

# SKYWRITINGS



EAA Chapter 439  
Central U.P. of Michigan

June 2016  
Home of the Yoopers!



***May meeting at Johnson Field with Chapter 850  
Thanks to Dean Honkala and his crew for a great breakfast***

## Up-Coming Events

***June 14th - 5pm-7pm Flying Hamburger Social at Kubick Aviation 1st one for new Yooper Branch***

***June 18th - 8am meeting at Kubick Aviation. 9am-noon Young Eagles flying event.  
Please contact Scott Trask if you can help.***

***June 18th - 1pm - Kubick Aviation will be hosting a "Customer Appreciation Open House" right after our Young Eagles event. There will be food, a Flour Bombing contest and a spot landing contest. Come enjoy some good ole fun!***

***July 9th - Meeting***

# The Prez Sez!

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June is here and summer has actually arrived. Looks like we have several aviation events coming up soon; Young Eagles Day, Kubick Aviation Open House and the Kubick Hamburger Social to name a few. Will graciously offered me a seat in his plane for the Johnson Field Pancake Breakfast and Chapter 850 meeting with the Sawyer Tower Controller. It was a very nice venue with lots of pilots and airplanes. It has been years since I've landed on a grass strip, what a riot. If you missed it, you really missed it. Thanks Will for the ride, and Scott for the offer. He was recovering from the flu, a bug running around my shop too that I had fortunately avoided.

We had some possible options for planes at our Ford Airport Day offered up by our board member David Pasahow. Unfortunately the Commemorative Airforce option fell through, and I have not heard back on the Ford Tri-Motor option out of headquarters. I assume that one will not materialize either. We had talked about getting a helicopter in from the Menominee area (I know there's one possible out of KSAW too) so maybe that is a route we should explore. Since we will be meeting on Saturday, if members have some other suggestions we can discuss then.

Speaking of Saturday, although I am excited about the Young Eagles Day and Kubick's event, I may end up out of town. Beth and I have had another Spruce Creek property opportunity come up and we may do another speed run to Florida. Weather doesn't look conducive to GA flying over that flight path until late in the week, and our only other "reasonable option", Allegiant Air, is a round trip for two from Appleton to Sanford FL (North Orlando) going out Thursday and coming back on Sunday (both of us for around \$600). We would rather wait a few years, but decent priced properties are a rarity on that airpark, especially Hangar homes.

Lancair progress has been decent, but not spectacular. Steve has been gone several weeks, I've got an expansion project in progress at the dealership, and I just completed an owner assisted annual (with a real lot of owner assistance, like probably over 40 hours). Chad did the actual inspection, and looked at it pretty hard, spending more hours on that part than I thought he would. He found a couple items I had missed (he's got one heck of a set of eyes) and my squawk list was pretty long. I expect to sell the Mooney in the next couple years, so we have been brutal on it the last 3-4 annuals. Next year when the Lancair is flying, I expect to overhaul the engine, so someone will be getting a pretty nice airplane when I finally sell it.

I hope this is the last newsletter submission I send Will while the Lancair is still in my home garage. If all goes well, we should be moving it to the airport by the end of the month. But then again, my optimism has always been on a different schedule than my real life so, that could change. My wings are almost complete down in Tennessee, getting final bodywork on the de-ice installation and modifying the winglets to match the new leading edge on the wing with the TKS panels installed. Steve and I installed the de-ice panels on the horizontal stabs and I have the bodywork on those almost complete. My latest project has been an intense fitting of the engine cowls, to the fuselage, to the prop, and general bodywork on the cowls themselves (not straight enough without a lot of work).

See you on Saturday if I don't go to Florida

Tom

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Some of our friends from Chapter 850 enjoying the breakfast of pancakes, sausages, coffee & juice. And those big cinnamon rolls.



Dean Honkala working the grill, keeping those pancakes coming.



Frank Rosado, Tower Chief at Sawyer, was our guest speaker. He provided some good information and answered questions. His bottom line - Don't be afraid to fly into Sawyer, the tower is friendly, helpful and won't bite you.

I did not take a head count at the meeting but there were 9 aircraft. I do know that it got warmer while we were there which made me thankful Linda had another event that morning. Tom Sullivan and I enjoyed our takeoff but it appears the trees at the end of the runway got closer and taller while we were there.

Thanks to our hosts!



## ***Passenger-Carrying Drone To Test Fly In Nevada***

EHang, a Chinese company developing a passenger-carrying drone, plans to conduct flight tests in Nevada in hopes of certifying its 184 Autonomous Aerial Vehicle. The battery-powered drone, which has undergone some flight testing in China, is designed to carry one person on a typical city commute, controlled by a remote online system. Preparations for EHang are underway with testing to begin sometime this year. EHang has already seen international success in the consumer-use market with its series of Ghostdrone quadcopters. (from Avweb)

### ***Drones are Here!***

Regardless of your feeling on drones, we all have to admit that they are here to stay. We have to learn to live with them in the airspace that we fly in. There was a good article in the June 6th online edition of AVwebflash titled “*Drone Avoidance: More Than Flying High*”. That article referenced a 3 page brochure titled “*Flight Safety in the Drone Age*” developed by the Permanent Editorial Board of the Aviator’s Model Code of Conduct (AMCC) initiative, an organization dedicated to providing tools for pilots that advance aviation safety and citizenship. I recommend everyone read this brochure. A PDF version can be found at <http://www.secureav.com/DroneAge-Brochure-v1.0.pdf>

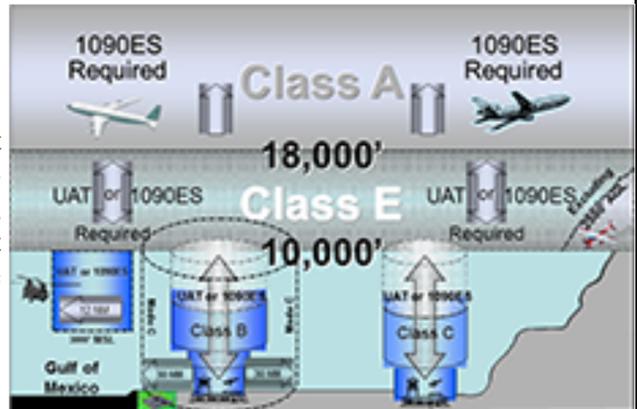
### ***FAA BETS ON MORE ADS-B INSTALLS WITH \$500 REBATE***

The FAA is betting that \$500 will spur more aircraft owners to equip with Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out technology in the next year. In an effort to increase the number of owners who equip prior to the Jan. 1, 2020 deadline, the agency is offering \$500 for the first 20,000 owners of single-engine piston aircraft when the program launches sometime this fall.

Who is eligible? Owners of single-engine, fixed-wing piston aircraft who install ADS-B Out equipment after the program becomes effective this fall.

Is there a limit to the rebate? The FAA is offering a single \$500 payment to each owner of an eligible aircraft. The rebates are limited to the first 20,000 owners who are eligible, or for a year from the program launch, whichever comes first.

How do I apply for a rebate? The FAA will have a dedicated rebate website that will launch sometime this fall. Once the installation is complete, the aircraft has to be flown and proper operation of the system has to be verified. Once all rebate requirements are met, the Aircraft Electronics Association will assist the FAA by processing the rebate checks and mailing them to recipients. More details are available at <http://www.faa.gov/NextGen/equipadsb/rebate/>. (from Aviation eBrief 6/7)



### ***EAA Sheet Metal Boot Camp***

The Sheet Metal Basics workshop is designed to help you discover that you really can build or restore your own airplane. Our goal is to present the basics of sheet metal applications and to give you a solid understanding of this method of construction.

We'll cover the basics of sheet metal application with step-by-step, hands-on projects. You'll learn:

- The complete step by step workflow to build your kit aircraft
- Metal and rivet identification and application
- Learn to lay out, drill, deburr, dimple, countersink, and drive rivets
- Construct an airfoil kit,
- Install an inspection door

Costs - \$349 EAA Members | \$314 SportAir Alumni | \$296 Group of 2 or more

For more info and dates go to: <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-sportair-workshops/ea-sportair-workshops-courses> and select Sheet Metal Basics & Boot Camp

To enroll go to: <http://go.eaa.org/q5US00pB20K0W03E0uV00B>

## Flying Events (within 200nm): (B) Breakfast (L) lunch (D) Dinner

Every Friday Fly-in (L) Iola, WI (68C) Noon, but get there early, \$10 for life time membership

Varying dates Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social Go to [www.wisconsinflying.com](http://www.wisconsinflying.com) or [www.wiflysocial.com](http://www.wiflysocial.com)

June 18	Fly-in (B)(L) Props & Pistons (Check NOTAMS for airspace closure times if you are going for lunch after Young Eagles)	Eagle River, WI (EGV)	8:00am - 4:00pm
June 18/19	Airshow (For more info go to <a href="http://wingsovernorthernmichigan.org">http://wingsovernorthernmichigan.org</a> )	Gaylord, MI (GLR)	9:00am - 4:00pm EDT
June 19	Fly-in (B) Cluckenfarten Fly-in Fly-in (B) Wings & Wheels (B)(L) Fly-in (B)	White Cloud, MI (42C) Wautoma, WI (Y50) Waupaca, WI (PCZ) Sheboygan Falls, WI (SBM) Palmyra, WI (88C)	7:00am - 11:00am EDT 10:00am until gone 7:00am - 11:45am 8:00am - 3:00pm 7:00am - 12:00pm
June 24-26	WPPA Fly-in (Wisconsin Powered Parachute Association)	New London, WI, Northport (38WI)	5:00am - 12:00pm
June 25	Airfest (For more info go to <a href="http://www.flybigrapids.com">http://www.flybigrapids.com</a> ) Fly-in (B) (L) Fly-n (B)(L) Airfest/Autorama Fly-in (B) for a buck	Big Rapids, MI, Roben-Hood Airport (RQB) Kalkaska, MI (Y89) Menomonie, WI (LUM) Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	7:00am - 2:00pm EDT 7:00am - 3:00pm EDT 8:00am - 11:00am (B) 7:30am - 11:00am \$1
June 26	Fly-in (B) Fly-in (B) Fly-in (B) Fly-in (L) BBQ	Rio, WI, Gilbert Field (94C) Eastport, MI Torchport (59M) turf 2600' Strum, WI Brion Field (3WN9) turf 2100' Holmen, WI Holland (36WI)	7:00am - 12:00pm \$6 8:00am - 12:00pm EDT 8:00am - 12:00pm 11:00am - 3:00pm \$8
July 2	Brat lunch fly-in (L) Fly-in (B) (L)	Houghton Lake, MI (5Y2) Rio Creek, WI Walter's (WI28) turf 1750'	10:00am - 4:00pm EDT 7:00am - 3:00pm
July 9	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Mancelona, MI Lakes of the North (4Y4)	8:00am EDT
July 10	Fly-in (B) pancakes Fly-in (B)	Two Harbors, MN (TWN) Middleton, WI (C29)	7:00am - 12:00pm 7:00am - 12:00pm
July 16	Fly-in (L) White fish boil	Washington Island, WI (2P2)	11:00am - 1:00pm
July 22-25	Great Air Clinic (B) (L) (see more info at <a href="http://ahcw.org/Files/AirClinicPoster.pdf">http://ahcw.org/Files/AirClinicPoster.pdf</a> )	Sheboygan Falls, WI (SBM)	8:00am - 5:00pm
July 16-17	Fly-in (B)(L)(D)	Shiocton, WI (W34) turf 2340'	7:00am - 8:00pm
July 23	Fly-in (L)	Neenah, WI, Brennand (79C)	9:00am - 4:00pm
July 24	Fly-in (B) pancakes	Wautoma, WI (Y50)	7:00am - 12:00pm
July 25-31	AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	All Day
Aug 6	Copper Props Fly-in	Calumet, MI Houghton Co (CMX)	10:00am - 2:00pm EDT
Aug 7	Airshow	Marquette, MI Sawyer (SAW)	8:00am - 4:00pm EDT

### ***EAA Chapter 1270 (Houghton County Airport - CMX) Breakfast & Young Eagle Event***

Our friends in Hancock have invited us to join them for breakfast and a Young Eagles event at their airport on Saturday August 6th from 10am - 2pm EDT. Plan now. More info later.

### ***AirVenture NOTAM Now Available***

Heading to AirVenture this July? Then be sure to get familiar with all of the arrival and departure procedures contained in the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM). You can download a copy at [www.eaa.org/en/airventure](http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure). Also be on the lookout for a schedule of the FAA safety forums at AirVenture — it will be available in the July/August 2016 issue of FAA Safety Briefing.

### ***Aircraft Registration Form Available Online***

The FAA has made the aircraft registration application form (Form 8050-1) available online ([www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/AC\\_8050-1\\_OMB\\_4-2017.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Form/AC_8050-1_OMB_4-2017.pdf)), alleviating the need for acquiring a paper copy from your local Flight Standards District Office. This change coincides with a recent policy clarification (effective May 1) that allows the Aircraft Registration Branch to accept printed duplicates of electronic documents that display legible, digital signatures that are filed in compliance with Parts 47 and 49 of the FAA Regulations. For more on this digital signature policy update, go to <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-09069>.

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