

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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The lake is finally covered with ice after a week of indecision. With several freeze/thaw cycles there won't be any decent skating ice this year. Our December meeting will be in the cozy **Community Room** at THHS on **Thursday, December 1st** at **6:30**. The board will meet at 6:00.

Last Meeting

Mike passed around pictures of the Halloween bash at Jamie and Nadine's in Two Harbors. Those two really go all out for the kids. Jon reported \$4197.38 in chapter coffers and reminded us that Chapter Dues are due. Seth discussed the state of snow removal at the airport. He said the standards for plowing (if they exist) aren't routinely followed and the plow crews need to be better trained. The City Administrator oversees public works for the City so he the guy we should express our concerns to. Seth has been diligent in keeping this issue on the table. Engine discussed the Airport Commission's sorry state with several commissioners resigning at once. Mike said he had a long conversation with EAA's Charlie Becker about members mentoring others and volunteering for the benefit of the whole. Elections for Chapter officials didn't happen again this year due to lack of interest from the membership. Mike asked for a dollar limit on the Holiday gifts for our party. (I would say Christmas but our party happens in January). Three hundred dollars is what we came up with. Ashlee suggested a free one year chapter membership as one possible gift. Seth told us that Principal Brett Archer is looking for educational content from local organizations and individuals to be presented to Minnehaha School (K-5) students and suggested we put something together as a chapter. He also told us some student pilot stories and how he appreciated Nancy Smith's teaching tactics. Bud brought pictures of his Sonex project and went over some of the details. Ashlee said the Sonex factory tour is a must for those visiting Oshkosh outside of the convention. Through the magic of modern technology Mike sent Seth pictures of my new girl, Rooby and Seth displayed them for all. At one point a small drone got loose and buzzed around the room for a while. It was a fun, informative meeting, you should try attending one.

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Chapter 272's Aeronca Sedan project continues to educate local students.
Chapter 1221 is itching for some ski flying.

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Congratulations go out to Scott Udenberg for passing his Private Pilot check ride on November 12. Now he can get on to the fun part of flying and forget all the stuff he had to memorize and will never need to know again. He and Seth have been on a parallel path in training and Seth has a check ride scheduled for December 9. I took my ride in December thirty plus years ago and all I remember is how cold I was.

The Chapter Board met in Mike's hangar Tuesday, welcomed a new member and elected a new treasurer. Krista Busse now holds both titles. Krista works for the Duluth Airport Authority in administrative accounting and has been living in Two Harbors for about 6 years with her 19 year old son, David. She was introduced to the 341 crowd when she signed David up for a Young Eagles ride with chapter 272 some years ago. Apparently she was chatting with Dave Smith recently and when she heard we were looking for a new treasurer she volunteered. How great is that? During the board meeting Mike handed out copies of Chapter Officer Duties which we all reviewed but he was quick to mention to Krista that we are a rather laid back chapter and not prone to hang on every detail. I'm sure Krista will be a fine addition to our little group, come out to the next meeting and introduce yourself.

Since the cabin heat scheme for both of my girls is strictly passive solar, my flying season is effectively over until spring. Or I should say it is usually over by this time of year. Climate change is doing some crazy things with the weather and I will take advantage when I can. Rooby and I are still in the young love stage where I am infatuated but still learning how to please her. In our last few flights I have found the sweet spot for trim and power and been rewarded with stable, hands off cruise. She is a completely different dancer than Miss Chaos but I am becoming accustomed to her moves. The first blissful landings we enjoyed must have been just dumb luck because I am back to second guessing my flare timing and making bouncy touch downs. Running 8 pounds of pressure in her 21' tires probably has something to do with the bounce but it sure makes the gopher holes in the grass runway easier to tolerate. I know we will eventually dance like Fred and Ginger and I am looking forward to many happy hours of rehearsal but for right now I'm happy just to visit her in her chambers.

Miss Chaos is in an induced coma for the time being because her heart is resting on my work bench. I still talk sweet to her headless body when I visit the hangar and I plan to have two lovers to dance with when spring comes around again.

I hope you are having aviation dreams on these long winter nights for we know, especially this time of year, dreams can come true.

.....Happy Landings.....