



The Maple Lake Flyer

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

January, 2012

EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m.

Meetings for January through April, 2012 will be held on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

NOTE: because the offices of Wright Aero will be closed on Saturdays in January and February, these monthly meetings will be held in the hangar of Glen and Elaine Morrow (front row of hangars paralleling the runway, east end.

Agenda for January:

- As noted in Joe's column below, at the time of publishing this newsletter he did not have a speaker confirmed for the January meeting. This may change during the week and, if so, that info will be distributed to members.
Ed. Note: it cannot be the sole responsibility of the chapter president to arrange for meeting program activities. Input, ideas and action are needed from all.
- Distribution of chapter service awards (pins and certificates from EAA Oshkosh for various chapter offices.
- "Look Ahead" for March or April meeting...traditional chapter pancake breakfast...plan and thoughts about complementary activities. Other summer plans and goals...do we schedule another pork chop dinner fly-in for 2012?
- Young Eagles events for 2012 and possible participation in "EAA Eagle Flights" (the new EAA program for adult introductory rides...more info due this spring).

THE PRES SEZ

President:
Joe Simmon

January brings a new year with warmer than average winter weather. Let's hope the flyable days continue through the spring. The holiday dinner in December was well attended and everyone had a great time. The food was good and, of course, the gift exchange and take-a-way is always fun.

Wright Aero will be closed on Saturdays in January and February, so we will be meeting in Glen Morrow's hangar for those months. Glen will be leading the meetings in my absence, since I must return to Florida for the annual migration.

I am still waiting on confirmation of a speaker for the January meeting, but chances are good that we will have someone. My goal is to have someone speak on some aspect of aviation for at least every other meeting throughout the year. Perhaps we could also get an update on member's projects at one of our meetings.

MINUTES OF "CHRISTMAS PARTY", December 3, 2011

Secretary:
Wayne Flury

The December EAA Chapter 878 meeting was in the form of our annual Christmas Party and "gift exchange" event. See photos elsewhere in the newsletter.

Activities during December of each year are always subject to conflicts from the many other activities of the season, but the attendance was quite good and the format allowing everyone to order from a limited menu seemed to work very well. As always, the "gift exchange" was very entertaining.

Thanks again to the chapter members for my "Propeller Award" (see the photos).

**DUES ARE
DUE, DUDE**

One more note to chapter member and prospective members to be sure that your dues are paid. EAA Chapter 878 dues are due at the beginning of each year...\$25. If you are unsure of your status, please see Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns for..

An updated membership list will be included with the February newsletter.

**TREE OF
HOPE, 2011**
Wayne Flury

A "Tree of Hope Toy Collection" for 2011 was held at Maple Lake on the morning of December 3, under the direction of chapter member Elaine Morrow and the Minnesota Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. See photos included elsewhere in this newsletter. The great weather of this day brought a large number of aircraft to Maple Lake bearing gifts. The ramp looked more like it was an summer day with a fly-in rather than an early December winter day! Thanks to all chapter members and others who volunteered time for this compassionate event.

**"LOREN
SCHIEBE" /
FRIENDS OF
BUFFALO
AIRPORT
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
Andy Brallier

Ed. Note: the info below was provided by Andy Brallier, in whose hangar this party was held. This annual holiday event is a great opportunity for pilots, family and friends from the area to gather and socialize in a very friendly setting.

We had 200+ people attend this year! The first people arrived at 5 PM and the lights went out at 1AM!

This event depends upon many volunteers. People involved with the setup and cleanup were: Andy and Susie Brallier, Mike Andrews, Steve and Shirley Blyseth, Ray Johnson, Neil Hammer, Dave Eide, Mike and Sally Schmitt, Tim Manns, Bruce Hoegger, Larry Kauppi, Don and Georgene Kramer, and Jon Lavasseur.

Ray Johnson was in charge of the "donation can" and reported that over \$500 was received. This money pays for the smoked turkey, ham, soft drinks and coffee, plates, cups and utensils.

A video of the party was shot by Greg Moes' friend Sparky and can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIPB1MbyxS0&feature=youtu.be>

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SALE,
WANTED,
BARTER,
EXCHANGE
OR FREE."
ALSO, MISC
GENERAL
INFO.**
Wayne Flury

Ed. Note: What do you have that you don't want or need anymore? Is there something you're looking for? List it here.

- Free: a nice padded booster seat pad, which Joanne used in our 182. Great condition. Contact Bob Milligan, 763-682-5243.
- I live in the area of the Maple Lake Airport and I'm looking for hanger space for rent. I own an ultralite plane and have been flying out of the Winsted airport. I got your name from the list of officers on the flier of the EAA Chapter 878. Doug Ouverson, cell # is 612-751-6887.
- (from EAA 551 communications): the Little Falls Airport has a new courtesy car. Provided by the Little Falls Airport, this wonderful addition is a blessing for any pilot looking for a way to get to their business appointment, lunch outing or whatever have you.
- (from one of the Sonex builders blogs): Sonex plans, most of the sheet metal needed, rib wood forms, and tools needed to build a Sonex for sale. Please call me if interested in any of the items. I have \$800 worth of aluminum to get rid of that is brand new in storage, bought as the plans called out for. Elk River area. Mike Flander, 763-439-6959, mflander4@gmail.com.

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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



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2011 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party



Wayne Flury (left) receives the "2011 Propeller Trophy" from Chapter 878 President Joe Simmon. The propeller blade was donated by Dick Burns and the base was made by Marv Sikkila.



Chapter members enjoyed good food and conversation.



The meal was followed by a brief "State of the Chapter" address by President Joe Simmon and a report on the Tree of Hope toy collection that morning by Elaine Morrow. Our gift exchange (and gift stealing!) finished out the



Tree of Hope Toy Collection, 2011
December 3, Maple Lake, MN



Members of the Minnesota Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Chapter 878 members, Zurah Shriners and local pilots all came together for the job of gathering, sorting, grouping, applying a "Tree of Hope" sticker to all gifts, and bagging the presents for delivery. A total of 70 bags were collected at Maple Lake, and all were scheduled for delivery to hospitals over the next week. Thanks to 99 and Chapter 878 Member Elaine Morrow for all of her work on this very important and fulfilling project!

