

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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I'm having Oshkosh withdrawal pangs. Ten days of living in the middle of the greatest show on earth can spoil a fellow. It is beautiful at the lake tonight though, full moon and warm temps. I guess I can't complain. Our next meeting will be at the airport before the fly-in movie. The movie starts at 8:30 so if we assemble around 7:30 we can help set up the screen and chat chapter business at the same time. This is always a fun event so bring a lawn chair and some bug dope.

Last Meeting

The pancake breakfast was a smashing success despite poor flying conditions. The people from town came in waves and our hardy crew accommodated them all in style. All those who helped should be proud of a job well done.

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Chapter 1221 is quartered at the Cloquet airport and they fly a lot.

Chapter 272 is located at the Bong field in Superior. They are one of the most active Young Eagles chapters in the country. Both of these groups are full of really nice people who are fluent in aviationese. Seek them out.

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Best Oshkosh ever! Aside from a nasty gust front at dawn on the first Saturday the weather was perfect. Every sunrise saw clear skies and the breeze kept the heat at bay. Fifi flew every day and allowed me to come along. The sky was constantly buzzing with air traffic of every stripe from skydivers to zeppelins. Okay, *a* zeppelin. My favorite thing is the reunion with my Oshkosh family, the people I have met here over the years are all characters worthy of a novel. As different as their stories may be they share one shining quality: they're just damn nice people. The John Moody Campground is our little neighborhood in the vast city of Airventure Oshkosh and we have a real sense of community. We share the excitement, we share meals and we savor every moment. This year I focused on flying so I missed some late night talks but there is something magical about sunrise on an airfield. There was a nasty crosswind on our little strip every day so landings were studied for flaws with glee from the peanut gallery. I'm happy to report, flaws were rare and flops were nonexistent. These ultralight pilots are a sharp bunch. I believe that is because we are so fully involved with every nuance of wind on wing that a sudden gust is just another feeling to deal with. Traffic was brisk every day but courtesy was habit and safety was paramount. Thousands of operations took place on Beagle field and nobody even bent a tube. Best Oshkosh ever! Okay, I say that every year but this year I mean it. I will attempt to organize my notes and tell you the whole story when time allows.

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