

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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We seem to be between monsoons tonight which is good because my dock is completely underwater. I know, everybody gripes about the weather but nobody ever does anything about it. Our next meeting will be in the cozy **Community Room** at **THHS** on **Thursday, October 5** at **6:30**.

Last Meeting

Our last BBQ meeting of 2023 saw cool and drizzly weather so Dave made a pot of coffee. The burger patties were still frozen into a solid block so Seth just tossed the whole thing on the grill. The result was good eating with some very rich cake for dessert. Mike had invited two air traffic controllers from the Duluth tower. Jason Leech and Duane Klemetsen shared stories and some good advice from years of experience. They have amazing technologies at their disposal and they are really wired in to what's happening in the skies all around our area. They are always in contact with Minneapolis Center as well so their responsibilities cover a lot of airspace. Jason did the lion's share of the presentation with a voice that is perfectly suited to the job, clear and commanding. They both answered all questions we had and it was an enjoyable and informative evening.

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Chapter 272's Aeronca Sedan project continues to provide mentorship for local kids and is a benefit for their whole chapter. Chapter 1221 had a "pot-luck" meeting this month. Regular meetings happen on the second Sunday of each month at the EAA hangar at Cloquet.

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Elections are coming for chapter officers and I hope you will consider stepping up. We have had a comfortable group of leaders for a long time but comfort is the enemy of progress. None of these posts is a huge time commitment but they can be hugely rewarding.

Mike's F1 Rocket is looking band new and shiny as a diamond, wear shades when you visit. Bud's Sonex is keeping him happily busy and getting better every day. Dave and Carmen flew down to Iowa for a Cessna 140 gathering and Dave won the short take-off contest. Scott has been putting a lot of time on his C150, mostly interstate travel. Joe has been busy flying professionally when not stymied by airport snafus.

Rooby has undergone heart surgery and will be out of the recovery room shortly. After a month of frustration I finally decided to replace the most likely source of her starting problem. The price of the part was hard to take but not as hard as the work to install it. The little Rotax had to come all the way off the airplane which meant all the hoses and cables and wires had to come off too. With able help from Dave Smith the surgery went well and I just re-hung the motor today. I'm being cautiously optimistic but hopefully you will see her shapely red presence overhead soon. Keep looking up and,

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