

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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Well, the rain has finally stopped, at least temporarily. The lake is calm but it's a lot closer to the house than ever before. Fun flying weather has been in short supply but I think that's about to change.

I have some important dates for you so grab your calendar or whichever digital device serves as a calendar in your world. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, July 5th, 6:30 pm** in the pilot's lounge. The very next day, **Friday, July 6th, at 9:00 am** we will meet to set up tables and grills for our big fly-in. On **Sunday, July 8th at 7:00 am** we will begin serving pancakes to the masses. We need everyone's help to make this work. The Heritage Days fly-in is a long standing tradition and it is our airport's premier event. With your help we can make this one the best ever.

LAST MEETING

Our June meeting was a big hit. We invited all the hangar tenants to dinner and had a great turnout. The weather was perfect and the food was good. I saw lots of new faces and a pair of Bills even flew in from Superior, (Irving and Amorde). Dave Hildre gave an amazing airshow with his radio control air force and the chapter got some new members. Mike and Seth put in a lot of time on this and they deserve our thanks.

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Chapter 272 continued their commitment to the Young Eagles program flying ten students from Harbor City High School and at least twenty five Boy Scouts in June. This chapter has introduced more young people to the joys of aviation than almost any other organization on the planet. Way to go, guys!

Chapter 1221 had another of their exciting Saturday fly-outs to Moose Lake for breakfast. Those guys sure do a lot of fun flying.

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Our chapter members have put in some time weed whacking around the airport but the weeds are still winning. We want our airport to look spiffy for the big fly-in so please donate an hour or so to the cause. Just drop in on Dick any morning and he will set you up. The camping area over by Bogus Brook has two new concrete slabs. Installed on one is the memorial bench for our long time president, Dan Anderson donated by his family. The other supports a new picnic table.

I gave you three important dates at the top of this letter and here are two more: **July 23-29, Airventure Oshkosh 2012**. I can't imagine how anyone with an interest in aviation could justify missing the biggest show on earth so don't make an excuse, make travel plans. **August 28**, Jeff Skiles brings the EAA Grass roots tour to Chapter 272's hangar in Superior. If Jeff's name doesn't ring a bell, think "Sully's First Officer". This will be very interesting and all members of our three local chapters are invited, bring a friend.

There are many hurdles to overcome to earn pilot credentials. To an aspiring student aviation can seem like a secret society with its own language and arcane regulations. Good information is hard

to come by. To address this situation our Vice-pres and web master Seth McDonald has assembled a list of flight instructors and examiners in the local area. He has posted it on our website at www.1128.eaachapter.org/flightinstruction.htm. For those of you, like me, who believe computers were invented by psychiatrists to drive people crazy, the list will also be posted on the airport bulletin board. In plain English. Please check it out, make a phone call, you might be surprised how easy our secret handshake is to learn.

I stop by the Helgeson International Airpatch every time I go to town. Sometimes my reward is just a quiet moment in a beautiful setting to collect my thoughts but other times the activity is amazing. After work today as I chatted with Mike at the Rocket Hangar a Hughes 300 helicopter beat the air into submission for a stop at the fuel station and minutes later a Citation business jet rolled its million dollar wheels onto runway 24 with a very attractive young woman in the chrome and leather cabin. You never know what you're going to see at our fabulous facility but you won't see anything if you don't swing by once in a while.

To promote the airport and the pancake fly-in Fifi will appear in the Heritage Days parade on Saturday, July 7th in beautiful downtown Two Harbors. My little girl has always been a beauty queen but she has never ridden a parade float before. I bet the kids will dig her, probably some adults too.

Speaking of Fifi, she made an appearance at our last meeting and wowed the crowd. After the hangar was cleaned and most of the guests were gone she seduced me into her loving embrace and we ran away together. The sunlight was fading but the air was as smooth as butter as we danced through the sky. She showed her bottom to the few remaining folks on the ground and I had an epiphany. I was Gulliver, striding across the land in my seven league boots. Careful not to step on the tiny people below I cast my gaze to the far horizon and drank in the cool evening air. The world was mine! Taller than the trees, stronger than the seas, I felt at ease and in control. Fifi gave herself to my every whim and love bloomed. When I wanted to be taller, Fifi lifted me and when I wanted to be closer to the earth she eased me down. My wish was her command, two became one, time stopped.

The shadows were long when we finally retired to the ground and I reluctantly relinquished my magic boots. We said our good nights with no regrets secure in the knowledge that there were more worlds to conquer, more adventures to live, more love to share and together we could do it all.

Clearly, I'm living in a dream but this is not an exclusive dream. It is available to anyone with the desire, ambition and courage to seek it out. I'm a fellow of average abilities and very modest means, if I can do it, anyone can. Come join us in the dream.

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