

EAA CHAPTER 1128

Two Harbors Helgeson Airport

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It is snowing right now at the lake. Thank goodness, we're charging into month six of winter and we wouldn't want to wimp out. Our April meeting will be in the **Community Room at THHS on Thursday, April 7 at 6:30**. The board will meet at 6:00.

Last Meeting

The March meeting was lightly attended as was February but that will change as the weather improves. The treasurer reported \$3198.58 in chapter coffers. Dave Smith showed pictures of his trip with his lovely bride to southern California in the 185. He also outlined upcoming adventures including a trip to Louisiana for a 185 gathering and a trip out west in June with Jim Brown to take a high mountain flying course.

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There is an excellent video of the recent Aitkin ski plane fly-in and many of our Chapter 272 and 1221 friends were there. Plus, of course, Dave's 185.

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Jake Hayes is hosting a lunch for his Dad's birthday on Saturday, April 2 in hangar 30. Jim will be turning 92 on Sunday and is still our number one airport character. Jake is providing food and beverages for all and only asks for a few volunteers to help set up tables and chairs.

Miss Chaos slipped the surly bonds for the first time in nearly four months on March 20. An unseasonably warm weekend got my flying juices flowing so after the annual condition inspection on Saturday I pulled her out on Sunday. It was pure bliss. She started right up and flung us into the clear blue sky. We danced as if gravity did not exist and my heart soared. It was just the balm I needed to pull me out of my ground bound funk and I am looking forward to a long flying season starting very soon.

The FAA allows amateur built aircraft for the purpose of education and I am immersed in the learning experience with my new dance partner. I have spent two weeks designing and attempting to create a baggage compartment. Even with help from a very patient friend the sewing has frustrated my best efforts. I have resisted the temptation to throw the machine on the floor but I have coined several new curse words. As with most new skills if I ever get the hang it will be when I am done and have no further use for it. Education is a constant challenge and never cheap but probably my highest motivation. My dreams are not about my temporary failures but instead my eventual success. When my new girl finally carries me away I will be all the more elated for conquering these challenges.

My wish for you is to keep striving, keep learning and

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