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Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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It's a beautiful night at the lake tonight, it looks like a picture postcard with all the frosting on the trees. Winter has finally descended on the northland and I'm glad my girls have hangars to sleep away the season. Our first meeting of 2016 will be on **Thursday, January 7 at 6:30**. The cozy **Community Room at THHS** will be the venue.

Last Meeting

The Christmas Party was an unqualified success by all the comments I have heard. The room was spacious and comfortable, the food was excellent and the company was outstanding. I was thrilled to see several friends from the other two local chapters and some folks from even farther afield. Mike acquired so many door prizes that we ran out of tickets before we gave them all away. His musical story telling talents were the hit of the evening. He even had the crowd singing along. Conversations at the tables were happy and animated and everyone had pictures of their airplanes on cell phones. I hope we can repeat this wonderful celebration for many Christmases to come.

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Chapter 272's winter banquet will be at the Proctor Blackwoods on January 23. Let Tom Betts know if you would like to attend.

Chapter 1221 hosted a birthday lunch for two of their members at their hangar in December. Their meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00.

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The Airport Commission and some chapter members are working on a plan to expand the arrivals building and pilot lounge. If these plans come to fruition we could have our meetings back at the airport again. That would be cool but no matter how valid the concept we still have to talk the City into writing a check so be cautiously optimistic.

Home building slows down in the winter months but it never stops. The last time I talked to Jake he was finishing up the wiring on his Carbon Cub and his to do list for completion is getting short. Mike had to remove several interior panels to replace an ELT connection. If he was getting paid AP wages for working on that airplane he would be a millionaire. Steve is making steady progress on the Tailwind. He is rapidly becoming a spray gun ace by dint of repetition and there are many coats yet to go. Considering that every day from here to June gets a little longer it's a good idea to be looking ahead and preparing for a glorious new flying season.

I have numbered each newsletter since I started and this is #240. Let me do the math, once a month for 20 years equals 240. It has been my pleasure to serve you, I'm up for 20 more.

I have a new email address and I'm such an uneducated computer user I can't figure out how to email my whole contact list but at least I can give it to you. It is engine@lakeconnections.net.

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