

# **EAA CHAPTER 1128**

## **Two Harbors Helgeson Airport**

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The calendar says it's Spring! The view out my window says Winter. If March came in like a lamb, she is going out like a polar bear! The important words in that sentence are 'going out'. Our **April** meeting will be on **Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30. You will notice it is not the first Thursday of the month as usual. The where will be different as well. We will meet in the boardroom of **Cooperative Light and Power** just down hiway #2 from the school.

### **LAST MEETING**

The board convened a meeting at 6:00 and discussed future programs for chapter meetings. The treasurer reported \$3132.53 in the coffers. Seth said the Fly-in Movie is set for Friday, August 7 with Saturday as a rain date. He also told us Bill Irving is revamping chapter 272's website with links to videos and other new features. Mike Shannon said his chili feed fly-in became a drive-in due to weather but they had a great turnout anyway. I passed around pictures of an early chapter fly-in that Barb Anderson had sent me. We sent them home with Bill for Bonnie's album.

To open the chapter meeting Mike introduced Colonels DeWayne Tomasek and Tom Wilk of the Commemorative Air Force Duluth Wing. DeWayne said the CAF began in 1974 and his unit, Lake Superior Squadron 101 formed in 1998. He showed slides of the two PBY Catalinas they are carefully crafting into one restored airplane. It's a huge job! He also showed slides of the Museum full of unique and rare military memorabilia the Squadron operates at Duluth International. The Colonels brought a nice sample of those artifacts with them and they were closely examined. Authentic uniforms and cases full of service medals were fascinating to study. The copy of the legal document signed to end World War II was one of a kind. DeWayne said when he acquired it Col. Paul Tibbets was at the same show and graciously consented to sign it. I could just feel the history through the frame. Both gentlemen answered our questions with patience and good humor long after the meeting ended. The Museum is open Saturdays from 10:00 til 2:00 and they will be having an open house on Saturday June 6.

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Chapter 1221 recently celebrated their birthday with a fly-in party. They will also be flying Young Eagles from the Duluth Aviation Institute's school program and are looking for volunteers on a Saturday in May. If you can help email their chapter president at [hongistomichael@gmail.com](mailto:hongistomichael@gmail.com).

Chapter 272 is still working with kids to rebuild an Aeronca Sedan and they could use some help too. Please consider volunteering, these are very worthwhile projects and working with young people is always rewarding.

### **ETC.**

I took advantage of the warm weather earlier this month and put Miss Chaos through her paces. She never fails to delight and nothing blows away cabin fever like leaving the planet for a while.

Mike Busch is 98 percent done with the Rocket but that last 2 percent is a bugger!

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