



## *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.**

November, 2013

### • EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

**Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Tim Bond's hangar, Maple Lake Airport**

**(first row of hangars, parallel to runway)**

#### Agenda:

- ✓ Chapter Video from EAA
- ✓ EAA video content / length discussion for input to HQ.
- ✓ Tree of Hope – presentation by Elaine Morrow
- ✓ Christmas party planning committee update – Tim and Connie
- ✓ Kent Peterson – embroidery logo / shirts / caps
- ✓ Program committee – searching for volunteers to plan for 2014
- ✓ Visit WFRC field and learn to fly RC airplanes as a future event?

### • FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Chapter President: Tom Rammel**

My wife Yvonne and I flew out to Colorado the end of October to visit my mother. She and both of my sisters live near Denver. It's always nice to visit with family and I don't get to Colorado very often.

We need help planning some Chapter 878 events/meetings for 2014. Wayne has volunteered to be on a program committee and we need more volunteers to help with the planning. This is your chance to plan and do those things you have always wanted the Chapter to do.

Elaine Morrow will have a presentation about the Tree of Hope at the November meeting. The meeting will be held in Tim Bonds hangar.

It was my grandson's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday so we got him his first helicopter. It's never too early to get started in aviation!



Steph, Avner, and my son John Rammel



It's not easy to get a good picture of the grandchildren, but this one turned out pretty good.

- **MINUTES OF MEETING – October 9, 2013**

**Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury**

**“Pot Luck” Pork Chop Dinner:** 19 members and family polished off the left-over pork chops from the September fly-in, cooked by Fred Jude, along with a variety of sides and desserts. Due to the generosity of our members, we had an abundance of good food!

**Chapter Video:** Chapter President Tom Rammel opened the meeting with a “Thank-You” to Fred for cooking, and then played the October edition of the Chapter Video from EAA Oshkosh, using a video projector borrowed by chapter member Kurt Pennuto. Included in this video was a tribute to EAA founder, Paul Poberezny, and a feature on Yves Rossy (the “Jetman”) and Sean D. Tucker, the new Young Eagles chairperson.

Following the video, several members commented that these videos, while nicely produced, are too long! This one was 25 minutes. Members suggested to Tom that he contact EAA and recommend the videos be shortened so they don’t become the whole meeting.

**Financial Report:** See the summary included with these minutes for the fly-in and the month.

**Young Eagles:** Glen Morrow reviewed the Young Eagles program and reminded members that it was not necessary to wait for an “event” to fly youngsters. The event originally planned for October 5 was scrubbed due to weather and is rescheduled for Nov. 2.

**Chapter Logo on Hats and Shirts:** Kent Petersen described his contacts with Chickadee Stitching to provide custom embroidered chapter logos on clothing. The vendor had been having trouble with the embroidery machine reading the logo, so a sample was not yet available.

**Chapter 878 2013 Fly-In, September 8:** Dick Burns reviewed the financial report of the fly-in. See the summary elsewhere in this newsletter. Tom Rammel and others noted that the less-than-ideal weather kept both our fly-in and drive-in attendance down, and consequently our financial report shows this.

Kent Petersen noted that he and his wife have flown to many other fly-ins this summer and he suggested that we need to look at getting more activities other than just a meal. Kent noted that other fly-ins are paired with car shows or other activities, and have other displays that bring in many more people. Also, we need to offer airplane and helicopter rides. Note: Wright Aero of St. Cloud planned to bring aircraft to Maple Lake for rides, but the pilots backed out due to the weather.

Harold Greseth noted that an air show would bring in many people, with some follow-up group discussion about past air shows at Maple Lake and the high level of financial risk involved, as well as the labor input. Dick Burns suggested having an additional fly-in (in the Spring) as a pancake breakfast fund raiser.

Glen Morrow suggested the possibility of developing a partnership with the “Gear-Head Get Together” event next summer in Maple Lake. This is a one-day event “...that enables persons having an interest in old cars, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, motors, as well as other mechanical devices to get together, display their items and socialize...”



EAA Chapter 878 members and family gathered before the meeting to finish off left over pork chops from our fly-in. Members brought other food to share.

Wayne polled the members about their areas of responsibility for the fly-in, asking for input or comments. Aircraft parking was not a problem this due to the few aircraft attending. Typically the ramp area is very congested. Some pilots who were PIC but not of an experimental or warbird still thought they should get a free meal. One member suggested that all free meals be discontinued. Purchased 525 pork chops and 490 sold in meals or as cooked singles at the end of the day. Car parking was OK. Cashiers liked not having to deal with door prize tickets. Only one report of a negative comment about the meal prices. Some comments about the lack of a "prop clock raffle." Due to the smaller crowd we had plenty of tables and chairs, but some tables and chairs need fixing or replacement. Wayne suggested (input from Joyce, his wife, who worked at the cashier table) that we serve hot dogs that are more enticing to children (plain dogs rather than the "sausage style" from the meat market). Also, offer a kids meal of a hot dog and potato chips instead of the dog, beans and potato salad. Have bags of chips available...would probably also get adults opting for these. She also suggested deleting buns from the menu (eliminate cost of buns and butter, and overall a more healthy choice than doubling up on bread and potatoes). The "porta-potty" from the fly-in has been picked up, and the other one that has been at airport all summer will be picked up on Nov. 1.

**2014 Fly-In Planning Committee:** Tom Rammel called for volunteers to form a committee to begin planning for our fly-in for 2014. Kent Petersen, Tim Bond, Kurt Pennuto and Wayne Flury responded.

**December Chapter Meeting Christmas Party Planning Committee:** Connie Peterson and Marv Sikkila will work on this. They will contact Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling) in Buffalo where we have had our past several parties to see if it is available for December 14. More info to follow.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for September			
Opening Balance			\$3944.81
Income:	Fly-In	<u>\$ 3024.74</u>	
	Total	\$ 3024.74	
Expenses:	Mini-Biffs	\$ 177.14	
	Fly-In	<u>2235.92</u>	
	Total	\$ 2413.06	
	Total Change:	\$ <611.68>	
Ending Balance			\$4033.82

#### 2013 Fly-in Financial Report by Dick Burns

Income:	Meals	\$ 2581.00
	Credit, T&R Meats	43.74
	Cash	<u>400.00</u>
	Total	\$ 3024.74
Expenses:	T&R Meats	\$ 1099.03
	(525 pork chops,	
	120# beans,	
	130# potato salad	
	8# wieners	
	10# seasoning)	
	Cash	400.00
	Fred Jude, charcoal	108.41
	Joe Simmon, charcoal	32.25
	Dick Burns, pop & water	74.34
	Wayne Flury, door prizes	14.76
	Marv Sikkila	364.98
	(plates, napkins, utensils,	
	buns, butter, ice)	
	Mini-Biff	<u>142.15</u>
	Total	\$ 2235.92
Profit:		\$ 788.82

#### ● CHAPTER LOGO APPAREL by Kent Petersen

Chickadee Stitchery is ready for any orders from the chapter members. She prefers that each person provide their own shirt(s) or cap(s) for stitching, because of problems in the past with individual proper sizing, color selection, features, etc. The 4" logo works very well for the men's shirts, 3" for ladies shirts and caps. Pricing is: \$6.00 per shirt or cap.

Her shop is about 4 miles south of Maple Lake on County Road 7, east side of the road; 2362 County Road 7 NW. There is a sign prominently placed by the highway. Place your order by contacting her @320-963-6118.

#### ● CHAPTER NAME BADGES by Wayne Flury

If you have not yet received your chapter member name badge, please see Wayne to get it. If you ordered one for your spouse (chapter paid), please also check with Wayne, or put in your order.

- **TREE OF HOPE**  
by Elaine Morrow

The *Tree of Hope* is scheduled for December 7 (snow date Dec. 8) – see the attached flyer for more information. Chapter member Elaine Morrow, who is also a member of the 99s, is one of the major forces behind the annual Tree of Hope toy collection campaign through our aviation community. The *Tree of Hope* is a very meaningful holiday event that has become a tradition for our chapter.

Put this event on your calendar, not just to contribute a toy or money, but also to participate as a greeter, toy sorter, bagger, labeler, delivery or any of the other many things that have to be done so that hospitals can be provided with a source of toys and gifts for children during the holiday season.

For more info, contact Elaine Morrow, see the Tree of Hope website at: <http://holidaytreeofhope.org>, and do a “like” on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn](http://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn).

Also see an article in the October issue of the *Minnesota Flyer*.

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- **CHAPTER MEMBERS NEEDED FOR 2014 PROGRAM COMMITTEE**  
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Interesting meeting programs are essential to the vitality of EAA chapters. I suggested in an email to Chapter President Tom Rammel that Chapter 878 should have a program committee, similar to our new committee for planning the next fly-in. I advised Tom that I am willing to be part of this committee.

Planning the program activities of the chapter is something that needs to have group input so that we meet the needs of all our members, and to make the chapter an attractive organization for potential new members. Be prepared at the next meeting to discuss what you did or did not like about the programs of the past year. Do you want more programs such as the FAA Safety meeting, flight review ground school, pancake breakfast, aircraft museum tours, aviation company introductions, etc. Do you have some ideas for programs?

Please consider volunteering for the Program Committee to plan programs and activities for the coming year.

Dec.	14	Chapter Christmas Party
2014		Open

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- **CHAPTER MEMBER LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT PARTNERS**  
by Glenn Weibel

Looking for 2 or 3 individuals interested in joining a C177 (Cardinal) group - total not to exceed 4 members. Aircraft could be based at Maple Lake, Buffalo or Winsted. Fixed gear, fixed pitch prop, 180hp, TTAE - 1320hrs.

This is an older Cardinal but priced right. If interested, contact - Glenn Weibel at 651-270-0879 or [glweibel@tds.net](mailto:glweibel@tds.net)

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- **LOREN SCHIEBE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual “Loren Schiebe Christmas Party,” organized by the Friends of the Buffalo Airport (FOBA) will be held on December 13 in the hangar of Andy Brallier and Mike Andrews (front row of hangars, across the taxiway from West Metro Aviation). See the attached notice.

This is a very popular and well-attended aviation event, where the focus is food and talk! It is not an EAA event. This party draws people from the local area as well from across the state. It’s a reminder of why Loren was such a well liked guy! Put it on your schedule if at all possible.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEMBERS ASSIST IN STUDENT REGIONAL FLYING COMPETITION**

**NIFA SAFECON REGION V**

**by Elaine Morrow**

*Ed. Note: The National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) was formed for the purposes of developing and advancing aviation education; to promote, encourage and foster safety in aviation; to promote and foster communications and cooperation between aviation students, educators, educational institutions and the aviation industry; and to provide an arena for collegiate aviation competition.*

*Elaine and Glen Morrow have been volunteers at regional NIFA events for many years. The NIFA Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) is a national competition that brings together more than 300 students from 30 colleges and universities from across the country to vie to be the National Champions for both team and pilot honors; it tests aviation skills and knowledge.*

*The following is a report from Elaine about her and Glen's recent experiences at the recent Region V competition. For results of the Region V competition, see: [http://www.nifa.us/2013\\_REGION\\_5\\_RESULTS.htm](http://www.nifa.us/2013_REGION_5_RESULTS.htm).*

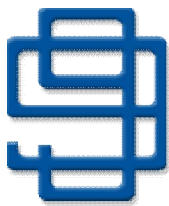
The government shutdown even affected some NIFA SAFECON regional competitions this fall!

The Navy and Air Force teams were not allowed to participate in their regions! What a missed opportunity for them. Region V

was fortunate to have a new

school added for the competition in Dubuque, Iowa, on October 16 through 19, 2013: The University of Wisconsin - Madison will be competing each year!

Weather allowed all power off, short field, and message drop events to be completed in full, but prevented some competitors from flying the navigation routes. The top two schools who will go on to National SAFECON at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May 12-17, 2014, are the University of North Dakota and Minnesota State University - Mankato. The Top Regional Pilot Award went to Trent Fridono of Minnesota State University - Mankato, and the top scoring female was Kelly Abplanalp of the University of Wisconsin - Madison! Naturally, materials on The99s were available to distribute to women competitors! Minnesota 99s Jimmie Olson and Elaine Morrow were the score keepers and 49½ Glen Morrow was the



**THE NINETY-NINES, INC.**  
*International Organization of Women Pilots*

Staging Judge at the regional event. Glen and Elaine are also members of EAA Chapter 878. Since the national competition is in the North Central Section, this is a great opportunity to volunteer! More details will be posted at [www.nifa.us](http://www.nifa.us) in the months ahead.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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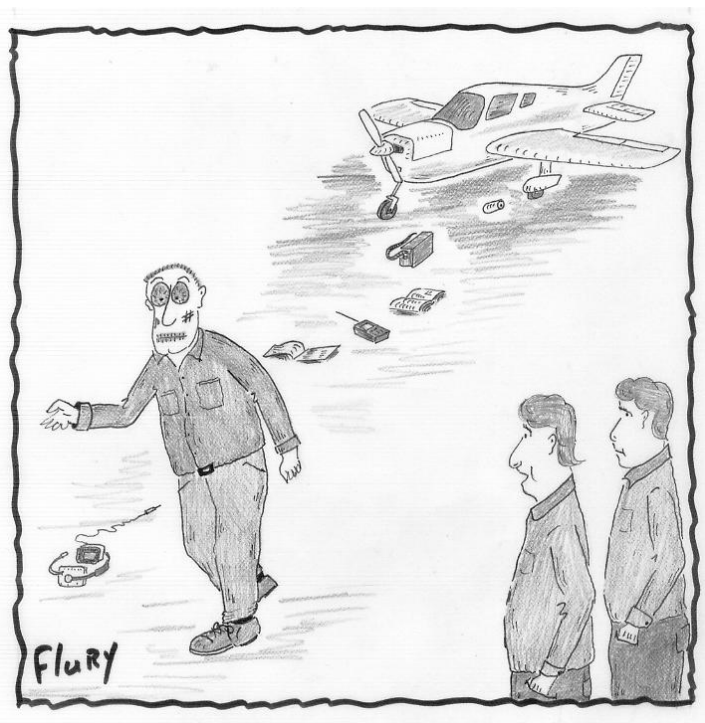
Meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



"No, that's not a zombie...he's just one of Ed's students after a cross-wind landing lesson!"

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