



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.

March, 2016

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport

This meeting will feature a FAA Safety Team (FAAST) presentation by Kevin Morris, a FAAS Team Program Manager from the Minneapolis Flight Standards District Office. See the attached flyer.

Program subjects are:

- Personal Minimums (VFR and IFR operations)
- Briefing on FAA's new Compliance Philosophy

We'll also have a general business chapter meeting, with agenda subjects as appropriate.

NOTE: At our last meeting we approved changing the date of our April, 2016 meeting to the 3rd Saturday of the month, April 16. We'll meet in Tim Bond's hangar with a pancake feed for members and family (plus anyone you wish to invite who may be interested in learning more about our chapter).

- **FLIGHT TO SUCCESS**
by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Non-profit organizations certainly can offer their membership experiences not normally available to the average citizen.

I've been fortunate to visit with several U.S. Presidents at the White House through a non-profit. I also recall meeting gymnast Mary Lou Retton, country band members – Alabama, and Arnold Schwarzenegger...all through non-profits.

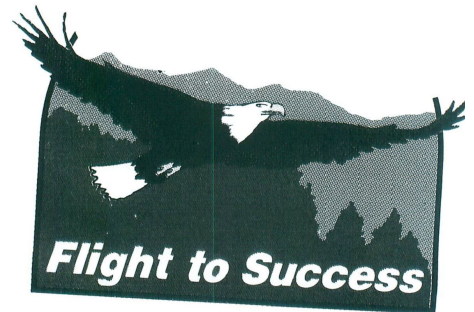
Last weekend was another one of those experiences. Five members of chapter 878 had the opportunity to crawl inside a B-17 (*Aluminum Overcast*) and a B-25. The B-17 is currently in service. The B-25 is slated to fly again soon. Sitting in the cockpit and bombardier's chairs shed light on what those young crew members were up against in WWII.

Thanks to EAA, 20 Minnesota members were united in Oshkosh. As you'll read and see in other parts of this newsletter, we shared experiences not seen or felt by very many Americans.

"You get out of an organization what you put into it." Take a ride with EAA 878! You just might experience something new and exciting.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – February 13, 2016**

by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

February meeting of EAA Chapter 878 held in the hangar of West Metro Aviation at the Buffalo Airport, with 21 members and guests present, plus program presenter, George Funk.

Not a bad turnout, considering that the temperature at 8:00 am as I drove to the Buffalo Airport was -13°F!

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report by Wayne Flury for January, as printed in the newsletter; motion to approve by Glen Morrow, second by Dick Burns, no discussion, approved.

Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns from November and December and printed in the newsletter. Motion to approve by Tim Bond, second by Pete Radintz, no discussion, approved. Report for January verbally presented by Dick and printed at the end of these minutes. No questions.

COMMITTEES:

Young Eagles:

Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Glen Morrow – gave an overview of the new Youth Protection Plan being implemented by EAA. All Young Eagles volunteers with direct contact with youth must take the training and have a background check. Other volunteers, training is recommended. Glen encouraged members to get the training done. See: <http://www.eaa.org/youthprotection> for additional information and questions.

Chapter Website Update: Website Coordinator Wyatt Erickson not present.

Chapter PIC Hours: Chapter President Greg Thomes passed around the PIC sheet for attendance and for record of chapter member flying hours to date.

Fly-Outs: President Thomes asked for a volunteer to lead the chapter as a coordinator of fly-out events; i.e.: keep the chapter updated on flying events and promote chapter sharing of rides to events, etc.

No volunteer at the meeting, item will be kept open.

Eagle Flights Program: President Thomes noted that the chapter still needs a volunteer leader for this program (Eagle Flights is a free introductory flight experience and informal mentoring program to welcome and encourage adults who want to discover flying).

No volunteer at the meeting, item will be kept open.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial and MN Aviation Hall of Fame Nomination:

Glen Morrow reported that the renaming of the Maple Lake Airport in honor of Bill Sr. has been accomplished. It is now identified as "Maple Lake Municipal – Bill Mavencamp Sr Field" (reference the Feb. newsletter for an example). No word from the City about any ceremony taking place.

Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport:

No update; tabled until March.

Buffalo Fly-In:

Buffalo Fly-In on June 12 with a pancake breakfast and air show. Chapter will handle the breakfast, as we have done. Greg Thomes noted that this will need "all hands on deck" for working that day.

Maple Lake Fly-In:

Chairman Kurt Pennuto not in attendance (sick).

Fly-In Committee Member Elaine Morrow handed out a "Save the Date" card (intended to be placed at area airports...see example elsewhere in this newsletter) for this 2-day event, September 9 and 10. She also presented a list of publicity contacts (as developed from her Tree of Hope work) for the committee to use. Elaine also had a preliminary fly-in poster for review.

Oshkosh Work Party:

Wayne Flury presented an overview of two options for an Oshkosh trip by chapter members, and as described in the February newsletter. One is a cooperative event with EAA Chapter 237 of Anoka, MN to be part of one of their regular weekend work party trips where they work with staff at the Weeks hangar at Oshkosh. Another option is for Chapter 878 to make a trip just to visit the museum at EAA.

Seven members present expressed interest in the event with Chapter 237. Wayne will contact Chapter 237 and will send an email to all Chapter 878 members (to catch those who could not be present today) for any additional interest and for firm confirmation. Wayne will coordinate personnel and travel arrangements. Lodging and meals are provided at Oshkosh by EAA.

NEW BUSINESS:**2016 Budget Review:**

No work done yet. Greg Thomes and Dick Burns to meet following today's meeting.

Yellow Cub Club:

A Mike Wiskus / West Metro program, using a J-3 Cub as an intro to aviation for youth. It will lead to a free ride in the J-3. Mike has requested help from the chapter in the form of volunteer support, publicity, etc., but no financial input. Mike not in attendance, no update.

STEM Programs:

Kurt Pennuto not available for update.

A possible program for the chapter of working with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in local schools. Kurt works with the Rockford school and was to check on programs at other local schools.

Jump Club:

Fred Jude had suggested getting a jump club to train chapter members who are interested in doing a tandem parachute jump.

Fred is still checking into this. No update today.

Projector Screen:

Now that the chapter owns a video projector, we need a screen for best viewing. Greg Thomes had brought a screen to use for the program presentation today, and it was available to purchase for \$25. Motion made, seconded, approved to purchase.

Other:

April Meeting Date: Greg Thomes and Wayne Flury will be gone on the regularly scheduled date of April 9. Motion made, seconded and approved to move the April meeting to April 16. Tim Bond volunteered to host the meeting at his hangar and will handle arrangements for the planned chapter pancake breakfast social event. All members, families and friends invited.

Chili Feed: Dick Burns noted that he had been asked if Chapter 878 would put on a winter Chili Feed, similar to that held in years past at the Winsted Airport, which was always a very popular event. Agreed to put on Action Plan for 2017.

PROGRAM:

Program presentation by George Funk, whose father Howard and Uncle Joe (an identical twin to Howard) started the Funk Aircraft Company in the 1930's. George shared stories, memories, photos and mementoes about the business, including the company evolution into developing modifications for Ford farm tractors. He noted that Funk Mfg. was eventually purchased by the John Deere Co.



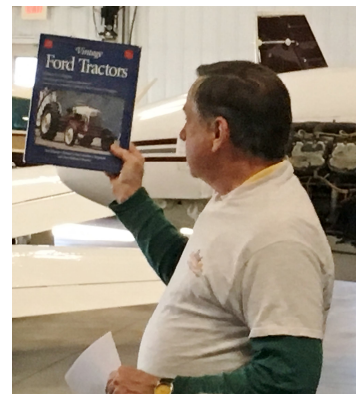
Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Treasurer's Report Summary:

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Jan.

Opening Balance		\$6715.57
Income:	Dues	\$ 270.00
	Young Eagles credit	290.00
	Total	\$ <u>560.00</u>
Expenses:	Glenn Morrow (video projector)	\$ 320.61
	Total	\$ <u>320.61</u>
Total Change:		\$ 239.39
Ending Balance		\$6954.96



● CHAPTER DUES by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Chapter dues are due at the beginning of each calendar year. At the beginning of each year, we all decide which activities, organizations and charities we will personally support, either with our volunteer time, our financial support, or both. There are many that are worthy of our time, money and commitment. I hope that EAA Chapter 878 is close to your heart and you will find it personally important to re-invest both in the national EAA organization and our local chapter through your dues and volunteer contributions.

Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns will gladly accept your dues payment, but prefers it in the form of a check so that he has a record of who has paid (although cash WILL be accepted!). Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age and \$25 per year for age 35 and over. If you cannot attend a chapter meeting to make your dues payment, please mail to Dick at: 16233 Cty Rd 15, Wayzata, MN 55391.

Note: only current, dues paid chapter members receive the "AvBits" emails.

- **CHAPTER NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

To All Newsletter Recipients: I'm in the process of reviewing my mail list for the chapter newsletter. In addition to our current EAA Chapter 878 members (dues have been paid!) and some other local chapters or aviation entities, I email the newsletter to several others, at my discretion, hopefully to entice you to join the chapter. I usually keep these names on the email list for at least a year.

However, for some people their interest in the chapter never rises to the level of making a commitment (paying dues to become a chapter member). Therefore, unless I get feedback that you plan to join the chapter, I'll be dropping some names from the mail list. It has been my pleasure to send you the newsletter and hope you have enjoyed or gotten some benefit from it. Let me know of any questions or comments.

I'll concede there is no additional cost to the chapter to email a newsletter to any number of people (as compared to the good old days when I had to print and fold the newsletter, stuff the envelope, print and affix the mailing labels, put on a postage stamp and deliver them to the post office), but the newsletter IS supposed to be a benefit of chapter membership!

- **YOUNG EAGLES YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

By Glen Morrow, EAA Chapter 878 Young Eagles Coordinator

EAA has begun implementing a "Youth Protection Plan" which requires all EAA volunteers who will be working directly with young people to participate in an on-line training program, plus a background check. Go to <http://www.eaa.org/youthprotection> to see the Youth Protection Plan requirements and view the youth program FAQs regarding the implementation of this policy. It only takes 15-20 minutes to complete the on-line training.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact me.

Ed. Note: On February 11 there was a message from EAA CEO Jack Pelton to YE Coordinators and current YE pilots regarding upcoming changes to the Youth Protection Policy (YPP), as a result of many questions and concerns raised by EAA members and Young Eagle volunteers about the original YPP. See: <http://www.eaa.org/en/aaa/aaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/02-11-2016-from-jack-pelton-continuing-the-conversation-on-youth-protection-policy>.

On February 25 Jack Pelton followed up with a message regarding changes being made to the program. You can read his comments here: <https://www.eaa.org/en/aaa/aaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/02-25-2016-from-jack-pelton-member-input-helps-simplify-youth-protection-policy>.

- **NEW (AND RE-NEWED) MEMBERS**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Rejoining the membership of EAA Chapter 878 at our February meeting was Dick Borrell. Welcome back, Dick!! One brand new member added to the chapter is Todd Kurth. Todd has recently started work as a mechanic at West Metro and has just moved to the area. He has air show and flying experience with the Red Baron Pizza Squadron and also with John Klatt Air Shows. Another new member, but certainly no stranger to the chapter, is Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport.

If you don't already know them, please introduce yourself to Dick, Jason and Todd and give your own welcome to our group. Personal info currently available is listed below:

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● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2016

Apr 16 EAA Chapter 878 meeting with pancake breakfast for all chapter members, family and prospective members
Apr 29-30 Minnesota Pilots Association, 2-day convention at Golden Wings Air Museum, Anoka County Airport

Dates not set: Program presentation by a representative from the National Weather Service.
Chapter picnic at home of a member

May 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
June 13 Buffalo Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast and Air Show by Mike Wiskus plus Lucas Oil Jump Team
June 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
July 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Aug 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Sept 10, 11 Chapter 878 Fly-In, Maple Lake. Note: current plans are for 2-day event with Chili Feed and Hangar Hoedown on Sat; Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday
Sept 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Oct 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Nov 8 EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Election of chapter officers for 2017-19. (Note: potential meeting date conflict with national election day).
Dec 10 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party

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

● EAA CHAPTER 878 FLY-IN

Our Maple Lake fly-in committee has been meeting and making plans for a “bigger and better than ever” Maple Lake Fly-In! See the “Save The Date” card shown here.

Watch this newsletter for additional information in the coming months. Also, don’t let the committee do all the work of preparation. If there is an activity or event or work area in which you would like to take part, please speak up, raise your hand or give any member of the committee a call to volunteer your assistance.

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SAVE THE DATE



Maple Lake EAA Chapter 878 30th Annual Fly-in Drive-in

Saturday, September 10, 2016

- Chili Feed and Hangar Hoedown
- Overnight campout

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 9/11 Anniversary Memorial
- Pork chop dinner
- Events/activities
- Aircraft displays

- **OSHKOSH WEEKEND WORK PARTY**
by Wayne Flury

EAA Chapter 878 members Greg Thomes, Tim Bond, Wayne Flury, Dale Bodine and Glen Morrow traveled to Oshkosh the weekend of March 4 - 6 to participate along with members from EAA Chapters 237 and 25 in a "work party" at the Weeks Hangar on the Oshkosh airport. The Weeks Hangar is where a crew for EAA performs most of their restoration and refurbishment work.

EAA Chapter 237 has been a long-time source of volunteer labor on a monthly basis to assist in this work, and we went as an invited expansion of their group. EAA Chapter 237 President Kirk Fjetland is one of the driving forces behind this volunteer effort to support EAA while also having some fun and gaining an education on the various aircraft, plus an unmatched education on maintenance and restoration skills.



Dale, Wayne, Time and Greg at the end of the two-day party. Tired and dirty, but still smiling!



Tim Bond and his Mooney in front of the B-17...just your typical overnight hangar space! The Weeks Hangar folks went out of their way to make us feel welcome!

In a thank-you message received from Kirk, he noted that the Aircraft Maintenance Manager at the Kermit Weeks Hangar, John Hopkins, was ecstatic with the quality and amount of work everyone provided. It's very nice to be appreciated!

The five of us from Chapter 878 worked primarily on the B-17, pulling and cleaning plugs, working on exhaust systems, replacing shock mounts on the main (only) hydraulic pump (operates just the landing gear and cowl flaps), other minor write-up discrepancies and miscellaneous cleaning. Many of these jobs were the kind that takes two people, and since the Weeks Hangar staff has only 4 full-time mechanics, we were able to close out a number of jobs and allow them to focus on the more technical work.

If you couldn't make it to this work party event, try to make it to one in the future. There will be more opportunities. It's a great experience (where else are you going to be allowed to even touch a B-17 or a B-25 or a Ford Tri-Motor, much less get your hands dirty on them!), plus the friendships made and reinforced are an important part of the process.

I, Glen and Dale got to Oshkosh (driving) about 3:30 pm on Thursday, so we took about an hour to wander the EAA Museum before checking into our accommodations (provided by EAA). Tim and Greg flew over Friday morning and were at the Weeks Hangar shortly after 8:00 am. All five of us stayed around Sunday morning to spend two more hours in the museum before leaving for home.

On Sunday evening and Monday morning I was tired and could feel the effects of being on my feet on concrete for two days (plus crawling in and out of the B-17 more times than I can count...those flight crews were made up of smaller people in those days, and no comments about my current size are necessary), but it's a good tired!



Chapter President Greg Thomes in the left seat in the B-17. The view over that nose is amazing (not to mention the view that the nose gunner had!), and it gives you a very different perspective and appreciation of those flight crews.



Dale Bodine at least had a seat for this part of the job. The legs belong to Tim Bond. This is what is known as being absorbed in your work.



Part of the group and a Thursday night "sing-along!" Al Patchin of EAA 237 was the official guitar player, song leader, joke teller and Scorpion helicopter enthusiast. I'm not sure, but the guy in the middle MAY have been holding his hands over his ears! This MAY also have been after some of us had a couple of beers or other adult beverages.



Not sure this is the OSHA approved (or even the AAF approved) way to access the plugs on #1 cylinder, but we did it! The mechanic on floor is unknown!



Our home-away-from-home for the weekend. Comfortable but tight accommodations for the 18 or 19 guys staying here, considering there is only one bathroom! Everyone shared nicely!



"Nose art" from the EAA's B-17G Flying Fortress, *Aluminum Overcast*. The EAA Museum currently has an exhibition of about 30 examples of nose art from World War II, all on actual segments of aircraft fuselages. Caution: not all of those displays are as family friendly as this one!



The whole work party crew!!



A commemorative plaque mounted on the left side of the B-17 fuselage.

- **MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION – Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering; Mark Your Calendars**

The 2016 Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering, or GMAG, which is an annual major event of the Minnesota Pilots Association, has been set for Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, at the Anoka County – Blaine Airport at Golden Wings Air Museum. Mark your calendars for this event. Last year was great and this year should prove to be even better!

See: <https://www.mnpilots.org/> for more details and information.

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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 and \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

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• THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



This is a "recycled" cartoon, originally published in the April, 2010 Chapter 878 newsletter. Its original caption was "How things can turn ugly at a Young Eagles event." But, with the current emphasis on youth protection, I thought this new caption offered an alternative view!

It's possible there should be an adult protection policy too!

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