

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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Another lovely snowstorm rages outside my window as I write the MAY newsletter! Perhaps summer, if it ever arrives, will last though October this year. One can only hope. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 1st at 6:30** in the warm **Community Room** at **Two Harbors High School**.

LAST MEETING

The April meeting was canceled at the last minute due to inclement weather. What a shock! The Chapter Board met on the 17th to make up the date. I passed around an angry letter I had written about the County Commissioner's denial of airport funding. That letter will not be sent, it was deemed a little too angry. We reviewed changes to the chapter by-laws and Seth said he would make copies for the membership. Mike asked the broad question, "What do we want to do as a chapter?" Board members came up with many good suggestions including hands on demonstrations of techniques for building, maintaining and navigating aircraft. It was decided that the general membership could pick from a selection of "Hints for Homebuilders" videos and we could expand on the hint with live demos. We discussed meeting options for the summer months when the school is closed. Steve volunteered a meeting room at the electric Co-op if the weather was too nasty to meet in a hangar. Mike said he was working on a tour of the Commemorative Air Force hangar at Duluth and a tour of the Richard I. Bong museum. He suggested the chapter could pick up the admission as a return on dues paid by the members. Seth said the fly-in movie was on for August 9 but the hangar dance was dropped for now. The Heritage days parade participation and pancake breakfast were confirmed. Steve reported \$1943.49 in chapter coffers.

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Chapter 272 had another successful Young Eagles event on March 29. They continue to march forward with their 'Build-a-plane' project and have scheduled the weekend of May 16-18 for their Oshkosh work party. Meetings are the third Thursday at 7:00 in their hangar in Superior.

Chapter 1221 helped out with 272's Young Eagles day. The skis have finally come off their airplanes but the fly outs continue. They meet on the second Tuesday at 7:00 at Cloquet Airport.

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You may have heard that Lake County has slashed their support of airport maintenance by \$10,000. They would have denied the whole \$20,000 if not for a bunch of local pilots speaking at their meeting. The County Commissioners apparently don't realize the importance of the airport in the success of their county. With a huge portion of the county covered in forest the lack of support for our only base of operations for fire spotting and gypsy moth spraying seems very short sighted to me.

Before this latest snow the grass runway was dry and ready to go. As soon as this gunk melts we will check it again. I always use the grass when I can, easier on the tires.

.....Happy Landings!.....