

From The Cockpit

President Mike Busch

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new chapter members! We have enjoyed spectacular growth over the past 18 months, boasting some 28 members now and many more "regular" guests. Thanks to each and every one of you and our many guests for your help and support!

We introduced "aviation" to the Two Harbors High School students via a great field trip to Cirrus Aircraft, the Duluth Air Traffic Control Tower, Lake Superior College's flight simulators and aircraft, a chapter Bar B Q (with an RC model airplane air show!), a very successful pancake breakfast, a movie night, a hugely successful Heritage Day parade (with chapter float featuring "FiFi" the wonder Kolb) Lots of members helping spruce up the airport, weed-eating, fencing, re-fencing, cleaning windows, dusting the AD building and so on. PLUS we have seen a lot of new faces at our Two Harbors Municipal Airport lately visiting our various projects and activities. We've also seen the concept of collaboration with the Superior/Duluth and Cloquet EAA chapters come to life by supporting each other's activities and helping to carry the work load that each chapter has; "Engine" calls it the 3-4-1 program. Hibbing may be next, folks, so maybe we'll have to call it the 4-4-1 program?

We were busy at Oshkosh this year, too, setting up and manning the City of Two Harbors booth for a week, promoting our airport, the city as a travel destination and economic development. Next week 1128 will be supporting the Jeff Skiles visit and the Ford Tri-Motor grass roots tour in Superior, WI. And we will be hosting the Annual "Fall Colors Tour" later this year. What's next?

Each of you should have received a Chapter survey, or questionnaire by now, which I hope you have had time to review and fill in (don't forget to mail it in!!). It is really important to learn what kinds of activities YOU would like to see YOUR chapter doing and the skills and talents you would like to share with our members, so don't be shy! Keep those cards and letters pouring in!

All of this activity comes at a price and *I am not talking money!* PEOPLE are what we need to help carry the huge work load our chapter activities generate. ALL of our events require helping hands; even simple refreshments for our meetings or moving tables and chairs are a job which has to be taken on by chapter volunteers. *Just like Air Venture, we can't function without YOU!* Now that there are more of us, please pitch in.

November will be chapter elections month, so if you think that you might want to run for an office, or take on one of the many other positions opening up please let one of the officers know (*preferably before November!*) so that we can set it up. Some of our members have been doing most of the volunteering and "hands on" work for a LONG time and could use a rest – give 'em a break by offering your services for a term.

This month we'll be meeting at the Two Harbors High School Community Room, so bring a friend – we'll have the room!!