

# EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

[www.1128.eaachapter.org](http://www.1128.eaachapter.org)

It's a beautiful night at the lake, calm waters, warm air, happy camper. Its hard to believe I'm writing about the October meeting. Said meeting will convene on **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the **Community Room** at **Two Harbors High School** at **6:30**. As usual a board meeting will start at 5:30 and all members are welcome.

## LAST MEETING

The Board discussed the pancake breakfast which netted the chapter \$1073 and hundreds of contented smiles. Potential changes for next year included the addition of decaf coffee and relocation of other drinks to the end of the buffet line. We also adjusted the amount of batter to order and decided Saturday would be a better set up day. The fly-in movie saw a smaller turn out than last year despite a full moon and perfect temps. We decided to try it one more year to see if it will catch on. Meeting dates for January and April of 2015 were changed to accommodate availability of the community room. Those meetings will move to the second Thursday and I will remind you when the time comes.

Seth screened a video while the membership assembled for the main meeting. Somewhere in England a rolling runway challenges transport pilots with howling crosswinds and we witnessed some harrowing approaches. Mike called us to order and Steve reported \$2900 in chapter coffers. Mike also reminded us of the upcoming Supercub.org fall color tour and updated us on the Sky Harbor tree situation. The FAA comment period on the hangar usage policy was discussed and Mike reminded us that every comment from the pilot population is important. He passed around thank you notes from Mark Marino and Sandra Ettestad for our help with the Duluth Aviation Institute's graduation flights. An article about bad behavior on Aventure Oshkosh arrivals was presented for perusal and a memoir by Charles Furdon called Runway Dust was offered for borrowing.

Mike then gave the floor to Jim Nelson from chapter 272. Jim told us about the Aeronca Sedan project his chapter has undertaken to get kids involved in the build/restore process. He said they were teaming with the local Boy Scout organization because EAA does not sanction such activities. What? He asked for volunteers to help mentor the young dreamers after chapter 272s coming pancake breakfast and Young Eagle event. We were also invited to the annual fall fly-in at Chauncey Nelson Memorial Field (Jim's back yard) two weeks hence. Jim's father, Chauncey "Speed" Nelson was a B-17 pilot in WWII and a true member of the greatest generation. Jim's sister Barbara G. Sommerville wrote a book about their dad and the few copies Jim brought along were snapped right up. (Great book, you should buy one!)

Local homebuilding news included Will's Aerostar project finally taking to the sky, Jake's Carbon Cub painted and ready for engine installation and Mike's Rocket waiting for mags but otherwise ready to run. Bob and Bill said the Pietenpol needs a little more time. Mike Shannon said the Lark of Duluth took a Merit Award home from Oshkosh instead of a gold Lindy because it didn't fly at or to the Convention. It certainly won the 'dead grass' award, there was a crowd around it all week. It will fly again soon though with a more conventional control scheme than the original.

Videos rounding out the meeting included an interview with Mark Marino about the Lark, a long, loving peek at Mike Busch's Long EZ 626M and an Oshkosh landing by Fifi and I shot by Matt Ferrari.

Mike Busch has penned another "From The Cockpit" letter so I will skip my editorial this month to keep this missive two pages. ....Happy Landings!.....