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It's chilly at the lake tonight. Sixteen below so far, 23 below last night. The atmosphere is so dense your propeller really is an air screw. Notice I said "your propeller", mine will be staying in the hangar thank you. Our January meeting will host Lt. Col. Robert Troy, chief of safety for the 148th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard. I'm sure it will be an interesting evening. Please join us on **Thursday, January 4th at 6:30** in the cozy **Community Room** at **Two Harbors High School**.

Christmas Symposium

We had a lovely evening of fine food and fellowship at the Edgewater Grille. Everyone got a present and Mike gave a spirited overview of the Chapter's activities for the year. My new song didn't get any boos so I consider that a win. I wish more of you could have attended.

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Chapter 272 will be having it's Banquet at Blackwoods in Proctor on January 27th. Ask Tom Betts about his new borescope cell phone attachment.

Chapter 1221 has a new president. Pete Berg will take over from Michael Hongisto who is deep into his airline career. Thanks for your service Mike.

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The earth has made another trip around her yellow sun and as the year winds down we naturally look back in reflection. Several milestones were accomplished by our members and although I can't recall them all I can suggest some for your fireside musings. Mike Shannon realized a long held dream by putting his pretty Rans S-7 on floats and flying it home. Brian Hubbard brought his dream Champ home to Helgeson and wedged it into hangar 23 beside Steve's Tailwind which ran for the first time in years. Jake Hayes saw his Carbon Cub featured in Kitplanes magazine and his dad Jim flew the wings off of his Cherokee as usual. Seth engineered the most successful fly-in movie ever and was a driving force in all of our events. Bud secured his place in the one-tenth-of-one-percent exclusive club by earning his private pilot certificate. No small feat. Dave got a new engine in his Cessna 182 floatplane and flew his Deuce all over the place. Recently I've seen him flying over my place a lot and Mike Busch just told me why: They have been on moose patrol, watching and photographing as many as eleven of the prehistoric behemoths in the forest just north of here. That's a rare sight and one only possible from the air. Mike's extraordinary skills were tapped by HQ to participate in building the Lockwood Air Cam and he has accepted an invitation to aid in maintenance and restoration of some of their rare warbirds. Fifi lifted me above the crowds every day at Oshkosh this year and kept me aerated while Miss Chaos was getting a fully rebuilt and newly electrified engine.

Just by these few examples you can tell it was a good year and I know more milestones will be reached by our clever and determined members on the next trip around the sun. Maybe you?

.....Happy New Year and Happy Landings!.....