



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.

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- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

EAA Chapter 878 “Winter Dinner” Meeting

Saturday, January 10

**6:00 p.m. “social hour” / 7:00 p.m. dinner
at Madigan’s Pub & Grill, Maple Lake**

Dinner will be ordered off Madigan’s menu (sorry, no website or Facebook site available for preview) and everyone is responsible for their own bill.

This is a casual event, held in place of our previous December Christmas Party. While the temperatures outside are expected to be chilly, the camaraderie inside will keep you warm! We’ll celebrate another year of successful EAA Chapter 878 activities and look forward to more in 2015.

Our guest after-dinner speaker is Dr. Randy Corfman, medical doctor, AME, and president of the Minnesota Pilots Association. He will speak on the subject, “Stick and Rudder Navigation through Medicine and Life: One Doc’s Perspectives.”

We will not have a “gift exchange” this year!

Directions to Madigan’s: from the traffic signal light (intersection of Hwy 55 and County Road 8) go south one block, turn right onto Star St. W, go approx. one block, Madigan’s is on the right. (Don’t use your GPS to get there or you’ll end up about two blocks away!)

Madigan’s phone: 320-963-6660.

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

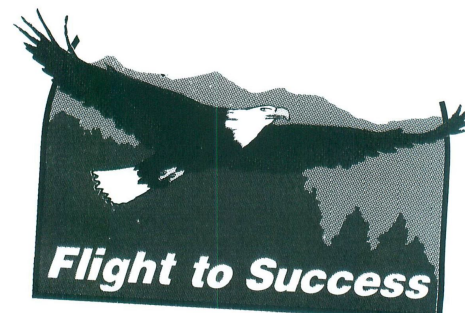
Betty and I wish all of you a Happy New Year!

I’m excited at being elected to a leadership position in EAA Chapter 878. 2014 is behind us. Take note that last year a nice blend of new members/projects mingled with many veteran pilots & long standing programs. We have a great need for this *blend* to be a viable organization.

We are also a very eclectic bunch. We come from very differing backgrounds with many talents. These varied backgrounds lend to many interests. One of the things that originally interested me with EAA #878 was that we can learn so much from each other.

2015 will be a growth year in many areas:

*The price of Av-Gas should begin to fall.



*3rd class medical revisions should come to a decision point. With 148 legislators co-sponsoring this proposal, maybe it will be finalized.

Maybe our New Year's resolution will be to fly more often in 2015. So, this brings me to our 1st challenge. Please bring your number of hours flown last year (either as a PIC, right seat or remote controller) to the Holiday Party on January 10th. We'll chart this as a chapter. I'm betting that we can far-exceed flight time in 2015!

May the skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes

● MINUTES OF MEETING – December, 2014

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

We did not have a chapter meeting in December this year in recognition of the many other family, business, social, aviation and personal activities so prevalent at this time of year. This traditional Christmas party meeting is postponed to January when we will have a dinner meeting for all members, spouse and family. We will dispense with the "gift exchange" in favor of a guest speaker as our main program.

One of those aviation activities in December was the Tree of Hope toy collection held at the Maple Lake Airport on December 6. Chapter member Elaine Morrow is a MAJOR organizer of the event and many members of the chapter volunteer their time to help gather, sort, bag and deliver the toys to the many hospitals in Minnesota. Chapter member Bob Shadduck volunteered the use of his hangar space for the toy collection, and Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation provided office space and a helping hand.



Photos: above left – the ramp at Maple Lake was filled with planes delivering toys, almost as busy as during our fly-in! Left – volunteers were kept busy receiving, sorting, bagging and then delivering. Above right – Elaine Morrow lifts a glass of bubbly in a toast to the volunteers who made this 25th annual event possible!

- 19 aircraft flew in
- 103 bags of toys delivered (at 25 toys/bag) compared to 93 last year

- **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Several EAA Coordinated Scholarships Available for Aviation Studies Students

Michael J. Blume Scholarship recently added.

by Wayne Flury

Several aviation scholarships are available through EAA. See: <http://www.eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-youth-education/ea-aviation-scholarships/ea-college-scholarships>.

One in particular was brought to my attention at the Tree of Hope toy collection where I met Colleen Blume. She told me the Michael Blume Scholarship had just been added to the EAA listing and hoped that I (and other chapter newsletter editors) could help spread the word about its availability.

This new scholarship will provide financial support of \$1,000 per year to a student enrolled in an aviation program, with preference given to students whose permanent residence is from the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or Wisconsin.

This scholarship is in honor of Michael Blume who passed away in June 2014. Mike was an Air Traffic Controller with the Federal Aviation Administration for 24 years as well as a pilot with nearly 10,000 flight hours. He inspired many people to follow careers in aviation, as pilots, flight instructors, and air traffic controllers.

Please pass the word to any student who may be eligible. See the EAA website for application procedure.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2015**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

- 1) Jan. Chapter Dinner Meeting, Jan. 10, with guest speaker, Randy Corfman, "Stick and Rudder Navigation Through Medicine and Life: One Doc's Perspectives"
- 2) Feb. Chapter meeting at Ascend Aviation at Maple Lake with biennial flight review ground school by Jason Erickson
- 3) Mar. FAAST program at West Metro Aviation, by Randle Corfman, "How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives"

- **EVENTS – 2015**

- Jan. 31 White Bear Lake, Benson's Airport, EAA Chapter 745 Ski Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast, 9 – noon
Apr. 10 – 11 Blaine, Golden Wings Air Museum, 2nd Annual Minnesota Pilots Association Aviation Gathering
21 – 26 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida
May 1 – 3 Minnesota Seaplane Pilot's Safety Seminar, Madden's on East Gull Lake, Brainerd
Jul. 20 – 26 AirVenture Oshkosh

- **DUES FOR 2015**

by Wayne Flury

Dues are now due for 2015! Please see Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns.

Chapter membership can mean different things to different people. Please note that membership in the chapter is separate from dues and membership in the national EAA at Oshkosh. Our chapter can be a source of information for construction of an aircraft, a social outlet for ourselves and family, a way to "pay back" for past introductions to aviation that we may have received from our mentors, and possibly as a way for each of us to develop our own mentorships and "pay forward" in some way. It's a way to share our knowledge, our experiences, our tools and, sometimes, a sympathetic ear when things don't go well. It's a way to share a ride in our airplane with someone who doesn't fly as we travel to a pancake breakfast or just a leisurely late day flight. It's also a doorway into the greatest aviation organization in the world – the EAA!

We could do each of these things without the chapter, but as a member of the chapter we have a group of like minded people who can give us a hand up when we need it.

Even if you cannot regularly attend meetings or events, I hope that you each will continue your membership in EAA Chapter 878, or decide this year to join us as a member.

See you at a chapter meeting!!

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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



"Now that we have to modify our interrogation tactics, we'll go to something much more effective. We'll play a continuous loop of Brenda Lee singing *Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree*, Burl Ives singing *Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas*, and somebody singing *Santa Baby*. I don't think any prisoner will be able to hold out for long."

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