

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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It's still full winter at the lake tonight. My neighbor says he's going to pull his fish house back out onto the ice for the walleye opener. Our next meeting will obviously be inside. That will be on **Thursday, May 5 at 6:30** in the toasty warm **Community Room** at **THHS**. The board will convene at 6:00.

Last Meeting

April's meeting was lightly attended. I wasn't even there but thanks to Seth's diligence I have some notes. Jon reported \$3173.50 in the bank and noted a payment of \$25 for our safe deposit box at the credit union. The annual pancake fly-in was the big topic. There have been no arrangements made with Casey yet. Seth suggested a sign up sheet for pancake flippers and sausage rollers. Three from 6:30 to 8:00, four from 8:00 to 10:00 and four others from 10:00 to noon. It was mentioned that May's meeting could be a BBQ if the weather cooperates. (It didn't) Jim Hayes' 92nd birthday party was reviewed and pronounced a success. A possible chapter fly-out to Granite Falls in June was discussed. They are hosting an airshow on the 18th. I assume Seth ran a video but he didn't mention one.

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Our local chapters are dealing with the weather in their own way. Chapter 1221 probably still has their skis on and 272 has that project plane inside to mentor kids on aircraft construction.

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I talked to Casey tonight at the Airport Commission meeting and he seemed OK with our plans to revive the Heritage Days pancake extravaganza. A couple of visitors to Mike's hangar showed up in a Sonex a week or two back. That got Bud's attention and after an engine cowl strip tease/inspection he talked the pilot into giving him a ride. I don't think he had to twist his arm. Mike's engine block is back in his shop and is probably being stuffed with precision parts as we speak. My project is coming along nicely even though I have to stop and stoke the fire every hour or so. I have depleted my firewood supply so badly this year I have actually cut up furniture for kindling. (Crappy furniture, but still...) All the new fabric is now on. There are still a lot of little details before I'm ready to do the spray coats but just having everything covered is a milestone that I don't take lightly. I was looking for the ELT antenna today so I could properly place the fabric reinforcement where it penetrates the belly skin and I had a scary premonition: What happens when I begin re-assembly and I can't remember where I squirreled away that important part? A lot of my Macgyver engineering is completely unique to this airframe so it's not like I can just buy another doo-dad from the Spruce catalog. Oh well, it's all part of the journey and I celebrate some little victory every day. If summer ever comes you'll see me at the airport.....

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

