

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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Another warm January evening at the lake and the wood stove is in low gear. Those of you with cabin heat will see some good flying weather this week. Our next meeting will happen on **Thursday, February 1st** at the **Two Harbors High School Community Room**. The board will convene at 6:00 with the general meeting starting at **6:30**.

Last Meeting

Our January meeting featured a presentation from Lt. Col Robert Troy of the 148th fighter wing of the Air National Guard. Besides several versions of the F-16 Col. Troy, call sign 'Uno' has logged time in the T-37, T-38, AT-38 and flew 4 tours of duty in the middle east. He also serves as First Officer in the Boeing 757/767 for United Airlines. His program covered all the missions and procedures of the fighter wing in order to help us understand how to safely integrate our little flying machines into their world. He was friendly and knowledgeable and answered several questions from our group.

Mike collected signatures on a card for Steve whose mom had just passed. Then he collected a bunch of chapter dues and reported \$3213.37 in our coffers. This was nearly two grand less than the last report so we discussed our big loss at the Christmas Symposium. Several ideas were presented and Tom Betts from chapter 272 contributed his chapter's experience with these events. Mike said he will be passing out Chapter Service Awards at our Feb meeting. Mike Shannon told us his Rotax 912 is at LEAF for a service instruction update. He also invited us for his annual chili feed but I just now heard it will be canceled this year due to illness in his family.

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Chapter 272 will enjoy their annual banquet this weekend.

Chapter 1221 is probably zooming happily around in their many ski equipped aircraft.

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A little war story: For the last year and a half insurgents in my right knee have been lobbing mortars of pain into my brain. Negotiations failed so I called in an air strike. Literally surgical in nature the attack successfully eliminated all the bad guys but collateral damage was greater than I had anticipated. Apparently when they chop out huge chunks of bone and replace them with titanium, pain ensues! Who knew? Anyway I'll be moving slowly for a while but I expect to be climbing in and out of cockpits before summer. I hope you are too.

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