

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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Well, winter has arrived here at the lake. The rink is shoveled and the ski trails groomed. It's hard to believe I flew without gloves and landed on the grass just one week ago. Our December meeting will be but one part of the festivities at the **2013 Christmas Symposium on Friday, December 7th** in the basement of the **Two Harbors American Legion**. The social hour starts at 5:00 and our meeting should happen about **5:30**. There will be door prizes, a raffle, a distinguished speaker and some musical entertainment to go along with the delicious dinner. Dick has been organizing these celebrations for decades and they are a high point of the year. Any friend of the airport is welcome so don't miss it!

LAST MEETING

I was unable to secure the coffee maker so the meeting lacked that lovely aroma. Seth showed the terrific Youtube video called "Dead stick takeoff!" to an appreciative audience. Mike reported on the Community Education Award Ceremony where our student outreach initiative received an award. He gave a short speech to the assembled educators. Mike also mentioned that Rod Hightower, pres and CEO of EAA for only two years, stepped down and maybe now would be a good time to communicate any issues you may have with HQ. Seth used the big screen to show how to join EAA on line. He also ran a short clip on 'U' control model aeronautics. Bill reported \$1041.05 in chapter coffers and received dues from at least one member. (December is dues month). Seth said the new chapter hats will be available at the Christmas party for \$15 then ran a charming movie called "Barnstormers". The true story of a chance encounter between a farm family and some wayward pilots that grew into a yearly airshow was just delightful. Ron brought in some clever Halloween treats. Airplanes, helicopters and parachutes crafted from sweets lined up on a mini runway. I filled my pockets.

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Chapter 272 is hosting an FAA Safety Seminar at their hangar on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. Our chapter and chapter 1221 are co-sponsors. This will be a very informative briefing presented by a safety expert so make a point of attending. The 272 annual dinner party will be held at the Proctor Blackwoods restaurant on January 19th. If you plan on going contact Bill at 218 461 9272.

Chapter 1221 is having their Christmas party at the Proctor Blackwoods on Tuesday, December 11th. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. If you would like to participate email their president at hongistomichael@gmail.com and let him know.

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Master procrastinator that I am I have come up with one excuse after another to not write this year's Oshkosh report. Now that I am off work for the season and flying opportunities are few and far between I will get started, promise!

Our exalted grand pooh-bah and chapter president Mike Busch has written another 'From the cockpit' letter to you. Since my computer skills are somewhat south of 'Luddite' I will attempt to forward it to all email subscribers. See you Friday.....Happy Landings!.....