

# **EAA CHAPTER 1128**

## **Two Harbors Helgeson Airport**

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Ah summer! Flying season is in full swing and Oshkosh is just around the corner. Celebrate! Our next meeting will happen on a Saturday morning at the airport. We will be setting up tables, chairs and grills for the famous Heritage Days Pancake Breakfast Fly-in Drive-in extravaganza. Come out at **9:00 am July 11** and lend a hand. Many hands make light work. If you absolutely can't make it be sure to show up on **Sunday** to participate in the big event.

### **LAST MEETING**

Our June get together was a treat even though the weather didn't cooperate. We invited all our aviation brethren to dinner in Hangar 8 and we had a good turnout. Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and beans were consumed by nearly 40 happy souls and hangar flying was the desert. Dave Smith taxied his Bakeng Deuce over so we would have an airplane to look at.

A couple of days later the Chapter Board had a meeting to plan a Young Eagles event. The objective was to create an experience for the kids with more than just an airplane ride. Enlisting local teachers to prep interested youth and make a real learning moment is the goal. Many interesting strategies were discussed. We are looking at an as yet unset date this fall.

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It was great to see members of 272 and 1221 supporting our June burger bash. We should try to return the favor when we can.

### **ETC.**

Airventure Oshkosh will happen a little early this year starting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Fifi and I will be there on the 17<sup>th</sup> to catch the arrivals. Always a showcase of rare and exotic aircraft this year may be the best ever. On the military side the legendary B-52 will make her first appearance and both the futuristic F-35 and F-22 will amaze us with mind bending aerial feats. The Pitts Special will celebrate an anniversary so there will be a load of those tiny tumblers. The legendary Howard DGA will be well represented in the vintage area and Fifi will rub elbows with the electric powered future of very light flying down on the Farm. There will be great programs, fabulous music and fireworks to boot. If you aren't going you are going to miss out on the best airshow anywhere on the planet and it's just one small state away. See you there.

Here is my version of a quote I saw recently: There was a time in human history when people could fly and yet some chose not to. Can you believe it? Oh yeah, that time is now!

I enjoy watching anything that flies and in the summer I am constantly watching the sky in amazement. Dragonflies and hummingbirds will make you question the laws of physics and lately there has been a night airshow in my yard. The fireflies are out in force. Imagine a galaxy of little green stars blinking on and off and floating around the local cosmos. It makes me proud that Fifi's model designation is Kolb Firefly.

Keep looking up and .....Happy Landings!.....