

From The Cockpit

Season's greetings! And welcome (almost) to 2014!

2013 was a busy and productive year for our chapter and it is already looking like we will be doing lots of fun and interesting aviation things in 2014. My many thanks to all of you for participating in our activities, for volunteering and offering your time to come out to support the chapter in so many different ways. It simply would not happen without you!

In a few days Engine will be sending "dues bills" to everyone who is associated with our chapter, as a reminder to get those dues sent in! Membership dues are one of our largest single "fund raising events" of the year, which give us the means to operate the chapter. As efficient as we are, we still have overhead items which need to be covered every year. By collecting dues at the very beginning of the year, it helps us plan and budget our chapter activities more efficiently.

I want to thank everyone for participating in our November chapter elections! These are an important step to keeping the chapter organized and the leadership fresh (and humble). We enjoyed a great slate of officers and representatives last year and we are all looking forward to serving in 2014.

With one notable exception! Sadly, Ron Blum will be leaving our area to return to Wichita, KS and has to resign his new post as treasurer. This means that we will have to hold another election for the office of treasurer. The whole process of nominating candidates AND voting will take place at our first chapter meeting of the year: Thursday January 2, 2014 at the Two Harbors High School. Prior to the nominating activity, I will review the treasurers' job description and responsibilities with the chapter so that potential treasurer candidates will have a better understanding of what the job entails and what is expected. Thank you for your patience!

Meantime, please be safe and have a wonderful holiday season! See you next year!