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Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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It's a stargazer's dream at the lake tonight. The north woods suffers no light pollution so clear nights are mind boggling. When you understand how many of the 'stars' you see are actually galaxies containing billions of stars your sense of perspective is permanently altered. But don't worry, you're a very important mote of dust in the grand scheme of things. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 6**, at **6:30** in the cozy **Community Room** at **THHS**. We will be learning about the school's robotics program and 3D printers.

Last Meeting

The treasurer reported \$4471.19 in the bank then wrote checks for postage and the banner promoting our pancake breakfast and fly-in movie. We all signed a get well card for Bill Fieldson. Joe Thorne gave an excellent presentation about his adventures as an international aircraft delivery pilot. He developed a curiosity about the world from those pull down maps in elementary school so when he got the chance to fly an Aviat Husky across the pond he jumped at it and never looked back. With beautiful photographs and a sharp memory he took us to exotic destinations around the globe. I scribbled names like Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Croatia before I realized it would be easier to list the places he hasn't flown to. An amusing anecdote or cautionary tale accompanied each picture. We all learned something and enjoyed the ride. Mike reminded us about the upcoming tour of the Lake Superior College Aviation department and Dave said he was working on a chapter trip to Grand Marais.

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All three chapters were well represented at the LSC tour on March 11. Dan Traska led us through the cavernous ex-Air Force hangar at DLH. The college offers professional pilot, aircraft maintenance and airport management curricula. Clean, well organized classrooms and simulator areas surround the main hangar. The hangar itself is split in the middle with their training fleet on one side and the maintenance shop on the other. Our group of twenty-plus was impressed by the scope and ambition of the facility. I think we were all proud of this latest example of Duluth's growing aviation reputation.

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Spring is slowly creeping into our winter weary world and I'm itching to get airborne. The grass runway is free of snow and I expect it will be dry soon. I still have a few hours before TBO on Miss Chaos' motor so I will have some new flying stories for the next newsletter.

See you at the April meeting and.....

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