

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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Spring has fully arrived at the lake. This morning two huge Honkers stood guard in my yard over two tiny yellow and brown fuzzballs picking at the wet grass. Thirty feet off shore the resident loons surfaced on their morning rounds. Hummingbirds performed amazing aerobatics fighting for air superiority at the feeder. Avian overload? No, just a spring day at the lake.

There should be some good birdwatching at our next meeting as well. **Thursday, June 2** we will be hosting our **Open The Hangar BBQ** starting at **5:00 pm**. All hangar tenants have been invited and this is an official invitation to our sister chapters 272 and 1221. Food will be provide by the chapter and any kind donations. Bring your appetite and a thirst for hangar flying fellowship.

Last Meeting

The treasurer reported \$4023.88 in chapter coffers. We watched the EAA Video with Jack Pelton discussing 3rd class medical reform and a “Hints for Homebuilders” segment about bending plexiglass. Mike sent in a video called “The man who rode thunder” about an F8 pilot forced to bail out at 50,000 feet and 500 knots in a thunderstorm. Talk about a tough day at the office! The video about rescue dogs flying a Skyhawk made some of us question our credentials. We discussed the two upcoming Young Eagles events hosted by Cirrus as well as the 75 plus THHS 6th grade students who will visit us at the airport on June 6th. Dan and Bud reported that they had obtained and assembled the shelves for our pancake breakfast supplies. We approved funding for a large sign promoting our pancake breakfast and the August Fly-in movie. Seth volunteered to make it happen. We went over the June BBQ and adjourned into a warm evening.

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Chapter 1221 meets on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm at the Cloquet Airport. They are working out their busy summer schedule of fun fly-outs.

Chapter 272 flew about 50 kids during the first of two Young Eagles events at Cirrus. They meet on the third Thursday in their swanky hangar at Bong Airfield in Superior.

Etc.

The man who started it all has flown west. Richard B. Helgeson had ninety years on this planet and spent nearly half of those years dedicated to the airport that bears his name. A kind and gentle friend, he was also a force to be reckoned with and without his strength and resolve our happy little aerie never would have happened. We see his touch in every detail so we don't need the sign out front to tell us this is Dick's airport. Let's do our best to keep it nice and keep it going to honor his legacy.

We are into the best flying weather of the year so I suggest, if you have wings, it's time to use them and if you don't yet, it's time to earn them!

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

