glimn moved to Close. Supported by Jim Riverside. Adjourned at 11:50

Coffee and sweet rolls were served as well as Terry Glimn's hot dog and beans and chips special!

# 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



Charlie Heiserman's 1<sup>st</sup> Homebuilt Aircraft at Ford Airport about 1929. Pictures taken by Larry Oliver who purchased the 4<sup>th</sup> homebuilt aircraft at right above. Charlie was building it when he was 80+ years old. Larry purchased it and finished building it, but it never flew as far as I know. ( ED. Jim R)



# EAA 850 Members join us on SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 POKER RUN & RIB DINNER

**Poker Run Questions:** Scott Bolster ([scott\\_bolster@mail.com](mailto:scott_bolster@mail.com)) or 906-346-9244

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*EAA 850 members are requested to contribute a dish (salad, dessert, bread or vegetable).  
Ribs & drinks will be supplied by the club. Please let Barb or Ann know what you'll bring.*

## **FUEL-EFFICIENT POKER RUN (Flying time 2 hrs. 30 min. @ 100 kts)**

**PLEASE PLAN TO PARTICIPATE & ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, TOO!**

- Cost: \$10.00 per poker hand (Passengers may also purchase hands.)
- Best poker hand wins 50% of the registration receipts.
- Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and continues until 2:00 p.m.
- Finish by 4:00 p.m. at Sawyer where poker hands will be drawn.
- OVERVIEW:
  1. Participants will over-fly the following airports (landing optional). There will be a symbol on the ground at each airport that can be identified from the air. Record the symbol to verify your route.  
KERY: Luce County/ Newberry  
KISQ: Schoolcraft County/ Manistique  
KESC: Escanaba  
KIMT: Iron Mountain  
KSAW: K.I. Sawyer - FINISH
  2. Participants must finish at Sawyer by 4:00 p.m. Poker hands will be drawn at the Chapter House.
  3. Poker Run winner will be determined by 4:30 p.m.

## **BARBEQUED BONELESS RIB DINNER**

- 5:00 p.m. EAA 850 Chapter House
- Cost: \$10.00 per person  
**\$7.50 for EAA 850 members who bring a dish (includes guests of 850 members).**
- All EAA 850 members & their guests are invited – Poker Run is not required.



### *Menu*

*Barbequed Boneless Ribs*

*Bread or rolls*

*Assorted Salads and Vegetables*

*Assorted Desserts and Water or soft drinks*

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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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