



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.

August, 2015

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.

At the offices of Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport

Agenda / Discussion Items:

- AirVenture Oshkosh stories
- Chapter 878 pork chop dinner fly-in, last minute planning and update.
- Purple Passion
- Hall of Fame
- Young Eagle Reimbursement

• FLIGHT TO SUCCESS

by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Our past nine days of gorgeous summer weather really has put smiles on our Midwestern faces. And, many of you took advantage of the nice climate to burn up some Av-gas. One evening this week, as I peered out over 28/10 in Maple Lake, there were 4 planes in the pattern all at once. They included a Stearman, an amphib, a high-wing and a tail dragger. Now, I know this isn't 'Oshkosh-Busy'. But, not bad for KMGG! We trust you are having a fun-filled summer.

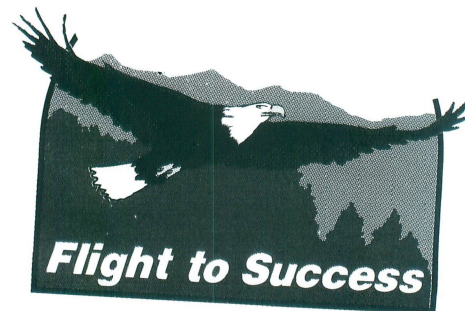
We will be updating the EAA-878 P.I.C. altimeter hours at our August meeting. I'm sure that we'll show a spike in total hours due to all of the planes being flown.

Please take part in the Maple Lake fly-in activities. We sure could use everyone's help.

Be sure to read a few of our local journalistic news items. Both Tim Hennagir of the Great River newspaper and Kent Peterson of the Maple Lake Messenger have nice articles about our very own Secretary, Wayne Flury.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

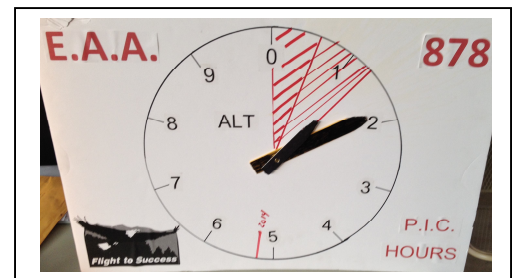
Greg



• MINUTES OF MEETING – July 14, 2015

by: Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

July meeting of EAA Chapter 878 in the hangar of Harold and Lynne Greseth, and began with burgers, brats and pot luck dinner cookout for approximately 24 members and guests. Chapter President Greg Thomes recognized guests in attendance. Greg passed around the "Chapter PIC Hours" sheet for members to update their flying activity (see the photo for flying hours summary through May).



Both Harold Greseth and Dave Swanson had their seaplanes out for rides, and chapter visitor Paul Sorheim flew in with his trike ultralight.



Plenty of "supervisors" at the grill!!



A bountiful table in Harold's hangar!



And some fellowship in the hangar.

Motion to approve minutes of June meeting as published in the newsletter without reading, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for May and June. Motion to approve approved unanimously. See financial report at the end of these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Young Eagles: Chapter Coordinator Glen Morrow was not in attendance, but Greg Thomes noted that Young Eagles flights are

scheduled for August 8. Chapter members are encouraged to contact Glen to offer assistance.

Chapter Website: Website Coordinator Wyatt Erickson is working on taking over the website duties from Elaine Morrow and advised that he will be switching to a new host, though the web address will not change.

Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial: Renaming the Maple Lake Airport in honor of Bill Sr. has been approved by the family. Action still on "hold" for response from city and state.

AirVenture Oshkosh 2015: Several members indicated they will be attending for one or more days.



Grandson Jake got a ride with Dave Swanson in his SeaRey (Jake MAY have been a little apprehensive, but liked it!)

Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport: No new input, needing response from city about possible locations.

Maple Lake Fly-In: Saturday, August 15, 2015, the same day as the Maple Lake Gear-Head Get Together. Chairperson Kurt Pennuto passed around sign-up sheets for volunteers in several areas of responsibility. Tim Erickson will head up the car parking area, Dick Burns the food (all functions including buying, serving, etc.). Need someone to coordinate the setup/cleanup functions and be in charge of aircraft parking. A hangar cleanup and setup is scheduled for August 14 (Friday), beginning between 5:30 and 6:00. There will be two shuttle busses running this year.

Sonex Fly-In Report: Wayne Flury gave a brief summary of the "2nd Annual North Central Sonex Fly-In" held at the Buffalo Airport in June. A "3rd" fly-in is planned for next year, with hopefully better weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member Incentive: Harold Greseth and Dave Swanson had offered a seaplane ride to any current member who signed up a new member by the July meeting. This resulted in one (and possibly two) new members. New member this month is Tim Simmon, son of long time members Joe and Pat Simmon. Tim has helped with several chapter events over the years. Greg Thomes recognized Harold and Dave for their generosity.

Upcoming Meetings: August 11 meeting will be at Maple Lake, with the agenda being last minute preparations for our fly-in. Kurt Pennuto volunteered to bring a video projector so we can "catch up" on the EAA chapter videos.

Chapter Roster Monitor: Joe Simmon sought a replacement for him on this and Tom Rammel volunteered to take it over.

Cancer Survivor Flight: Greg Thomes read a letter he had received from Jim Davis of Mt. Home, Arkansas. Jim is cancer survivor and is doing a "Cancer Awareness Flight" across the lower 48 states to show that there IS life after cancer. Jim was looking for assistance from local chapters and to meet a cancer victim. He will offer encouragement and an airplane ride. For more info, see: FlyingGeminPurplePassion.blogspot.com, or Facebook at Passion Flights for Life. Fred Jude offered to contact him with the name a cancer victim.

MN Aviation Hall of Fame Nomination: Wayne Flury suggested that the chapter nominate Bill Mavencamp, Sr. for this recognition. Motion by Tim Erickson, Seconded by Dick Burns, unanimously approved. Wayne will check into the submittal process.

Motion to adjourn, all approved!

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, for May and June			
Opening Balance			\$5890.50
Income:	Pancake Breakfast	\$ 2521.36	
	Dues	<u>25.00</u>	
	Total		\$ 2546.36
Expenses:	Tom Rammel		
	(parts for simulator)	\$ 28.78	
	Total	<u>\$ 28.78</u>	
	Total Change:	\$ 2517.58	
Ending Balance			\$8408.08

Pancake Breakfast, Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns			
Income (Ticket Sales)			\$5554.01
Expenses:	Cargill	\$ 180.00	
	(eggs, 8 cases)		
	Tim Bond (supplies)	1368.60	
	Cub Foods	335.01	
	Kurt Pennuto	27.96	
	Greg Thomes	121.08	
	Mike Wiskus	500.00	
	(pancake batter)		
	Boy Scouts	<u>500.00</u>	
	Total	\$ 3032.65	
Profit			\$2521.36

- **TAKING GEESE WITHOUT A LICENSE**

by Kent Peterson

Ed. Note: A few months ago, Kent wrote one of his *Greased Landings* for the Maple Lake Messenger about the hazards of birds around airports. Here's his first-hand account of how there is now one less "sky rat" in Minnesota.

The weekend of July 31st, Connie and I flew to Hallock (HCO), MN to attend the funeral of my favorite uncle. While at the funeral reception, given by the church basement ladies, I was partaking in the many small sandwiches, bars and cookies provided, and a senior lady sitting next to me (Senior #1) interrupted my eating by asking where I drove to for the funeral. I said our 260 mile trip only took 2 1/2 hours, so she guessed that we flew, and immediately said she and her husband used to own planes and flew often.

Her husband died three years ago, and she missed the flights with him. So, I offered her and my senior citizen relative sitting next to her (Senior #2), a flight. Senior #2 hesitated, but Senior #1 insisted they both go, so we met at the airport Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Senior #2 went first and, after we pried her into the right seat, we had a very smooth and uneventful flight that she was enjoying greatly. As we approached runway 31, I noticed a flock of about thirty geese one-third down the runway, but continued my descent to land. I was sure they would flare and get out of my way as I closed the distance between us, but to them it was a game of "chicken."

I touched down at about eighty mph and was still doing about fifty mph when I approached the birds. Some of the flock danced off the runway into the grass, but about five brave souls decided to take 55623 on. By then, I was fully committed – if I hit the throttle and attempted to take off over them, they might flare into the prop and, on takeoff, that would not be good!

So, I plowed right into them and they were flying/jumping over my wings and everywhere around me. How they missed the prop is still a question I can't answer. Then, I saw one flare and just miss the prop, but not the upper left windscreen. There was a loud thud, and I saw him bounce into the air. I turned the plane around and they were all (minus one) back on the runway!

After an inspection revealed no damage to the plane, I had my brother drive his car down the side of the runway and keep the flock at bay during my next flight. He found a fresh goose wing on the runway, but the injured/dying goose (dinner) was not to be found. There is blood all over the plane's tail, but it is otherwise undamaged, and Senior #2 thought it was all pretty exciting. She is pretty deaf, so did not hear what I said when the goose hit the windscreen! I'll leave the blood on the plane's tail for about three days, for public viewing.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 PORK CHOP DINNER FLY-IN, AUGUST 15**

by Wayne Flury

Attached to this newsletter is our fly-in poster. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Please make every effort to be at our August meeting to go over preparations. Let Fly-In Chairperson Kurt Pennuto know where you can help. If you cannot be at the meeting, contact Kurt at kpenn_41@charter.net, or call him at 612- 209-3478.

- **PUBLICITY IN LOCAL PAPERS**

by Wayne Flury

As noted by Greg Thomes in his article, I was featured in recent articles in two local newspapers, a "Greased Landings" article by chapter member Kent Peterson in the *Maple Lake Messenger* plus a cover article and photo in *Great River Life* by Tim Hennagir of the *Monticello Times*. Both of these were forwarded to Chapter 878 members in one my AvBits email messages (a benefit provided only to current Chapter 878 members). While the articles featured me, neither would have been possible or meaningful with the support and assistance of the members of EAA Chapter 878. Thanks to all of you.

● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2015

Aug. 11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
15	Chapter 878 Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In at Maple Lake
Sep. 8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Oct. 13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Nov. 10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Dec. ?	EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet

Note: I generally do not list the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or other local aviation events because they are already well documented on other sites which are dedicated to that purpose. And, if I do 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.

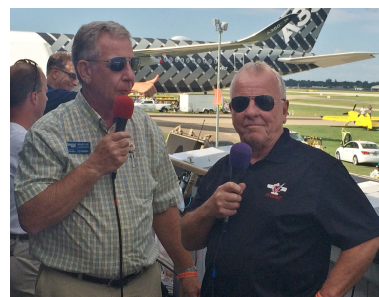
● AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2015

by Wayne Flury

Just a few photos of my Oshkosh experience. Send yours for future newsletters.



Left: I have to spend at least a portion of one day at the museum!
Right: with John Monnett during a fly-by tribute to Jeremy.



Far Left: with WASP Bee Haydu; left, with Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles McGee.

Right: having fun with Kevin Lacey of Airplane Repo, the Discovery Channel TV series! (no airplanes were repossessed – this year!)



Left: the Memorial Wall at Pioneer Airfield. If you haven't visited this, you need to.



Yes, there were airplanes at Oshkosh, but my experiences were more about the people!

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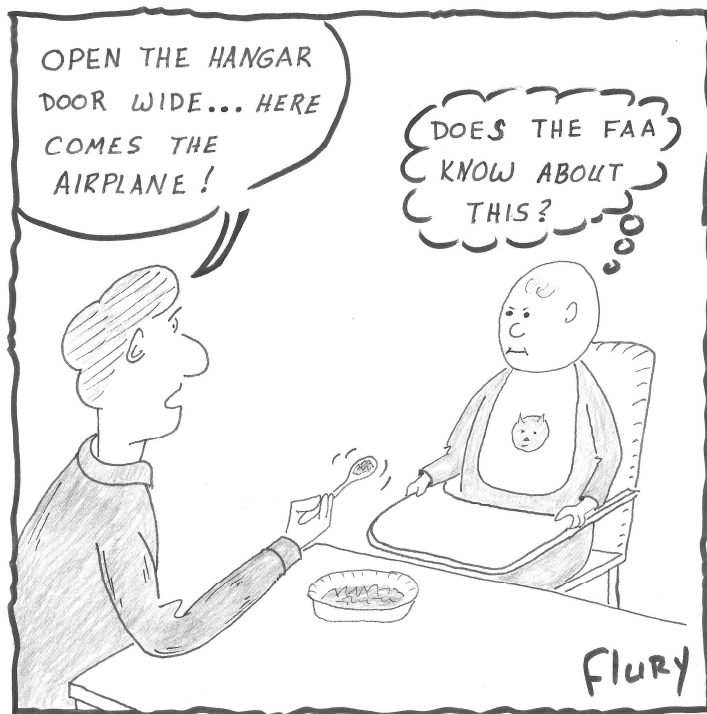
Beginning in September, 2014, our meetings will normally be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



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