



## The Maple Lake Flyer

a newsletter of Chapter 878  
Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)  
Maple Lake, Minnesota

September, 2012

### EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

## Chapter 878 Activities for September: Saturday, Sept. 8

- Pre Fly-In hangar clean-up and general preparations, 9:00 a.m. Maple Lake Airport / Wright Aero. "Many hands make light work!"
- Bring coolers and serving utensils.

## Sunday, Sept. 9

- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- All chapter members and any volunteer help you can find are needed to make this another successful event.
- The coffee will be ready early! Come as early as possible to prepare for the early arrivals...aircraft generally start arriving between 10 and 10:30. If you already have been contacted about working in a particular area (car parking, aircraft parking, food service, cooking, etc.), check in early and be ready for the crowd! If you have not already been assigned a job area, get there early to make your request and go over last minute instructions!
- Volunteers eat free!!
- Bring hand held radio if you have one.

## Wednesday, Sept. 12, 6:00 p.m.

- *Second Annual Recap of the Fly-In and Cookout* at the home of Joe and Pat Simmon. All chapter members, family and fly-in volunteers are invited. Food and drinks provided by the chapter. Bring a dessert or appetizer if you wish.

Address: 4614 53<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Maple Lake. Phone 320-963-6125. (located between the east edge of town and the lake access area off of Hwy 55).

### THE PRES SEZ

**President:**  
Joe Simmon

Labor Day weekend, the State Fair, and leaves beginning to fall are all sending a signal that the Maple Lake Fly-in is coming soon. This is our biggest event of the year and our exclusive fund-raiser. It is also the one time of year that most of our membership is able to participate in a unique activity that brings so much attention to General Aviation.

We need all the volunteers we can get, so I hope all of us can make it and if you have a spouse, significant other, son or daughter that would like to help out, bring them along. We will also be cleaning up the Wright Aero hangar, wiping down chairs and getting a head start on set-up Saturday morning at about 9:00 A.M. Ice chests should be brought Saturday if you have one to loan.

Our regular meeting date falls the Wednesday after the Fly-in. We will have our *Second Annual Recap of the Fly-In and Cookout* at Pat and my house on that date beginning about 6:00 P.M. As usual, spouses, volunteers and significant others are welcome. Here's hoping for a great weather day and a crowd like last year.

**MINUTES OF  
MEEETING,  
Aug. 8, 2012**

**Secretary:**  
Wayne Flury

17 members and friends of EAA Chapter 878 met in the meeting room of Wright Aero at the Maple Lake airport on the evening of August 8 for our monthly meeting.

The evening began with a presentation, both verbal and video, by Eric Spoon about his experiences flying in Alaska and Indonesia. Eric and his family will be leaving Minnesota around the end of August, relocating to Thailand and working in mission service with Free Burma Rangers (see: <http://www.freeburmarangers.org/> for more information on this program).

Wyatt Erickson took center stage to tell about his experiences at Air Academy Camp at Oshkosh in June. He had many stories and photos to share, and it's evident from his enthusiasm that he benefited from the program. The following Monday was Wyatt's 14th birthday, so he brought a cake (homemade, as befits an EAA group!) which he shared at the conclusion of the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns (see summary at the end of this report) and the Secretary's Report by Wayne Flury (minutes of last meeting, as published in the newsletter) were both approved. Tim Bond passed around copies of a hand-out regarding proper hand signals to be used by persons working with aircraft parking.

Glen Morrow noted that he has a Young Eagles event scheduled for a group on Saturday, Aug. 11. He has pilots and ground crew lined up, but additional help is always nice. Glen encouraged members to not wait for a group event... members can conduct a Young Eagles flight with just one kid, and these are some of the most memorable flights!

Elaine Morrow noted that the 99s are having a Poker Run on September 22 and will send the info to Wayne for general distribution to the entire chapter. She also described an opportunity to participate in a NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) flying competition to be held at Mankato in October. If you would like more information about this, please contact Elaine or Patti Sandusky.

Dave Swanson discussed his progress on his SeaRey amphibious experimental aircraft. He is very pleased with the quality of the kit.

Discussion of upcoming Chapter 878 fly-in: Dick Burns has the pop and water already purchased (all "on sale"). Joe Simmon will check with Fred Jude about handling the procurement of pork chops, beans, potato salad, etc. Last year we got 600 chops and sold out. The same number is expected for this year. Wayne will handle press releases to local papers and radio station. Tim Bond will handle aircraft parking, and others volunteered to assist. The Ericksons will direct car parking. Glen Morrow will coordinate with Bill Mavencamp about the hangar floor cleanup. Marv Sikkila will purchase plates, utensils and buns. Dave Swanson and others will cook chops. Dick Burns noted that Marcie will handle the cash box for tickets. Marv will have a prop clock for the raffle, but noted that this will be the last one he will make. Marv has been doing this for about 20 years (even he isn't sure!) so if our "prop clock raffle" is to continue, someone else will need to learn this skill. Tim Bond will check with local emergency responders to ask about having them pre-positioned at the airport. Chapter members will handle general airport cleanup on the Saturday prior to the fly-in.

Joe Simmon will check with EAA about possible chapter liability for anyone other than the chapter that provides airplane or helicopter rides during our event.

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**Please remember – all chapter members are needed to help work at our Fly-In on Sunday, September 9. Yes, it is work, but it's also a lot of fun. We are well known for this event and it's our only fund-raiser. It's also our biggest "out-reach" event to introduce the general public to EAA and Chapter 878.**

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns:  
(for July)

Opening Balance		\$3459.31
Income:	Dues	\$ 50.00
	Scholarship Fund	\$ <u>50.00</u>
	Total	\$ 100.00
Expenses:	Bank Fee	\$ 2.00
	Wayne Flury (stamps)	\$ <u>4.55</u>
	Total:	\$ 6.55
Total Change:		\$ 93.45
Ending Balance		\$3552.76

**CHAPTER 878  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

by Wayne Flury

Contributions to the EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Fund currently stands at \$50.00.

Please consider making a personal contribution to the Scholarship fund. This money will be used only to support aviation education. Perhaps if you get a refund or cash rebate on a purchase, or other “spare change” events happen in your life, you might consider donating some of it into this new chapter fund. Our chapter has always put a high priority on Young Eagles and other events designed to encourage youth in aviation, and this a way for us to reaffirm that part of our mission.

**EAA CHAPTER 878  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION CARD**

Please accept my contribution to the EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Fund. Money donated to this fund will be used by the Chapter only for the funding of educational opportunities for youth.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Contributed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EVENTS, 2012**

Here's a few events compiled from various sources. It is not intended to be complete or all-inclusive. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, more:

<b>Sep. 9</b>	<b>EAA Chapter 878, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, 11:30 – 2:00</b>
15	Mora, “Fall Colors Fly-In.” Chili served, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
16	Hector, 70 <sup>th</sup> annual flight breakfast...all you can eat! PIC's free!
22-23	Duluth Air Show (see <a href="http://www.duluthairshow.com">www.duluthairshow.com</a> )
29	Granite Falls, Fagen Fighters Museum Grand Opening
30	Bowstring, chili feed, 10 – 2

**POSSIBLE  
“FLY-OUT”  
ACTIVITY?**

by Wayne Flury

Fagen Fighters World War II Museum  
Granite Falls, MN

Grand Opening  
Saturday, September 29

See: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/FagenFightersWwiiMuseum>  
<http://www.warhawksinc.com/>

I don't have the time or schedule yet, but activities probably start about 10:00 a.m. We've talked and talked about doing a “fly-out.” Is anyone up for putting a plan together?

See the links to the museum for info about displays...it is definitely “world class” and yet just a short distance from us.

**WHAT OUR  
MEMBERS  
ARE  
BUILDING**



Here's a photo by Ken Souer showing the Legal Eagle being built by Marv Sikkila. Work has progressed on the fuselage frame to where it is now complete and on wheels!

**OSHKOSH  
AIRVENTURE  
2012...**

**KIDVENTURE  
CONTROL-  
LINE  
VOLUNTEER**

by Tom Rammel

It is difficult to describe Oshkosh AirVenture to someone that has never experienced it first hand, but it is an amazing experience. Over 500,000 friends and aviation enthusiasts attend. There are 10,000 aircraft to look at as well as KidVenture, seminars, workshops, speakers, and a museum to experience. There is a wealth of entertainment in the evening, including the Steve Miller band and the movie Red Tails that can be viewed, not to mention a 2-hour air show every day. This is the busiest airport in the world for one week each year. There is so much to do that you can never see or do everything.

I was a volunteer with the control-line group again this year, and it was good to see some familiar faces and new ones, too. For those of you not familiar with control line or KidVenture, children of all ages can fly a control-line airplane for free. Some years that can mean 2000 people flying them. Moms and Dads and even a few Grandpas even give it a try. Flying the airplane consists of flying in a circle while holding the handle attached to the airplane by control lines...the airplane can climb or dive by maneuvering the handle, which operates the elevator. The young kids do not get dizzy, but some of the older kids (parents or grandparents) do!

The airplanes we use are called the Tough Baby and were designed by the St Louis control line group. These airplanes are very tough and fly very well even in the wind, and we had some wind this year! These airplanes hold up very well and survive most crashes due to the tough design and rubber band mounted engine mount.



"Tough Baby"



I worked on the pit crew, re-fueling and starting engines. Another pit crew member launches the airplane and the pilot gives the kid flying it some brief training, helping them to be successful on their first flight.



At 11:30 a.m. each day, some very experienced control-line volunteers fly a demonstration that is very impressive. Most of these volunteers are current or past national control-line champions.

After the demonstration, a prize-winning drawing is held for all the kids that flew that morning. The prize is a kit for a control-line model airplane donated by SIG manufacturing.

The remaining pictures are of some kids flying and also one dad (big kid) flying the airplane.



C/L Volunteer Picnic. I am 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left in the back row.

If you have never been to Oshkosh AirVenture, plan to go in 2013 and join in on all the aviation fun. Volunteering is very rewarding, too, so give it a try. Your experience is not complete until you give a child the joy of flying and get to see it on their face.

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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) in the offices of Wright Aero, at the airport, Maple Lake, MN.

Dues are \$25 per year.

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**THE  
FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



EAA Chapter 878 and Wright Aero Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In  
September 9, 2012  
Serving from 11:30 to 2:00

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# **MAPLE LAKE FLY IN AND DRIVE IN**

*by EAA Chapter 878 and Wright Aero, Inc.*

## **26th ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**



### **MAPLE LAKE, MN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**



**DINNER SERVED 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM**

#### **Aircraft Displays**

**Experimental  
Warbirds  
Commercial  
Antique  
UltraLights  
Remote Control**

**Sign up for *Young Eagles*  
(free airplane ride for ages 8 - 17)  
to be held on another date.**

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**Plane rides by Wright Aero**

**Aviation displays**

**Food!**

**Door Prizes**

**Prop Clock Raffle!!**



**Free dinner to PIC of  
experimental or warbird aircraft.**