

The Maple Lake Flyer

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Maple Lake, Minnesota

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EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, December 8 **6:00 p.m. "social hour" and 7:00 p.m. dinner** **at Bison Creek Bar & Grill in Buffalo**

Agenda for December Meeting:

- This is our annual "Christmas Party" meeting, at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling) in Buffalo. See inside the newsletter for directions and other info about the party.
- Recap of the Tree of Hope toy collection held on December 1.
- Chapter leadership recognition.
- Our rousing (and sometimes raucous) gift exchange (see the newsletter for details).
- Info about January meeting program and other winter meetings.

THE PRES SEZ

President:
Joe Simmon

We made it back from Florida by way of Kentucky to spend time with family and friends. We are looking forward to the Holidays this month and to getting a short dose of winter weather.

This will be my last memo as club president for some time. I would like to thank all of you for the support I have received over the years. Tom Rammel will be assuming the presidency for the next two years. Tom will make a great president and I am looking forward to working with him. Glen will continue as vice-president, which will make for an easier transition for Tom. Thanks to both for taking on those roles.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our annual holiday dinner. It is always a fun time to get together. Thanks to Marv for setting everything up for the event. The annual Loren Scheibe holiday get together will also be this month at Buffalo. It is an opportunity to meet a lot of fellow pilots and to enjoy some good food.

Have a great holiday season!

MINUTES OF MEETING, Nov. 14, 2012

Secretary:
Wayne Flury

Under the leadership of Vice-President Glen Morrow, 15 members of EAA Chapter 878 met in the upstairs meeting room of Wright Aero at Maple Lake Airport for our regular monthly meeting...quite possibly for the last time since Wright Aero is closing operations at the end of December.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Burns presented the September and October financial reports which were approved. See the summaries at the end of the minutes. Dick noted that the Maple Lake bank has changed ownership and we are no longer charged a bank fee.

Secretary's Report: as published in the newsletter by Wayne Flury...approved.

December Chapter Christmas Party: Marv Sikkila has secured a room at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling) in Buffalo for December 8. Social hour at 6:00, dinner ordered from a menu at 7:00, followed by our infamous gift exchange.

Nametags: Wayne has had no responses yet from chapter members who do not have nametags. Three people at the meeting responded.

Hats/Shirts: Dick Burns has not yet received a response on costs from his sources and will follow up.

Tree of Hope: Elaine Morrow thanked the chapter for its monetary contribution to this toy collection organization. She updated the group on the December 1 gathering of toys to be held at Wright Aero at the Maple Lake Airport. All toys from the Tree of Hope are distributed to hospitals in Minnesota. Her contacts with various hospitals indicate that other groups who may have also contributed to hospitals have been dropping out, yet there is a strong need for the toys and games. There is no aviation related collection of toys in Duluth this year (they have participated strongly for many years in the past), so Maple Lake is the sole location in Minnesota for this event.

Wright Aero Closing: Wayne read an email response he had received from Bob Shadduck regarding the chapter use of the facility. The chapter is welcome to continue to store our equipment (tables, chairs, file cabinets, etc.) in the hangar for the time being, but he is unsure of access arrangement. He is trying to work out something with the City of Maple Lake for public access to the offices (at least during business hours) for the restrooms (and, presumably, the weather computer).

Young Eagles: Glen Morrow noted that he had a group of girl scouts lined up for rides and still needed to contact those parents and kids that signed up at our fly-in. Wayne encouraged Glen to at least call the fly-in group so they know we haven't forgotten about them.

Chapter Officer Elections: Glen Morrow noted that the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary needed to be filled for another two-year term. He called for volunteers for President. Upon hearing no response, he noted that Joe Simmon had spoken to Tom Rammel about the position and asked if Tom was still willing to accept the position. Tom agreed, nominations were closed and a unanimous vote ensued! For Vice-President, with there being no volunteers, Elaine Morrow nominated Glen Morrow. Glen agreed to accept an extension of his current position, nominations were closed and a unanimous vote ensued! For Treasurer and Secretary, both current office holders, Dick Burns for Treasurer and Wayne Flury for Secretary, volunteered to continue for another term. Nominations for each office were closed and a unanimous vote ensued! Glen Morrow also volunteered to continue as Young Eagles Coordinator and Wayne Flury volunteered to continue as Newsletter Editor.

January Meeting: Wayne noted that he had Glenn Weibel (our "traffic advisor" for our fly-in) lined up to do an FFAST program (FAA Safety Team) on January 12 in the West Metro Aviation hangar at the Buffalo Airport. Wayne will distribute a flyer to open up the event to all local pilots. This event will qualify under the FAA Wings program. Marv Sikkila will purchase some coffee to donate to West Metro for the day, and will purchase cookies and donuts for snacks.

Other Discussions: with the chapter election closed, everyone loosened up and talked about various projects underway. Dave Swanson is ready to paint his SeaRey, the seats are in and fuselage is carpeted. On January 11 he is going to Florida to the factory for flight instruction. Marv Sikkila has moved the fuselage of his Legal Eagle to his hangar at Maple Lake and is ready to begin fabric covering of the tail components. Tom Rammel talked about a radio controlled Cub on floats that he has just completed...it has an almost 8 foot wingspan! Wayne has photos of the model and will publish in the December newsletter. Dick Burns noted that he and a partner are looking for a third person to join them in building a Zodiac CH640, a four-place experimental designed by Chris Heinz (see: <http://www.kit-plane.com/index640.html> for more info on the aircraft).

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns: (for Sept.)			
Opening Balance		\$3550.26	
Income:	Fly-In	<u>\$1436.34</u>	
	Total	\$1436.34	
Expenses:	Fred Jude (picnic, June)	\$	108.04
	(Wyatt Erickson)		
	Joe Simmon (fly-in party)	\$	64.06
	Mini-Biff (two months)	<u>\$</u>	<u>175.42</u>
	Total	\$	347.52
Total Change:		\$	1008.82
Ending Balance		\$4639.08	

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns: (for Oct.)			
Opening Balance		\$4639.08	
Income:	Dues	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	
	Total	\$ 0.00	
Expenses:	Tree of Hope	\$	450.00
	Mini-Biff	<u>\$</u>	<u>87.89</u>
	(two months)		
	Total	\$	537.89
Total Change:		\$	<537.89>
Ending Balance		\$4101.19	

**CHAPTER
CHRISTMAS
PARTY
MEETING,
DIRECTIONS &
INFO**

***EAA Chapter 878 2012 Christmas Party (our December meeting).
Social hour at 6:00 PM (cash bar), dinner at 7:00 PM (order off the menu)
Chapter Awards and "Gift Exchange" to follow dinner.***

I invite and encourage all chapter members and friends, if your schedule permits, to attend our annual December Christmas party. The chapter has, since its beginning over 25 years ago, gathered each December with our families and friends in an informal social event to celebrate our common interest. It's also a great opportunity for our spouses to meet the members and other spouses who they may not see for the other 11 months of the year!

Party location:

Buffalo, Huikko's Bowling / Bison Creek Bar and Dining.

Directions: In Buffalo, intersection of Highway 55 and Highway 25, go North approximately 2 blocks. Bowling alley is on the West side of Highway 25. Driveway to the parking lot is on the North side of the building, between the bowling alley and Klatt True Value Hardware. Our party is in the main building. If lost, call 763-682-4180.
(Huikko's Bowling & Entertainment Center; <http://www.huikkosbowl.com>)

Gift Exchange: gifts are suggested to be approximately \$10 - \$15 value, wrapped, and appropriate for either male or female. The "exchange" is a fun-filled event where each individual, in a sequence determined by a drawing, selects a wrapped gift from the "pile" or by claiming a gift from someone who has already opened one.....!!! Gifts could be handmade items (arts, crafts, baked items, etc.), recycled items, seasonal decorations, books, wine, candy, gift certificate or ???

AVBITS
by Wayne Flury

In addition to this newsletter, many of you also receive an irregularly scheduled email that I title "AvBits." This is sent to "dues paid chapter members only" (and only via email, no hard copies to members who do not have electronic mail!). This is something I began as a "chapter member benefit" to supplement the monthly newsletter and as an incentive for non-members to become a member.

These messages are for the purpose of quickly distributing pertinent chapter and member information without having to wait for the newsletter, but I also use it to distribute general aviation information and news, plus web links to interesting sites.

If you are receiving this newsletter as a non-chapter member, you can also receive the AvBits email by becoming a chapter member. Contact me or any chapter officer for membership.

**MY
AIRVENTURE
2012**

by Wayne Flury

I had asked for other chapter members to submit their stories about AirVenture Oshkosh 2012, so now I guess it's my turn!

For those of you who do not know, I have worked for many years at the Announcer's Stand at Oshkosh. It's a job I stumbled into with a little bit of skill and a whole bunch of good luck! It can be long hours and demanding schedules and frustrating at times, but has paid me back many-fold in terms of an appreciation of the organization that is required to operate an event such as this, and also in the many, many great aviation friends I have been fortunate to know.

It seems that I never take enough pictures during events such as AirVenture, so it's good that we have excellent photographers working for EAA who do capture everything in great detail that can be viewed either in the magazines or online

Photos of the "Brown Arch" are a staple of each year's crop of photos (photo taken from the flightline side). The area on the display side of the arch is the patio where memorial "bricks" are placed as tributes. For more info on this and for an impressive aerial view of the arch, see:



<http://www.airventure.org/arch/>. The aerial photo shows something that I never realized was a part of the patio...the outline of a biplane set into the bricks!

This photo of the EAA offices building and museum was taken the day before the convention began and it was sort of a serene time...the calm before the "storm" of activity began! If you can ever manage to take an extra day to attend AirVenture, do it the day before...it's a whole different place!



I did a lot of interviews this year. They are all fun, but it was especially fun to spend time with Aaron Tippen on the Announcer's Stand (see the photo on the next page). I had worked with him earlier this year at the Granite Falls Air Show, so we got to reminisce about his "first air show performance!" Most entertainers are truly great and gracious people, and Aaron really typifies that standard. Besides being a performer, he is a pilot and owns several aircraft as well as being checked out as a co-pilot in the B-29!

In addition to Aaron, I interviewed Michael and Stefan Strasser (the guys who do the "Chicken Wings" cartoons) and Matt Younkin (air show performer who flies the Twin

Beech) who received the Art Scholl Showmanship Award this year.

In addition there were several recurring interviews with the warbird folks, the pilot of the Orbis DC-10 and others. Some days I went from one interview to another, non-stop, all morning and early afternoon and I loved every minute of it!

A particularly interesting interview was with “Ravi the Raviator” (see: <http://www.heyravi.com/theraviator/>) who is an aviation motivational speaker and a professional musician. He had composed a “theme song” for AirVenture (called *AirVenturous*) which he performed during the interview. You can listen to the song at: <http://www.heyravi.com/AirVenturous/song.html>.

My wife, Joyce, came to Oshkosh for a couple of days and got to meet many of my co-workers...I’m not sure she has yet recovered from that!

This photo of the blue tarp covered stage on the flightline shows where the air show announcing was done in 2012. Again, this was taken before the convention began.

For those of you who have heard (or perhaps made) the complaints about the loud music and the huge speakers that blocked some views, this is where all that originated! The “performers tent” is located to the right of the stage and in the background is the “old” announcer’s stand where I hang out and did my interviews and other announcements (and where, hopefully, all announcing will move back to in 2013!



Wayne and good buddy, Aaron Tippen, at Oshkosh.



CHAPTER NAME TAGS

As noted in last month’s newsletter, we haven’t been diligent in assuring that all EAA Chapter 878 members have a chapter nametag (you’re a “member” if you have paid dues!).

Please check the top of your dresser and the bottom of your kitchen “junk drawer” to find yours. It should be a white nametag with the “new” EAA logo (not a blue one with the old “meatball” EAA logo, even if you do like that one better, as do I). If you don’t have one, please respond to Wayne Flury who will consolidate a list of names.

I do have a list of some chapter members who need a new nametag, but I think there others who need one. I’ll have the list at the Christmas party...let me know so I can add your name!

MORE MEMORIES OF OUR GRANITE FALLS FLY-OUT

by Wayne Flury



Left : the Fagen Museum WWII "Briefing Room" with statue of Col. Bud Anderson in front and the "control tower" behind; Above: view of the museum hangar from the control tower.



Left: a view of the Waco GC-4A Combat Glider which was recently restored by volunteers and is now on display at the Fagen WWII Museum.

Some of you may remember a chapter meeting in 2008 in Wayne Flury's "shed" when one of the volunteers on this restoration project, Ingemar Holm, came and gave us a presentation on that work. The chapter made a \$200 donation and it was nice to see their results.

MARV MAKES PROGRESS ON HIS LEGAL EAGLE

Courtesy of Ken Souer, here is a recent picture of Marv's fuselage on it's way back to his hanger via Ken Souer's Subaru!



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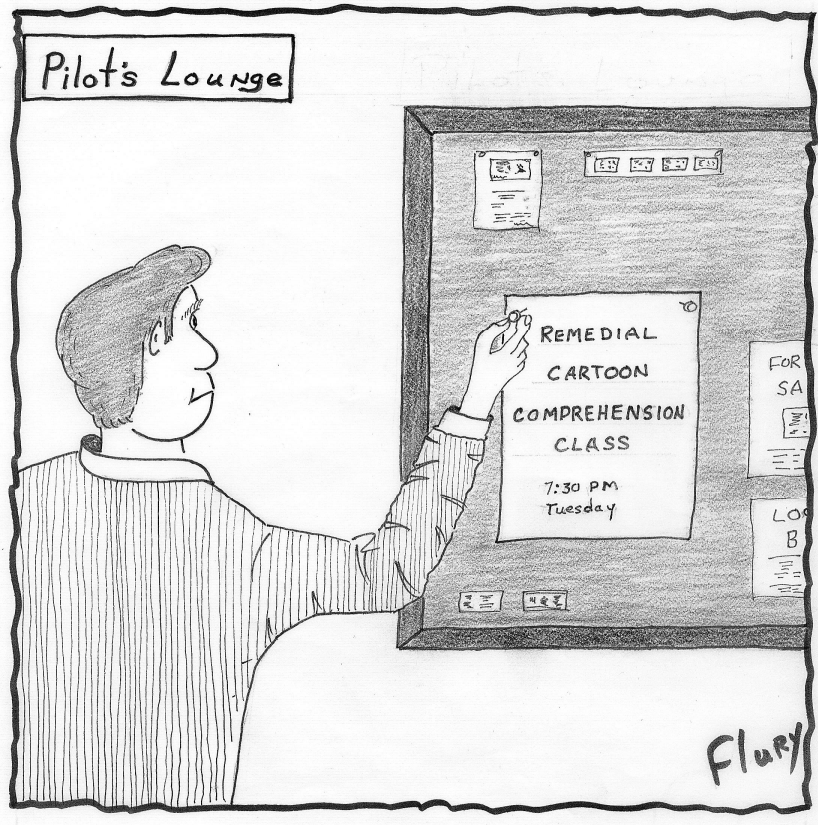
Meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings) in the offices of Wright Aero, at the airport, Maple Lake, MN.

Dues are \$25 per year.

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THE FUNNIES
by Wayne Flury



Concerned that some readers weren't "getting" the point of his cartoons, Wayne decided to take a proactive approach.

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