



The Maple Lake Flyer

A newsletter of EAA Chapter 878, Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation communities of Maple Lake, Buffalo, and surrounding areas of Minnesota since 1986. And we're now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

May, 2017

• EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT and MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, May 8 – Chapter Meeting plus a light “picnic meal”

Eat at 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm

Food furnished by the chapter...come and get yours!

At: the Arrival / Departure Building on the Buffalo Airport

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• FLIGHT TO SUCCESS by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Recently, we lost one of EAA Chapter 878's charter members, Marv Sikkila. Marv was always one of those smiling faces around KMGG-KCFE.

There's the old saying that a person never knows when his/her time is up. Our days are numbers right from the start. I'm sure that Marv was not planning to leave us on March 31st, 2017.

Contemplating our departure date & time from this world is not a healthy way to spend our remaining days. But, it makes me wonder: If I were to leave this world today, what would be the highlights of my short aviation stint?

The highlights would most certainly involve being with the *fellow aviators* I've come to know. I would remember the *instructors* that could only laugh at my blunders. A highlight would be my first exhilarating *solo flight*, *first instrument approach*, providing *Young Eagle Flights*, *flying vacations with wife-Betty*, and opening up the hangar door to a *beautiful sunrise*.

Enjoy what aviation has given you. The benefits far outweigh any challenging days that we experience. Continue to make memories and highlights through GA.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg.



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● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017

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| May | 9 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, picnic meal at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 pm (Note: switching back to Tuesday evening date) |
| | 23 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| June | 11 | Buffalo Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast and Air Show by Mike Wiskus |
| | 13 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm |
| | 27 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |

Note: this generally will not detail the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are already well documented on other sites which are dedicated to that purpose. If I did try to list them, I risk missing one or slighting someone if I fail to list their event. I will make an exception for some special events.

For aviation events throughout the area, see the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and bulletin boards, plus I recommend subscribing to the free email alerts through <http://www.flyins.com> and www.socialflight.com.

● BUFFALO FLY-IN, EAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND MIKE WISKUS AIR SHOW by Wayne Flury

The annual Buffalo Fly-In pancake breakfast is coming up fast – June 11 is the date! With good weather we should have another outstanding event with a good crowd. Mike Wiskus will be flying his Lucas Oil Pitts Special, a treat for both the eyes and ears!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend (and help at) this great aviation gathering and car show. The pancake breakfast has become a major fund raising event for the chapter.

See the full scale fly-in poster included with this newsletter. Make a copy and post it someplace airworthy!



- **REMEMBERING MARV**
by Wayne Flury

Chapter 878 members were saddened to learn of the tragic death of long-time member Marv Sikkila in an automobile accident in Buffalo on March 31.

Marv was an ardent supporter of the EAA chapter. He was a charter member when the group was formed in 1986, served as Chapter Treasurer from 1991 through 2006, then became Chapter President in 2007 and 2008, and Vice-President in 2009 and 2010. He could always be counted upon to volunteer for events such as Young Eagles and to roll up his sleeves to help in any way possible at our fly-in and other events.

A carpenter by trade, he began carving wooden propellers for decorative use, which were finished with a clock mounted in the hub. Beginning with our first annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In/Drive-in event in 1988 and continuing through 2012, he made one of his "prop clocks" and donated it to the chapter for use as a door prize. Many people made it a point to come to our fly-in just to buy a raffle ticket for his prop clock!

Marv owned more than one airplane, but I will always remember the special pride he had for his Emeraude (shown here in a photo from a story I wrote for the Minnesota Flyer about a flight he and I took to Emmetsburg, Iowa).

R.I.P. Marv.



Marv, on left, with the winners of his Prop Clock at one of our earlier Pork Chop Dinner Fly-Ins at Maple Lake.



Marv Sikkila's Emeraude is based at Maple Lake, Minnesota

Photo by Wayne Flury, as published in the August, 1994, Minnesota Flyer.

- **CHAPTER 878 NAME TAGS**
by Wayne Flury

If you are a "dues paid" member of the chapter, you should have a Chapter 878 nametag such as mine shown provided as part of your initial dues. These have a magnetic back.



Typical Nametag

If you have not received your nametag, let me know (Note: I currently have the name of three new members via the "IMC Club" for whom I will be ordering your nametags). Hopefully I have not missed anyone, but my records could be wrong.

If you have lost your nametag or want another, I can order them as well but the cost to you will be approximately \$6 to \$7, depending upon the total quantity ordered.

See my contact info on the back page of the newsletter.

- **IMC CLUB**
by Dave Wendt, Founding Member and President – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

In the Elliott Aviation Building lobby, with meetings at Inflight Pilot Training (first floor), 13801 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN



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IMC Pilots Strive to be IFR Professionals – Always: Current, Competent, Proficient
Trusting: Judgment, Decisions, Curiosity

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ATTENTION: All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are you interested in joining IMC/EAA 878 Club? Cost is \$37.00 total dues per year. All meetings are free and open to all IFR and VFR pilots. Our Mission and Purpose is to become BOTH current and proficient pilots!

Features and Benefits: Redbird and Frasca 242 equipment access. Goal: Log one approach/month. Result: always Current and Proficient.

For more information and program content each month, please contact Dave at DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com, or 612-272-4600.

- **DALE BODINE'S TITAN TORNADO**
by Wayne Flury

At our chapter meeting last month I noticed a new addition parked off to one side of Tim and Carla Bond's hangar, and it turned out to be this nice looking Titan Tornado, now owned by chapter member Dale Bodine.

Dale purchased the components earlier this year from a fellow who had two of them for sale in disassembled condition. He has had the Rotax engine overhauled and is working now to bring everything into flyable condition.

Look for more details on this aircraft and Dale's perspective in a future newsletter. For more info on the complete line of Titan aircraft, see: <http://www.titanaircraft.com/>.

With this purchase I suspect Dale may be interested in parting with his Sonex kit, if you may be so interested!



- **SUN 'n FUN 2017**
by Wayne Flury

Many of you know I've volunteered at the Sun 'n Fun fly-in at Lakeland, Florida for several years. It's an extension of my volunteering at Oshkosh, working with essentially the same group as at Oshkosh. We've become close friends, so I'm really not working – just hanging out with my buddies! This year I was presented with a "10 Year Volunteer" pin (see photo), and I didn't even realize I had been going that long! I truly do have "fun" at Sun 'n Fun!



My job is interviewing persons of interest over the flight line PA system, each morning from 9:30 until noon, in approximately 15 minute segments, in what is called "Aviation Insight." This year it was primarily major sponsors, vendors, community supporters and promoters of the event, and other significant aviation personalities. I get to meet and interact with folks I would likely never otherwise get to know. Others take over the microphones from noon until approximately 2:00 pm for "Showcase" presentations where the light sport, ultralight, and various manufacturers fly their aircraft in front of the crowd line. I provide support during this time as necessary as well as for the afternoon air show.

My duties require an almost full-time dedication to the area (whether at Sun 'n Fun or Oshkosh), so the opportunities to wander the grounds and just relax as a visitor are limited, though certainly not unavailable. This is true for not only for me, but also for many of the 3000+ volunteers who work a lot harder than me – I

just talk to people! If there wasn't a high level of personal satisfaction from doing something I think is valuable to the event, it could be a real grind!

Over the years I've developed friendships, acquaintances and, I believe, a rapport with persons from all areas and levels of the event. This makes it possible for me to perform, and for them to believe in my ability, and I'm hoping for many more years to continue this experience. I wish I had started many years earlier!



I meet some very interesting people in my interviews. One was Morgane Laynaud, Marketing Manager for Alpina watches. Alpina is a relatively new entrant to the US aviation and sports market, but are a fine Swiss watch manufacturer since 1883! And, Morgane gave me a cap, which makes her my friend forever!



Joyce joined me for the full day on Saturday, including the night show. We took an extra three days after the event to just be tourists!

While the location of the Sun 'n Fun fly-in makes it less likely for folks in Minnesota to attend frequently and participate, we are fortunate to be close to Oshkosh and many other local aviation events for us to enjoy. I encourage you to become a volunteer. The rewards can be outstanding!

- **WANTED –PHOTOS AND STORIES ABOUT YOUR FLIGHTS OR TRIPS**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Where are you going, and what are you doing this summer flying season?

Hey, where
ya goin'?

When you go, take a photo or two or three and send them to me, along with a story or at least a brief explanation. I can flesh out the words and put it in the newsletter so others can share in your enjoyment of flying!

Your fellow Chapter 878 members ARE interested in these things!

- **CHAPTER MANAGER OF NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED**
by Wayne Flury

As announced at the April meeting and as reported in the minutes, Barbara Zabel has stepped forward and was approved to be the Chapter 878 Program Manager for our 501(c)(3) mission.

Barb will handle communications, record keeping, IRS filings, and other items as required to assure compliance as well as recognition to donors and contributors.

Please contact Barb (see her contact info at the end of this newsletter in the “**Current Officers, Leaders and Coordinators of EAA Chapter 878**” listing) with any questions and for opportunities to make tax deductible donations or contributions to EAA Chapter 878. We will all be growing together in our knowledge and management of this new side of our chapter.

- **CHAPTER 878 FLY-OUT COORDINATOR and EAGLE FLIGHTS LEADER**
by Kyle Weatherly

Here are some quick notes about the first fly-out of the summer. I attended the Glencoe EAA Chapter 94 Fly-In on April 22. Dick Borrell & his nephew flew in as well - didn't see anyone else from our organization but may have missed them.

Information from their EAA chapter minutes -

- They have a very active organization
- They have an annual young eagle event - this year is June 10, requested additional pilots for other EAA chapters because of number of youth they have come through.
- They have currently flown 1356 young eagle flights as an organization.
- They have a weekly coffee and sweet roll, hangar flying at the airport - pilots are welcome to stop by.
- They recently held an AOPA sponsored Rusty Pilots seminar for their chapter and local pilots. This was well attended and the presenter was out of Washington State that flew in for the event.

Presentation - Ray Peterson FAA

- Discussion on Basic Med, ADS-B Mandate, and some accident awareness - about 1 hour long



- Basic Med
 - The gist was that he is in the dark as much as everyone else at this time. They FAA hasn't seen the online form that will be released on May 1 so they couldn't answer detailed questions about it.
 - He reiterated a few times that the FAA wants to keep people safe, if your safe there is nothing to worry about.
 - Really no answers about existing medical conditions, what exemptions there are, and the possible problems with personal medical doctors giving you a piece of paper saying you can fly. I know personally my physician isn't comfortable with what he knows so far so I am trying to educate him as much as possible on Basic Med which is difficult since there is only the information currently in print through AOPA, and other organizations but not what the forms really look like and where liability lies in the case of an event?
 - I think we may know more by the next meeting than what Ray knew during the presentation.
- ADSB-out 2020 Mandate
 - He went into the overview of how it works, why it is being implemented, and who will have to comply.
 - Showed examples of models that are available and pricing of the models.
 - Since it was an UL type of event he went into the non TSO's models available as well
- Some accident awareness
 - One item he focused on was CO2 in the cockpit and gave an example of a local pilot in a Mooney that had a problem with this and an eventual, miracle crash.
 - The end result is the CO2 indicator that I have on my dash only turn when there is a huge exposure to CO2 often too late and they are very un-effective for indication. He concentrated on portable CO2 audio devices such as a keychain for your plane.

Brats and hot dogs were served at the end of the event. There were about a dozen planes that flew in.

Note: for any and all suggestions for possible chapter fly-outs, and for information about how to conduct Eagle Flights to qualified individuals, please contact Kyle at 612-965-1610, or k.weatherly@live.com.

• OSHKOSH WORK PARTY OPPORTUNITIES by Wayne Flury

There are always opportunities to become more involved with your EAA organization. And now you can get a free one day admission to AirVenture Oshkosh 2017 by participating in a Weekend Work Party!

Some of us have participated with EAA Chapter 237 from Anoka, working in the EAA Weeks Hangar on some of EAA's treasures! This opportunity continues to exist. Contact me for more info if you are interested.

For more details on the general volunteer opportunities, see:
<https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/volunteer/weekend-work-parties>.

There is also a work party planned for the Seaplane Base.

Remember to check our chapter website: www.878.eaachapter.org/

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

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Chapter meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday morning). Meeting location and time may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program. Our December meeting is a family social event held at a local event center, with date, time and place to be determined annually.

Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

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Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

The list of volunteer leaders for EAA Chapter 878 continues to grow! Due to the increased size of this listing, the monthly cartoon has now been pushed to the next page. That's a good thing. Thank You!

- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



With the forecast of an upcoming pilot shortage, airlines have become much more aggressive in their recruiting.

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