

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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It's a lovely evening at the lake, summer-ish. Last night I had to light the woodstove to keep warm. It was 41 degrees outside! Climate change is a much more accurate term than global warming, at least in my world. Hot or cold, rain or shine the biggest event of our year will happen in just a few days. The **EAA Chapter 1128 Fly-in, Drive-in Pancake Breakfast** will happen on **July 9th** at our favorite airport. We will need everyone's help to make this a success so our **July Meeting** on **Thursday, the 6th at 6:30** will be our pre-flight inspection. We'll meet in the Admin building just to make sure we are all ready to launch.

Last Meeting

Our June get together was the Open Hangar BBQ. The weather was great, the food was delicious and the company was delightful. Only three airplanes flew in but the tables were full and we went through a lot of good grub. As a dress rehearsal for the pancake breakfast it was well done.

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Chapter 272 had to postpone a big Young Eagles rally due to nasty weather. I'm sure they will accomplish it soon. Their continued efforts certainly bode well for the future of aviation.

Chapter 1221 has changed their meetings for the season. They will meet in hangar 1221 at Cloquet on the second Sunday of each summer month.

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I stopped at the airport after work on Monday and saw crosswinds reporting at 9 to 18 knots on the AWOS computer. That is beyond my comfort zone but after washing the work grime off my hands I checked again and saw 6 knots displayed. It seemed like a gift so I pulled out Miss Chaos for a ride. Through the pre-flight, start up and taxi calm prevailed but as soon as we left the ground the gift was revoked. It was all I could do to keep the blue sky in the top half of the wind screen. I rode out a rough climb to see if altitude might help but it just got worse. The third time my head hit the canopy I jerked the power and pointed her down. Thanks to my girl's snappy handling the landing was acceptable but she didn't stop dancing until I got her back in the hangar. The obvious lesson here is that weather is a constantly fluid medium and one quick glance at the computer doesn't always tell the whole story. Oh well, it was a very interesting 3 tenths of an hour.

If you can't make it to the meeting on Thursday please know that we will be setting up tables and grills on **Saturday, July 8 at 9:00** and we need your help. Tell everyone you know that the best pancakes in the world will be served on **Sunday** starting at **7:00**.

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