



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.

December, 2014

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

No Chapter Meeting This Month!

Lots of other holiday celebrations (aviation and otherwise) happening.

Aviation activities in December

- Tree of Hope toy collection – Saturday, Dec. 6 at Maple Lake (see info, included)
- Loren Schiebe / Friends of Buffalo Airport hangar party – Friday, Dec. 12 (see info, included)
- Santa comes to Buffalo via Super Cub, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 1:00 p.m. (see details inside the newsletter)

All chapter members and aviation friends are invited and encouraged to attend these events.

January 10th Winter Dinner Meeting: this will take the place of our "chapter Christmas party." It is being organized by Connie Erickson and will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour, followed at 7:00 p.m. with dinner ordered off the menu at Madigan's in Maple Lake. We will have an after dinner speaker, Dr. Randy Corfman, a medical doctor, AME, the president of the Minnesota Pilots Association, and Santa Claus's stand in. Randy will speak on: "Stick and Rudder Navigation Through Medicine and Life: One Doc's Perspectives."

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to have 4 of my grandchildren over for the weekend. I did a little research on line before they came and had some building projects ready for them to help keep them busy. Since you may have grandchildren home for the holidays I thought I would explain in case you wanted to build the same projects with your grandchildren.

One project that we built was a small hovercraft, made from an old unwanted CD. Cut off a one inch piece of wood dowel big enough in diameter to cover the hole in the center of the CD. Drill a 1/16" hole thru the center of the diameter of the wood dowel. Hot glue the dowel to the center hole of the CD. Make sure the glue joint is air tight. Inflate a balloon and put the neck of the balloon over the dowel. If the balloon won't stay on the dowel, a few layers of black tape wrapped around the top of the dowel before the balloon is installed will make the diameter large enough so the balloon will stay on. You need a smooth surface for the hovercraft to work. We used the Formica counter tops in the kitchen.

The other project was a car powered by a mouse trap. We built ours with four CD's for wheels and two wooden paint stirring sticks for the chassis. You can research this yourself on line. The mousetrap spring arm has a string attached that winds up onto the axel and powers the car. The one we built would drive 25 to 30 feet but the record distance on line was 228 Ft.

Saturday December 6th is the Tree of Hope distribution of toys from Maple Lake Airport. Please come and help if you are able.

I hope you all have a wonderful time with Family and Friends for the Christmas holiday. And please remember we are celebrating the birth of Christ. Luke 2:11

- **MINUTES OF MEETING – November 11, 2014**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

General: 13 EAA Chapter 878 members in attendance. Meeting held in the upstairs meeting room at the Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport.

Thanks to Veterans: Chapter President Tom Rammel began the meeting by recognizing those members in attendance who are veterans – Fred Jude, Dave Swanson and Wayne Flury.

Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report: both approved as printed in the newsletter. See the October Treasurer's report at the end of these minutes. Note an adjustment to the beginning balance for October, as compared to the September ending balance shown in last month's newsletter, reflecting a checkbook reconciliation (adjusted balance is \$1036.39 higher). Also note an expense for charcoal for our August fly-in, which reduces the realized profit to \$1432.34.

Tree of Hope: December 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Maple Lake airport. Elaine Morrow reviewed the TOH toy collection plans, and requested help from anyone who is able for receiving, sorting, tagging, and bagging. Some driver assistance may also be needed (delivery to hospitals). Lunch will be available. Many locations around Minnesota have toy collection boxes and will be delivering to Maple Lake on that day. Chapter voted to donate \$500 purchase gifts, batteries, supplies, etc. as required to supplement donations.

Chapter Flight Simulator: Dick Burns has the chapter simulator components at his home for checkout.

Chapter Winter Dinner: Wayne Flury noted that he has made contact with Dr. Randle Corfman as an "after dinner" speaker in lieu of the gift exchange we have done for many years. Chapter approved this change. Connie Erickson had previously volunteered to set up the "holiday party" and Wayne will contact her to proceed. Tentative date is Saturday evening, January 10, 2015 at a location to be determined by Connie.

Chapter Officer Elections: Tom Rammel had previously contacted Greg Thomes about being on the ballot for chapter president, to which he agreed. Being no other nominations, Greg was elected by unanimous ballot. Persons currently filling the positions of Vice-President (Glen Morrow), Secretary (Wayne Flury) and Treasurer (Dick Burns) all agreed to remain. With no other nominations, they were also elected by unanimous ballot. Other positions within the chapter (newsletter editor, librarian, etc.) are appointed and are, for the time, unchanged.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru October		
Opening Balance		\$8170.55
Income:		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$ 0.00
Expenses:		
Tom Rammel		
(flight sim. comp.)	\$ 1592.02	
(RC fly-in)	17.42	
Fred Jude		
(charcoal for fly-in)	69.00	
Wayne Flury		
(stamps)	9.80	
A-Meat Shoppe		
(meat for chapter cookout)	<u>83.12</u>	
Total	\$ 1771.36	
Total Change:	\$ 1771.36	
Ending Balance		\$6399.19

Boy Scout Camp at Buffalo in 2015: Greg Thomes noted that he had contact with a person in the Boy Scouts who is working with a camp to be held in Buffalo in May, 2015, with possibly 300 – 700 Scouts attending. He asked if Chapter 878 was interested in participating by having our flight simulator available for them to use, and possibly Young Eagle flights from the Buffalo airport. Chapter agreed to consider this. Greg will have someone representing the Scouts attend a chapter meeting, probably in February, to provide details of the event.

Video Program: chapter members watched the November Chapter Video, which featured an introduction by Rick Larsen of EAA vice president of Communities and Member Programs. The video included segments featuring Dick Cole, one of the last surviving Doolittle Raiders; the "One Week Wonder" airplane construction project at AirVenture 2014; and Jim Benson, an EAAer who demonstrated his passion for helicopters and bluegrass music on the banjo at AirVenture Oshkosh in a segment titled "Flying & Pickin'."

- **BOY SCOUTS – CROW RIVER DISTRICT / LAKE MINNETONKA DISTRICT SPRING CAMPOREE**
by Greg Thomes

We briefly discussed this Boy Scout activity at our last chapter meeting. The dates for the Crow River District/Lake Minnetonka District Spring Camporee will be Friday, May 29 to Sunday May 31, 2015. This will be held at the Buffalo airport. About 700 Boy Scouts are expected to camp on the property NE of the FBO (area behind the T-33 "gate guard").

Harry Fuchs, Ben Coder and Jake Twaddle met last week at my office. I offered our flight simulator for the scouts. I will be attending the KCFE airport commission meeting on Wednesday (December 3) to bring them up-to-speed also.

Here are some of the tentative plans:

- *CAP will attend.

- *Stations of interest for the Boys to visit include:

- +Radio Controlled airplanes

- +Winsted Skydivers.

- +Military Aviation

- +Flyovers.

- + Commemorative Air Force

- +Hot Air Balloons

- + And, our EAA chapter.

They hope to have enough pilots/staff available to knock-out the aviation merit badge for the boys.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2014 and 2015**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

- 1) Dec. No chapter meeting this month, but lots of other activities for you, including the Tree of Hope Toy Collection at Maple Lake on December 6 and the Friends of Buffalo Airport hangar party on Dec. 12
 - 2) Jan. Chapter Winter Dinner Meeting, Jan. 10 , with guest speaker, Randy Corfman, "Stick and Rudder Navigation Through Medicine and Life: One Doc's Perspectives"
 - 3) Feb. Chapter meeting with biennial flight review ground school by Jason Erickson
 - 4) Mar. FAAST program at West Metro Aviation, by Randle Corfman, "How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives".
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- **EVENTS – 2014**

- Dec. 6 Tree of Hope Toy Collection at Ascend Aviation, Maple Lake Airport, 9 – 1. www.holidaytreeofhope.org; www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn. 25 YEARS OF TOY COLLECTION THROUGH THE AVIATION COMMUNITY TO HELP MAKE HOLIDAYS BETTER FOR CHILDREN IN THE HOSPITAL
- 12 Loren Schiebe Christmas Party / Friends of Buffalo Airport hangar party, at the Buffalo hangar of Andy Brallier.
- 21 Santa arrives at Buffalo Airport, 1:00 pm
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- **DUES FOR 2015 DUE IN JANUARY**

Just a "heads up" for all Chapter 878 members – chapter dues for 2015 are due beginning in January. This is separate from your national EAA dues. I encourage everyone to maintain your chapter membership, even if you aren't able to regularly attend meetings or events. It's an excellent way to maintain a special contact with the local aviation community and participate when you are able.

- **SANTA CLAUS FLYING IN TO BUFFALO**

Chapter member Mike Wiskus has told me that Santa (being represented by Randy Corfman) will arrive at West Metro Aviation in a Super Cub on Sunday, December 21 at 1:00 pm, with departure about 2:30.

Contact Mike or Dani at West Metro (763-682-1516) if you have a child or grandchild who would like a present from Santa (parents are responsible for providing and bringing the gift).

Mike and Santa need help from a few chapter members for crowd control on the ramp and in the hangar. All chapter members are invited to come and enjoy some chili and perhaps a cookie with your friends. Chili will be served beginning at 12:30 pm. Hangar flying is definitely also on the menu!

• **TREE OF HOPE**



www.holidaytreeofhope.org

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn>
Read about us in the Minnesota Flyer magazine – Oct and Nov Issues.

Date	Saturday – December 6, 2014 – 25 th year!
Time	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snow Date	Sunday
Collection Site	Maple Lake Municipal Airport, Minnesota (7 miles west of Buffalo, MN)

WHAT IS THE TREE OF HOPE? Since 1990, the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to Minnesota hospitals by the aviation community, including the EAA chapters, Flying Clubs, Minnesota 99's and the Zuhrah Shrine Flyers. It started when we found other toy collections did NOT give to hospitals at holiday time, and often the families could not afford presents with the financial costs of seriously ill children. All expenses are covered by volunteers, so all donations go toward toys for the children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Collect unwrapped new toys
- Donate money to purchase gifts- 100% of donations go to toys for the children
- Volunteer to help collect, package, and deliver the toys!

If there is no collection box near you, gift donations can be dropped at the Maple Lake Airport on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, or call one of the contacts below to make arrangements for pickup.

Monetary donations can be made by check, made out to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (address below). Donations can also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope web site via the *Donate* button.

Donations are accepted all year long!

WHAT DO WE NEED? Gifts for children, infant to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital, a toy, game, craft items, etc., and gift cards are appreciated for teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome.

WHEN AND WHERE? Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake, Minnesota, Airport on the first Saturday of December to see volunteers in action – or volunteer yourself – labeling and packaging the gifts for over 30 hospitals. Refreshments provided!

Tree of Hope Contacts	
Elaine Morrow (Minnesota Chapter 99s) E-mail: pilotelaine@aol.com H: 952-955-2802 Cell: 952-913-2356 10006 Fenner Ave SE, Delano, MN 55328	Howie & Deb Klier (Zuhrah Shrine Flyers) E-mail: n6870j@aol.com H: 952-898-5735 Cell: 612-802-8441

- **BUFFALO HANGAR PARTY**
Loren Schiebe / Friends of Buffalo Airport Party

All pilots, spouses and friends are invited to attend. If you have ever been to one of these parties, you know that it is THE aviation party event of the year!! If you haven't come before, it's a time to meet people, have fun and eat a lot of great food.

“Loren Schiebe Christmas Party”

Friday December 12, 2014
5:00 PM until?? Eat at 6:00PM

At the Buffalo airport,
hangar of Andy Brallier and Mike Andrews
(first row of hangars, on corner, south of West Metro Aviation)

For many years Loren and his family invited the aviation community into his hangar for a celebration of the holidays.

Though Loren is no longer with us, the “*Friends of the Buffalo Airport*” (FOBA) invite you to help continue in the spirit of his hospitality by joining together with good friends, good food and good drink. All pilots, spouses, and friends are welcome

FOBA will provide: roast beef, pulled pork, buns, soft drinks, coffee, plates, cups and utensils.

There will be a donation box for the fixed costs of the party.

Please bring something to add to the food table – a “potluck” dish to share, or chips and dip, dessert, hors d’oeuvre, etc., and any other drinks for your own use.

• 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



"Per your Uncle Tom's will, the two of you get his wishbone and his best wishes."

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