



## The Maple Lake Flyer

A newsletter of EAA Chapter 878, Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation community in Maple Lake, Buffalo and surrounding areas of Minnesota since 1986.

March, 2015

### • EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

## Saturday, March 14 at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Municipal Airport

### \* Business Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

**Business Agenda:** Bill Mavencamp, Sr. memorial: status  
Thumb drive acquisition: status  
Flight simulator: status  
Buffalo Fly-In: status, assign chairperson, planning  
Maple Lake Fly-In: status, assign chairperson, planning  
Chapter build project: progress  
Boy Scout Camporee: status of Chapter 878 involvement  
Dues for 2015: status

### \* FAAST Safety Program at 9:30 a.m.

**Program:** FAAST program by Dr. Randle Corfman  
"How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives"

### • FLIGHT TO SUCCESS by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Garnett is back with the T-Wolves. Torii Hunter will play for the Twins. *What? – nostalgia? – in 2015?* You're wondering if our newsletter has turned into a sports page? Not really. Looking back, there are many nostalgic days at GA airports around the countryside. One can pick up the stories each morning (whether-or-not you want their diatribes) at area FBO's over coffee.

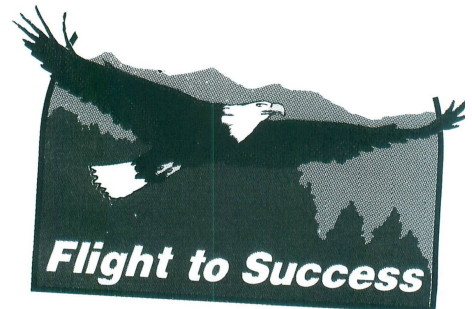
As we begin to move about the outdoors this spring, I'm seeing much more activity at KMGG and KCFE. Betty and I have the luxury of living in the flight path of Runway 28 in Maple Lake. Aircraft are coming and going with much more regularity night-and-day. GA is alive and well. Get-out and spread your wings this month. Catch this new wave of *nostalgic moments*! Yes, we can make a return to our old team!

A good way to get back in the swing of flying will be to attend our Chapter 878 meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be presenting a FAA Safety Team "FAAST" program. See all of the details in this issue.

Remember to recruit a new EAA member this year. What we have is very special. Share it with another pilot.

May the skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – February 14, 2015**

**Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury**

**Chapter Flying Hours:** Chapter President Greg Thomes opened the meeting with a discussion on a way to track flying hours of members, and to encourage members to fly more. He circulated a “sign-up sheet” on which members write their name and hours flown in the last month (including model aircraft time). At the end of the meeting he reported a total of 12 hours and marked that on a chart which will be updated monthly.

**Secretary Report and Treasurer’s Report:** both approved as printed in the last newsletter. See the January Treasurer’s report at the end of these minutes.

**January Chapter Party:** The switch from a chapter party with a gift exchange to one with a guest speaker was well received, and this should be done again next year. The restaurant facility/meeting room in Maple Lake was OK, but there were some concerns about the service and their ability to serve a large group within a reasonable time. This needs to be looked at again before the next party.

**Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial:** Discussion about ideas to memorialize Bill, Sr. A consensus was to investigate naming the Maple Lake Airport after him. Glen Morrow will check with the city about procedure. Committee to consist of Glen, Pete Radintz and Steve Panuska; report at March meeting. Will need to check with the family also.

**Thumb Drive Purchase:** Tom Rammel is authorized to spend up to \$50 to purchase a thumb drive (or drives) for the purpose of downloading the EAA Chapter videos. Not everyone has an internet service fast enough to allow reasonable downloads to their individual computers. Chapter members will then be able to borrow the drives and view videos as their time allows.

**Boy Scout Camporee at Buffalo:** Greg Thomes reviewed this Boy Scout event, scheduled for May 29 – 31. The chapter has been asked to have our flight simulator available.

**Buffalo Fly-In:** Scheduled for June 7. Greg Thomes will meet with Mike Wiskus to discuss.

**Maple Lake Fly-In:** Discussed if we should hold our fly-in on same day as the Maple Lake Gear-Head Get Together as we did last summer. Gear Head ate this year is Saturday, August 15, 2015. Voted to approve. Wayne Flury will begin submitting notices to various Calendars of Events. Need to identify a chairperson of the overall event. Kent Peterson chaired the Craft Show last year but is looking for another person to step forward and lead that event for 2015. Anyone interested should contact Kent.

**Chapter 878 Video:** Ken Compton has put together a video featuring EAA Chapter 878 from our 2014 fly-in. Discussed about posting to chapter website. Elaine Morrow was not available to question if this was possible. Glen Morrow noted that Elaine is very busy with work and other duties. If someone else could take over the website it would be a great relief to her. Tom Rammel will discuss with Ken Compton.

**Flight Simulator Project:** Tom Rammel has designed and drawn a portable enclosure/stand for the simulator components. Approved for him to not to exceed \$100 for purchase of plywood and other materials. Dick Burns to assist.

**Chapter Airplane Build Project:** Tom Rammel discussed the possibility of the chapter building an airplane. The purpose is many-fold, including building interest in the chapter, learning skills, and involving kids in aviation. Discussed that this may need to be a sub-group of the chapter. Biggest concern is over having a

Monthly Treasurer’s Report by Dick Burns, thru January

Opening Balance	\$5899.19
Income: Dues	\$ 125.00
Total	\$ 125.00
Expenses: Wayne Flury (meal, drink and tip for January dinner speaker)	\$ 23.00
Total	\$ 23.00
Total Change:	\$ 102.00
Ending Balance	\$5671.19

place to do the building. Discussed owning, leasing or renting space. Committee of Tom, Dale Bodine and Dick Burns to investigate.

**April Chapter Meeting:** Our normal meeting in April would be on Saturday, April 11 but this conflicts with the dates of the Minnesota Pilots Association meeting at the Anoka County Airport. All chapter members are encouraged to attend the MPA meeting. We will have the chapter meeting on April 14 (switching back to our summer meeting date of the second Tuesday of the month) at Tim Bond's hangar at Maple Lake. This will be a pancake dinner/cook-out event for members, family and friends.

**Meeting Program Suggestions/Desires:** Suggestions were: maintenance review; float plane harbor at Maple Lake; tour of control tower (note: Jim Shadduck, a Maple Lake friend, is a supervisor at Flying Cloud); proper etiquette on the airport (right of way, starting aircraft around others, radio use, etc.); recurrent education (by flight instructor, ex. Jason Erickson).

Chapter 878 programs:	May	presentation on aircraft building (need volunteer)
	June	open
	July	social event at someone's home or hangar

**Promoting Aviation and the Chapter:** Greg Thomes encouraged all members to actively promote Chapter 878 to all, and to be sure to extend invitations to visitors and others.

**Driver's License Medical:** Brief discussion of current proposals being considered, one by congress and another by EAA/AOPA.

**Program:** Biennial ground school review by Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation. Any chapter member who attended could have their logbook endorsed by Jason.

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- **MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG), April 10 & 11, 2015**  
by Wayne Flury

Be sure to mark your calendars for this two-day event being held at the Anoka County Airport at the Golden Wings Museum facility. Last year over 800 people attended and were treated to a wide variety of aviation related vendors, exhibitors and speakers. A detailed agenda is not yet available, but check <http://www.mnpilots.org> for updates in the near future.

One new thing this year is a Minnesota EAA Chapter Leadership Summit which will be hosted by the Minnesota Pilots Association from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, April 10. Leaders of all EAA chapters, including Young Eagle Coordinators, are invited to attend and participate.

Subjects to be explored at the Summit may include: How does each chapter reach out to their communities? How does each chapter arrange, organize and conduct Young Eagle flights? How does each chapter work to support their local airports? How does the chapter get the word out about their chapter? How do they best work with the social media?

According to the MPA website, Craig Nelson, President of EAA Chapter 25 at Lakeville, MN, and the leadership of their Chapter are leading the Summit and developing a program for the Friday evening event.

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- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2015**  
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

- 1) Mar. FAAST program at West Metro Aviation, by Randle Corfman, "How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives"
- 2) Apr. Pancakes and social at Tim Bond's hangar,
- 3) May Open
- 4) June Open
- 5) July Open

Note: One of these meetings will be held at Wayne Flury's shop for a Sonex build progress update.

- **MISCELLANEOUS AVIATION EVENTS – 2015**

This list of events for 2015 is compiled from various sources. It's neither complete nor all-inclusive, and is intended to feature EAA chapter sponsored events, plus other activities or unique events of interest.

- Apr. 7 AOPA Air Safety Institute (ASI), Anoka County Airport, sponsored by EAA Chapter 237 and KeyAir. See: <http://www.aopa.org/ASI-In-Person-Seminars/2015/April/Blaine>.
- 10 – 11 Anoka County Airport, Golden Wings Air Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Minnesota Pilots Association Aviation Gathering
- 21 – 26 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida
- May 2 Airlake Airport. Girls Aviation Day. Info at: <http://penguinflight.net/girls-aviation-day>
- 15 – 17 Minnesota Seaplane Pilot's Safety Seminar, Madden's on East Gull Lake, Brainerd.  
See: <http://www.mnseaplanes.com/>
- 30-31 Discover Aviation Days (DAD), Anoka County Airport. Aircraft, exhibits, pancake breakfast & lunch both days. A 1940's evening Hangar Dance with a 15 piece swing band held Saturday night.
- June 7 Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast. Mike Wiskus airshow.
- 13 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Central Sonex Fly-In, Buffalo Airport. Contact Wayne Flury at [wflury@wh-link.net](mailto:wflury@wh-link.net)
- Jul. 20 – 26 AirVenture Oshkosh
- Aug. 22 AOPA Fly-In, Anoka County-Blaine Airport.  
See: <http://www.aopa.org/Community-and-Events/AOPA-Fly-In/2015/About>
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- **DUES FOR 2015 ARE DUE!**

by Wayne Flury

Dues are now due for 2015! Please pay Chapter 878 Treasurer Dick Burns. His contact info is:

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Please note that membership in the chapter is separate from dues and membership in the national EAA at Oshkosh.

Thanks to all who have responded with your dues payment.

Even if you cannot regularly attend meetings or events, I hope that you each will continue your membership in EAA Chapter 878, or decide this year to join us as a member.

See my note below about needing to be a current member to continue receiving the newsletter.

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- **NEWSLETTER MAIL LIST TO BE CULLED**

***Don't miss out on chapter information by allowing your membership to lapse. Renew your Chapter 878 membership now by paying dues for 2015.***

by Wayne Flury

This newsletter is presently sent to all current chapter members, EAA, some media outlets, some aviation organizations, to persons who have at one time indicated an interest in our chapter, and some friends of aviation.

It's my hope that the newsletter is a benefit to those persons who have committed to be members of this chapter. So, after a reasonable time for folks to pay their 2015 dues, I will begin culling the list to remove non-current members and potential members who haven't responded to my "informational" mailings. The newsletter is also a recruitment tool, which is why I send a copy to prospective members.

In addition, the irregularly published email communication document that I call *AvBits* is sent only to members who are dues current. That email list will also be culled along with the newsletter list.

## EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO

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Beginning in September, 2014, our meetings will normally be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year, age 35 and over.

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### • THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



Aircraft ground operations in the Northeast US this winter have had to utilize some non-standard communication phraseology.

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