



EAA Chapter 878  
Maple Lake, Minnesota

## *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.*

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### • EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

**Wednesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.**

**Chapter Picnic at Greg and Betty Thomes' lake home**

Agenda for July Meeting:

- Annual EAA Chapter 878 picnic...bring family members!  
Provided by Host/Hostess are: hamburgers, condiments, buns, large crock pot of beans, all beverages (adult or otherwise), silverware.  
What to bring: yourselves, your appetite, one dish to pass (side dishes, salads, desserts, etc.).
- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
- Final results report from 2014 Buffalo Fly-In Pancake Breakfast
- Report from 2014 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In Planning Committee...IT'S NEXT MONTH ALREADY!!!
- Consider building a flight simulator
- Air Academy scholarship funding
- Chapter meeting schedule for August
- AirVenture Oshkosh 2014...who's going?
- Any other business as required

#### **Directions to the home of Greg and Betty Thomes:**

- Enter into your GPS, tablet or smart phone: 4169 58<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Maple Lake, 55358.
- or, take Wright Co Road #37 for 1 mile east of Maple Lake airport; turn south on Elder Ave NW; bear right on 58<sup>th</sup> St. NW.; look for 4169. Park along the road.
- or, fly runway heading 10 for ¼ mile from KMGG

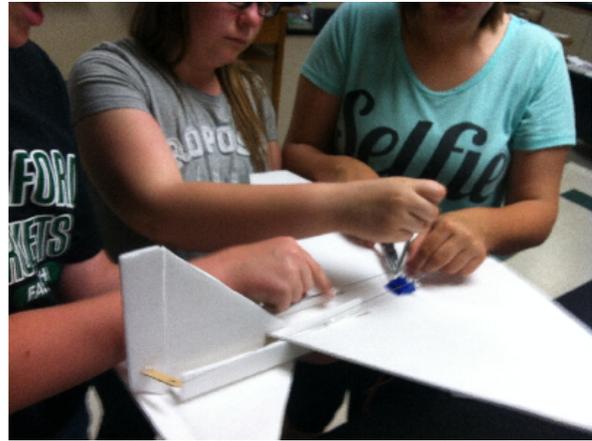
### • FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Chapter President: Tom Rammel**

Our pancake breakfast at the Buffalo airport was a great success, thanks to Greg Thomes and the committee that planned and organized the event. Thank you to all the members that worked many hours to make this happen.

We had a severe storm in Minnesota on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> with lots of rain and high winds in my area. On Tuesday morning my boat lift was gone and two of the wave runners had gotten away. The big boat was not on the lift yet and the 22ft canopy was like a big sail and tipped the whole lift on its side and out into deeper water. It was totally submersed and nowhere to be found. After 7 days of searching, my son-in-law Mike found it upside down with the wheels about 6 feet under the surface. The four of us were able to get it flipped right side up and towed it with the boat and wave runner back to shallower water! I am glad to get it back. I was beginning to think that I would never see it again!

You all met Corina Sarsland, who teaches 7<sup>th</sup> grade science at the Rockford Middle School, at Wayne's last month. Here are some pictures of the day we flew the planes, two days before the last day of school for the year.



Thank you to Kurt Pennuto for the photos.

Our next meeting is a picnic at Greg Thomes' home, so bring your spouse and a salad or desert to share. See you there at 6:00PM.

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- **MINUTES OF MEETING – June 11, 2014**  
**Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury**

**General:** 24 EAA Chapter 878 members and guests in attendance in Wayne Flury's workshop. Ice cream sundaes were the lead-off item for the evening.

**Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report:** Both approved as printed in the newsletter. See the May Treasurer's report at the end of these minutes.

**Sonex Project Update:** Wayne Flury had his Sonex fuselage on display, plus one of the main wing spars currently under construction. Wayne discussed the general aircraft design and performance range and reviewed his progress to date. He also reviewed the North Central Sonex Fly-in that he hosted at the Buffalo Airport on June 7.

**Buffalo Fly-In Pancake Breakfast Report:** Greg Thomes thanked all chapter members, spouses and friends who helped to make the breakfast (the first time the chapter has taken on this breakfast event) a huge success. See photos elsewhere in this newsletter. A final financial statement is not yet complete, but Greg had met with the Boy Scouts (who helped with the breakfast, doing table clean-up and general assistance, with a check for \$500. We served 966 meals (by counting tickets), along with 40 PIC free meals and 49

volunteer free meals. There was a lot of bottled water left over, which will be used for our pork chop dinner fly-in in August. At one time the wait in line was almost 20 minutes, which could have been better if the available third griddle had been hooked up and used.

**Report of RC Airplane Project with Rockford 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:** Tom Rammel, Kurt Pennuto and Chapter guest Corina Sarsland discussed this project. Kurt’s wife, Betsy, and Corina are both teachers in the Rockford School system. This association led to Kurt doing both classroom and video (Skype) presentations to the students about flight and aerodynamics. The students built various models of airplanes and flight tested them under the guidance of Corina and Kurt. After Corina got a grant for equipment, Tom helped select appropriate equipment and led some educational and building exercises. Approximately 25 – 30 kids were a part of this educational program.



Chapter President Tom Rammel discusses the FT Flyer RC airplane design and build process with Rockford 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Corina Sarsland (with son, Tre). This electric motor powered airplane is a simple design, constructed of foamboard, with fully functional control surfaces. For more info on this airplane, see: <http://flitetest.com/>, and also: [http://flitetest.com/articles/FT\\_Flyer\\_Scratch\\_build](http://flitetest.com/articles/FT_Flyer_Scratch_build). Tom says it took him and Corina about 3 hours to build the first one.

**2014 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In Planning Committee Report:** Kurt Pennuto briefly reviewed the status of plans and events. Craft show organizer Kent Peterson reports that all available space is sold out!

**July Chapter Meeting:** will be a picnic on July 9 at the home of Greg and Betty Thomes. Family of chapter members are included. The chapter will pay for meat and drinks. Members should bring sides, salads or desserts to share.

**RC Flying Experience for Chapter Members:** Tom Rammel is still coordinating with members of the Wright Flyers on a time and date...perhaps in September.

**Air Academy Scholarship:** Wyatt Erickson requested financial assistance so he can attend his last eligible year of the Air Academy at Oshkosh. He has made a down payment but needs approximately another \$800 to pay the fee. The chapter has Young Eagle credits that can be used for part of this payment. Request was tabled until the next meeting so Wyatt can get a more accurate report of actual funds needed.

Monthly Treasurer’s Report by Dick Burns, thru May	
Opening Balance	\$3059.93
Income:	
Dues	\$ 25.00
Craft Show	740.00
Shirts	<u>418.00</u>
Total	\$ 1183.00
Expenses:	
Kent Peterson (shirts)	<u>\$ 418.00</u>
Total	\$ 418.00
Total Change:	\$ 765.00
Ending Balance	\$3824.93

● **NEW MEMBER**

Please welcome Neil Hammer to the chapter membership and add his name to your copy of the chapter roster. Neil and his wife Marilyn live in Buffalo (when they’re not escaping from the Minnesota winters in Florida!). Look for more info about Neil in the future.

**BUFFALO FLY-IN and PANCAKE BREAKFAST, JUNE 8, 2014**



The fly-in was hosted by West Metro Aviation and the breakfast was served by EAA Chapter 878.

Beautiful blue skies greeted the many pilots who flew in and the crowds that drove in, both to enjoy the breakfast and the adjacent car show.



Big crowds, busy servers, lots of people eating. Sky divers were circled by Mike Wiskus in the Lucas Oil Pitts Special, and a couple of smokin' Stearmans entertained the visitors! A great day of aviation!



How many clowns can you find in these photos? Caution, this could be a trick question!

- **WICKS CATALOGS AVAILABLE**  
by Wayne Flury

At the last meeting I forgot to mention that I have several copies of the latest Wicks Aircraft Supply catalog available to anyone who wants one. I had received a box of them (along with items for door prizes) for the Sonex Fly-In, but didn't have takers for all. Let me know if you want one and I'll bring it to the next meeting.

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- **AIRVENTURE 2014 SETUP UNDERWAY**  
by Wayne Flury

I've been following the progress of activities underway at the AirVenture convention grounds. As I write this in mid-June, friends in the Communications Center (the Green Gang) are already hard at work on weekends to get a new PA system installed and operable at the Ultralight area, as well as work at the main comm center building. Other area volunteers are also on site. These folks really put in a lot of time so that the general visitors can come in for the convention and have all the amenities they expect!

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

Interesting meeting programs are essential to the vitality of our chapter. Here are some activities already planned or ideas for 2014. But, the chapter needs your input and help to suggest, find and coordinate programs for the remaining months! Does a hangar neighbor have an interesting airplane they would talk about? Do you have a project in mind, or need some advice? Other ideas?

- 1) Aug. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, Maple Lake Airport, in conjunction with the Gear-Head Get Together
  - 2) Sep. Open
  - 3) Oct. Open
  - 4) Nov. Open
  - 5) Dec. Chapter Christmas Party
  - 6) Jan.
  - 7) Feb.
  - 8) Mar.
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- **EVENTS – 2014**

Here's a list of some upcoming events for 2014, compiled from various sources. It's neither complete nor all-inclusive, and primarily features EAA chapter sponsored events, plus other activities or unique events.

Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, much more:

- July 4 – 6 EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" tour stop at St. Cloud Regional Airport. Hosted by EAA Chapter 551.
- 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 6:00 p.m. Meet at lake home of Greg and Betty Thomes.
- 13 EAA Chapter 1128, Two Harbors, pancake breakfast, 7 – noon.
- July 28 - Aug 3 AirVenture Oshkosh 2014, Oshkosh, WI, [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org); <http://www.airventure.org>
- Aug. 10 Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association (MNSPA), Lino Lakes pig roast fly-in, Surfside Seaplane Base.
- 16 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In, pork chop dinner. Serving 11:30 – 2:00. Craft Sale 10 to 3 on airport grounds; shuttle bus service to Gear-Head Get Together (<http://www.gear-headgettogether.com/>) in downtown Maple Lake.
- 16 EAA Chapter 237, Forest Lake, fly-in breakfast starting at 7:00, lunch 11 – 4.
- 23 EAA UL Chapter 92, Glencoe, sweet corn and bratwurst feed, 10 – 2.
- 24 Litchfield Lions fly-in breakfast. French toast, eggs and sausage, 7 – 12.
- Sep. 7 New Ulm Lions Club fly-in breakfast, 7 – 12:30.
- 7 Faribault. Faribault Aero Pilots Association and CAP Squadron fly-in breakfast, 7 – 12.
- 14 Stanton Airfield, rescheduled Father's Day fly-in! 7 – 12.
- 20 EAA Chapter 412, Grand Rapids, pancake breakfast fly-in, 8 – noon.

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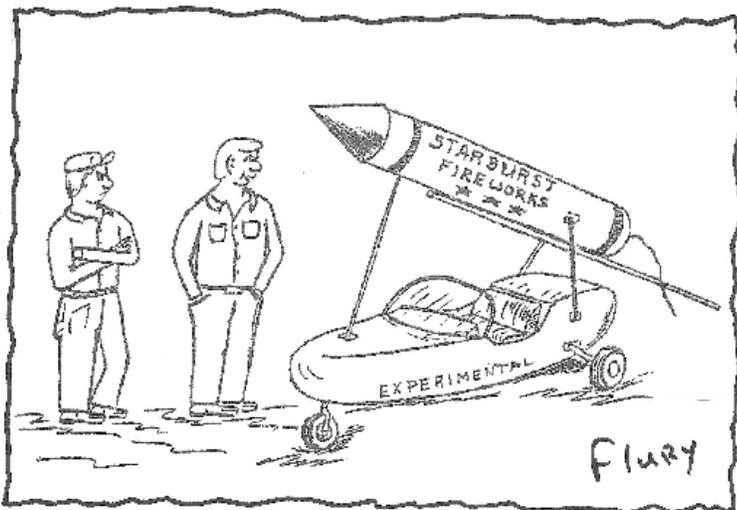
Meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



"The range is somewhat limited, but the takeoff roll is spectacular!"

In view of my present lack of time for humorous creativity, here's another of my "recycled" cartoons!

This one originally appeared in the Chapter 878 newsletter in July, 1993.

My first cartoon appeared in the August, 1989 issue of the Maple Lake Flyer, and original cartoons have been in almost all subsequent issues.

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