



## 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.*

May, 2015

### • EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

**Tuesday, May 12**

**At West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport**

**We'll grill burgers before the meeting. Bring something good to eat to share.**

**Eat at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

- **Get familiar with our new flight simulator.**
- **Prep for Boy Scout Camporee involvement**
- **Prep for Buffalo Pancake Breakfast on June 7**

### • FLIGHT TO SUCCESS by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Hi Flyers,

I was intrigued by the name of a horse in last week's Kentucky Derby. As an old student of Latin, *Carpe Diem* was a great name...no matter how poorly the three year old filly handled the pressure of a major race.

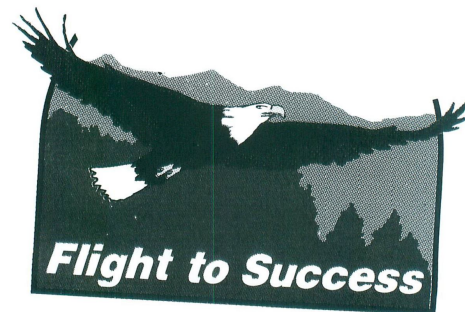
It's a great time to be involved in aviation! So, *Carpe Diem*—*Seize the Day*. We're coming into that season that offers exciting fly-ins and potential family excursions. And, if there is ever a time that we need your volunteer help, it is now.

- \* Several *Young Eagle* flights are scheduled.
- \* The Boy Scout Camporee is the first real time we get to provide youth training on the new flight simulator (May 30<sup>th</sup>).
- \* The Buffalo Fly-in Pancake Breakfast will keep us busy on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Need help to get you motivated? Both EAA and AOPA have programs. The "You Can Fly" Program which includes an outreach for teens, pilot groups and flying clubs is available.

We look forward to seeing all of you in the near future! May the skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – April 14, 2015**  
**by: Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary**

April meeting of EAA Chapter 878 began with a “burgers and brats” cookout for approximately 20 members and guests, then called to order by President Greg Thomes at 6:42 PM at Tim and Carla Bond’s hangar at the Maple Lake airport. The chapter recognized Tim and Carla for their hospitality.

Fred Cox, Jr. became a chapter member. Welcome Fred!

Motion to approve minutes of March meeting without reading by Tim Bond, seconded by Harold Greseth, approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report from March meeting without reading by Tim Bond, seconded by Wyatt Erickson, approved unanimously. See financial report at the end of these minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial:** Item on “hold” for response from city.

**Thumb Drives:** thumb (USB flash) drives of past chapter videos are in the possession of Dick Burns and may be checked out from him.

**Boy Scout Camporee at Buffalo:** Greg Thomes updated the chapter about the Boy Scout Camporee being held at KCFE on May 30th. EAA Chapter 878 will set up and supervise a station for our chapter flight simulator. Per Tom Rammel, the flight simulator will be mounted in a case and operational by then. Chapter members will also monitor flight line safety. Members needed from about 9 AM to noon. Some members volunteered to serve as Young Eagle pilots. Coordination of YE flights by EAA Chapter 25.

**Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast:** June 7, 2015. Committee meeting held prior to chapter meeting. Last year we served 966 meals. Expect more this year because Mike Wiskus will be performing an air show. Harold Greseth volunteered to provide a back-up generator. Kurt Pennuto moved to pay Boy Scout Troop #358 (Buffalo area) \$500 for assistance at the event (same as last year). Seconded by Harold Greseth. After discussion, the motion was amended to “up to \$500” (in the event of a rain-out or other low turn-out). Approved unanimously. Pricing recommended to be \$7 for adults, \$5 for children and free for 4 years and younger. Dave Swanson moved, Tom Rammel seconded, all approved.

**Maple Lake Fly-In:** to be held August 15, 2015 (Saturday), the same day as the Maple Lake Gear-Head Get Together. There will be two buses available this year to shuttle between downtown and the airport. Kurt Pennuto will be Chairperson. There will not be a Craft Show at the airport this year, due to no chairperson for this event. Wayne will begin advertising (calendars of events, etc.). Wayne will contact Elaine Morrow about an event flyer. Need to check with Jason Erickson to see if the sea plane dock will be accessible.

**Flight Simulator:** Tom Rammel displayed a plywood enclosure for the simulator, for table top mounting. Needs to be finished and computer and monitors installed. Discussion about where to store after it is complete and between uses. Perhaps with Jason Erickson at Ascend Aviation? Chapter members to be able to check out and use at no cost.

**Chapter Airplane Build Project:** Report by chapter airplane build project committee (Tom Rammel, Dale Bodine and Dick Burns). Have met to investigate the possibility of renting or owning a hanger. There is nothing currently available at either Maple Lake or Buffalo. Tom has been in contact with EAA about the “Give Flight” project (5 sets of wings from 4 different manufacturers to be constructed at AirVenture Oshkosh 2015) with the sets being donated later to 5 chapters who will finish the aircraft and (hopefully) return them to Oshkosh in 2017. The application deadline for Give Flight project is May 15. Applicants must describe their plan for using the wings, provide a statement of financial ability, indicate a priority for which set of wings we would want, a plan for where and how to construct the airplane, etc. Much very good discussion ensued, with the chapter concerns being where we would build, who would participate (5 -6 persons were interested), how often they would meet, the financial responsibility, and whether it could be completed by 2017. The conclusion was to not submit an application for the Give Flight wings, but to

continue researching possibilities. Note: after the meeting concluded, chapter members and the committee brainstormed and are going to check into the possibility of building a facility on airport property but without direct taxiway access (property with low airport value) that could be used for meetings and projects.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**May EAA Chapter 878 Meeting:** Kurt Pennuto will check about scheduling a control tower tour. Wayne Flury may host the June meeting. Harold Greseth will host a July social event at his private hangar and airstrip.

Connie Erickson volunteered to organize a December Christmas party meeting (probably in Buffalo). Other meeting activities suggested were museum tours (Anoka or Granite Falls) and viewing the new IMAX movie, Living in the Age of Airplanes, when it becomes available locally.

**Chapter Web Editor:** Tom Rammel advised that Ken Compton has said he will not be able to take over the chapter's web page. Wyatt Erickson volunteered to accept this role. All approved.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM by Dave Swanson, seconded by Tim Bond, all approved!

#### Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru March

Opening Balance	\$5977.19
Income: Dues	\$ 135.00
Total	\$ 135.00
Expenses: Tree of Hope	\$ 21.04
Total	\$ 21.04
Total Change:	\$ 113.96
Ending Balance	\$6091.15

- **BUFFALO FLY-IN AND CHAPTER 878 PANCAKE BREAKFAST, June 7**  
by Wayne Flury

Please be sure this date is on your calendar and come out to help your chapter in this very important fund raising event.

Below are a couple of photos from last year's busy event.



- **BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE AT BUFFALO AIRPORT, May 30**  
by Wayne Flury

As many as 700 Boy Scouts will be congregating at the Buffalo Airport on May 29-31 for their Spring Camporee 2015 – Aviation Camporee. Many of the Scouts will be working on an Aviation merit badge. Our chapter will have our flight simulator set up and will need volunteers to staff this position (and likely to serve as “experts” in few others) as well as for Young Eagle flights.

More info to be available at our May meeting. Please plan to help if you can.



- **CHAPTER AVIATION EVENTS – 2015**

May 30 Boy Scout Camporee at Buffalo Airport. EAA Chapter 878 Flight Simulator  
June 7 Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast. Mike Wiskus airshow  
9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
13 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Central Sonex Fly-In, Buffalo Airport. Contact Wayne Flury at [wflury@wh-link.net](mailto:wflury@wh-link.net)  
Jul. 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
20 – 26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh  
Aug. 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting

For all other 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](http://www.socialflight.com).

- **SUN 'N FUN 2015**

by Wayne Flury

I went to Lakeland, Florida for Sun 'n Fun again this year (April 21 – 26), and found lots of sun and even more fun! This year's meeting of EAA Chapter 878 South featured only Joe Simmon and me. Joe spends winters in the area and was on the grounds of SnF a couple of days. Joe will return sometime next month and will be able to fill you in on his activities then.

I spent most of my time at the Announcer's Stand as one of three team announcers and was privileged to work with John Monnett of Sonex on the two days that Bob Carlton flew his new aerobatic routine in the SubSonex microjet! This was Bob's first public appearance with the little jet, and John was grinning from ear-to-ear like a new father! You may remember Bob Carlton as the pilot of the jet Salto sailplane which uses the same engine as the SubSonex.



On the Announcer's Stand as Bob was flying. Left to right are: Larry "Laroux" Schexnaildre (yes, that's really his name!), John Monnett and me. And we really did have smiles on our faces most of the time! Laroux is the announcer for the "Showcase" flights at both Oshkosh and SnF.

photos by Monty Keim



Here I am, drooling next to the SubSonex in the hangar where air show planes are kept overnight. It truly is a small airplane and you can get a good reference of how small the engine is. Somehow, I don't think my wife, Joyce, will approve of switching my Sonex project to this, but it would be a thrill to fly!

- **GOING SOMEPLACE? TAKE A PICTURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER!**

by Wayne Flury

In Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of...*pancake breakfasts!!*

As you spread your wings and head off for parts known or unknown (hopefully more known than unknown) this spring and summer, take a photo or two and send them to me for the newsletter. Perhaps you are flying to a pancake breakfast or to your cabin or to visit friends. Other chapter members are interested in your aviation activities (and it might just encourage them to do the same!).

Just identify where you went, when you went, and who the people are in the photo. I'll take care of the rest. Remember, this is your CHAPTER newsletter!

- **GREASED LANDINGS** (A monthly column in the Maple Lake Messenger)  
by Kent Peterson, Chapter Member and Special Reporter for the Maple Lake Messenger  
(Printed by permission from Kent Peterson.)

When Connie and I are in the air, we love to enjoy the beautiful scenery below. As long as we stay at a higher altitude, other planes are usually the only concern. OK, so that can be a big problem, but due to advanced avionics, good training and common sense awareness, mid-air collisions with other aircraft are very rare.

So, we've secured our safe place in the sky? Not so fast! As we fly at lower altitudes to enjoy the farms, lakes, small towns and fall foliage, we enter territory inhabited by other aviation buffs, like ducks, geese, pelicans, seagulls, hawks and eagles. Sparrows and other small birds don't usually get up to cruising altitude, and if we hit one down lower, near the airport, we definitely win. But the larger birds can raise havoc with small aircraft and are something we want to avoid; we may not win. So we keep our eyes scanning for anything that wants to be where we are; eyes out the window.

We're on our own to see and avoid. It's not uncommon to have an eagle or hawk pass close to the plane, even at 5,000 feet in altitude or higher. But, most birds who are in flocks fly under 3,000 feet, an altitude that many pilots fly when sight-seeing or just practicing. A deer can knock your car off the road. A single pelican or goose can knock a small plane out of the air. Eyes out the window.

At Maple Lake airport, we have a pesky flock of seagulls who like to make life miserable during takeoffs and landings. There are usually about fifty of them hanging around together. I've tried to get them to bug off by driving close to them in my Jeep (on the taxiway, not the runway), and jumping out yelling or blowing my horn. Not a chance; they're waiting. We get into the plane and taxi into position for takeoff. Now comes the big "game of chicken". As our plane gains speed down the runway, we watch the flock getting closer and closer. Nothing moves. Then, at the last second they "chicken out" and fly, right where I need to lift off! A few choice words spew out of my mouth, I pull back on the yoke and just in the nick of time, they fly back down toward the runway to avoid the "big bird" that is approaching, and I just miss them. We're coming back to land, but what is the white blob on the runway? It's the same old gang, waiting right where I want to touch down. Waiting for another "game of chicken."

There are dogs at some larger airports, trained to chase birds from the airport property. We can have one here too, but someone needs to pony up \$6,500 to do the training. One island-based airport has brought pigs onto the property, where they eat the seagull eggs and run around harassing the birds. I'd rather hit a bird. Others try noise cannons, loud whistles and dead seagulls placed by the runway. I've been tempted to sneak up on them and pop a few with my trusty 12-gauge, but then I probably wouldn't be flying for a while.

Pilots are imitating birds, not the other way around. So, if we can give them the right-of-way, I guess we should. But, I can't help thinking those airport seagulls know exactly how much they get under our skin!

Until next month, stay out of the trees!

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- **PLAN NOW FOR AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH**  
by Wayne Flury

AirVenture 2015 will be here before you know it, and there are some great attractions being promoted:

- Dierks Bentley to headline opening day concert
- F-35 makes Oshkosh its first civilian U.S. air show
- Rutan Legacy Day activities Tuesday, July 21
- 1,000 forums and hands-on workshops
- Technology and Innovations: **NEW!** 30-foot drone cage
- Give Flight Project: build 5 sets of wings in 7 days
- Celebrate Pitts 70th anniversary
- Valdez STOL demonstrations return
- Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band, July 24, for Salute to Veterans Day
- See your friends there!
- Follow along at [www.eaa.org/en/airventure](http://www.eaa.org/en/airventure)



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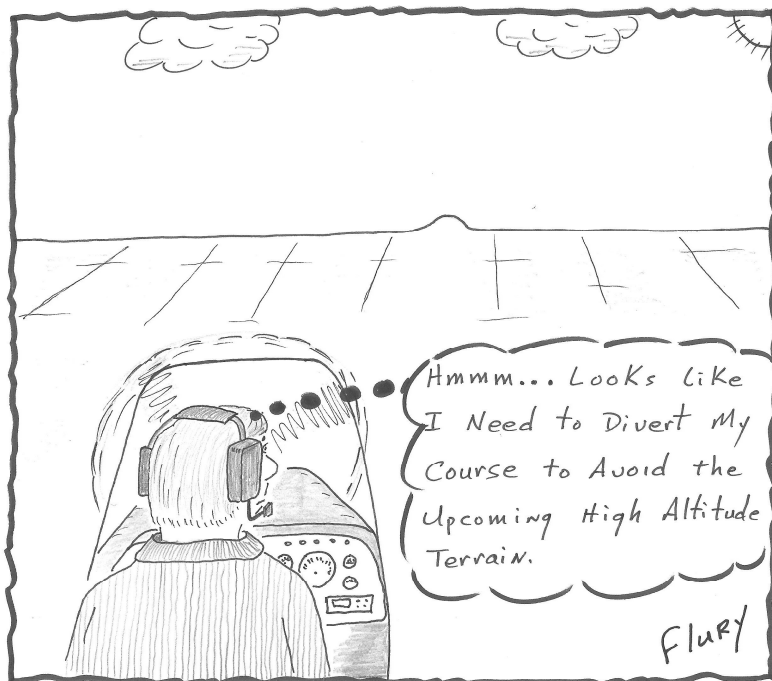
Beginning in September, 2014, our meetings will normally be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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

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### • THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



Mountain flying in the Midwest.

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(Thanks to Randy Corfman for the idea!)