

# EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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I kicked a bunch of snow off of my boots on the kitchen floor when I brought in the last armload of maple. That was half an hour ago and it's just now starting to melt. I bet you have an "I survived the polar vortex!" story too. Mike Shannon postponed his ski-fly-in chilli party but he will have plenty of time to reschedule before the ice gets soft. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** in the **Community Room at Two Harbors High School**. The chapter Board will meet at 5:30 if you want to come early, all are welcome.

## LAST MEETING

Mike welcomed a couple of guests from chapter 272 then went over a list of chapter activities and events for the coming year. The fly-in movie was a success last year and the hangar dance got a warm reception from the members. Bill Fieldson was recognized for his years of service as treasurer when Mike presented him with a fancy belt buckle and a custom money cake. When the applause for Bill died down Mike introduced the featured speaker for the night, Dave Matheny. Seth displayed images of Dave's fabulous art work as Dave told the story behind each one. It was very casual and intimate yet very informative and occasionally funny. After 120 articles and illustrations for EAA Sport Aviation he remains a nice Minnesota boy. My favorite comment came during a story about dead-stick landings when he opined, "Sometimes pilots will try to stretch their glide, glides don't stretch, they snap!" When he was out of stories we kept him on his feet for questions and received thoughtful answers. I got a chance to talk with Dave's wife Jean after the meeting was adjourned and she was very sweet too. Bill's cake disappeared in minutes because our caring membership didn't want him to take too much sugar home. (Ain't we sweet!)

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Chapter 1221 president Mike Hongisto is training for a first officer spot with regional carrier Air Wisconsin. Congratulations Mike! Of course he is still organizing the weekend fly outs those Cloquet guys love.

Chapter 272 had another great dinner party at Blackwoods in Proctor. They had a special February meeting planned at the National Weather Service which had to be canceled because of (what else?) bad weather.

## ETC.

President Mike Busch has penned another "From the Cockpit" letter and I will pass it along. Let me leave you with this thought, in weather like this a hot air balloon would ascend if it's air temperature was above zero. A Cold Air balloon! Ya gotta love Minnesota.

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

