

EAA CHAPTER 1128
Two Harbors Helgeson Airprort
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Another lovely August evening at the lake but the western sky is getting dark. Who ordered rain? Our next meeting will happen on **Thursday, September 4th** in the **Community Room** at **Two Harbors High School** at **6:30**. The board will meet at 5:30 and all members are welcome.

LAST MEETING

Our August meeting was canceled so members could attend a meeting in Duluth to support Sky Harbor airport. At issue were actions to rectify the trees versus runway problem. A strong pro-airport turnout played a big role in the conversation.

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Speaking of three-for-one, chapter 272's president Bill Irving was the man who alerted us and chapter 1221 to the above mentioned meeting. Our chapters are small but working together can make big things happen.

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Our international convention is in the record books and the countdown for Oshkosh 2015 begins. The penultimate aviation celebration lived up to it's reputation causing elation, relaxation and mood elevation. Aerobats tumbled, the Osprey hovered and the Thunderbirds shrieked across the sky in a never ending display of pure magic. The night airshows and fireworks were just jaw-dropping cool and the family reunion atmosphere was heart warming. From dawn till eight at night the air throbbed with excitement and the vibrations reverberated through every soul. Voices were raised in celebration and song, no voices were raised in anger. For one week each year Oshkosh is a planet unto itself and until you experience it, you cannot comprehend it.

I love letting the experience wash through me and every moment is special but the most special of all is the moment Fifi lifts me above the cool Wisconsin grass into the cool Wisconsin air. Once again this year Fifi was the first aircraft to take wing from Beagle Field on the first day of the show. Being first off is only important because it's my statement to the world that this is a very big deal to me. Fifi and I together don't weigh as much as the paint on some airplanes further up the flightline but we are every bit as relevant. One man leaving the ground in a creation of his own hands is really where EAA started. Thank you Paul Poberezny.

It's not about showing off. At least not for me. It's about being part of the show, part of the energy, part of the overwhelming positive attitude that dominates this amazing place. I was inspired the first time I watched Beagle Field in action 25 years ago and my greatest hope is that Fifi and I can inspire another one, or ten, or a hundred young people to dream big and work to achieve that dream. It has certainly been worth it for me.

Fifi and I will be there again next year, will you?

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