



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

Wednesday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Chapter meeting at Maple Lake, old Wright Aero hangar

Agenda for Meeting:

- Clean-up the hangar in preparation for our September fly-in
- Program presentation: Auto Fuel by Kent Peterson.
- Chapter video from EAA (if enough time)
- Relate AirVenture adventures

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

Have you ever tried writing an article every month? Well this is the first time that I have, and some months get so busy it is difficult to fit it in. This time I am writing it in July because I know the deadline will come too quickly. I attended a 4 day family reunion over the 4th of July; attended meetings at work with the German managers the week of the fly-in picnic at my house; celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary; my wife's birthday was July 11th, the day after the Fly-in; and now I need to get ready to go to Oshkosh. What I am trying to say is that sometimes things get busy!

Thank you everyone that came and brought food to the fly-in picnic at my home. If you didn't make it you missed out on a great time of food and fellowship. The 8ft wing span Cub on floats wasn't ready to fly but I did fly the Sig Kadet Sr. on floats that has an 84 inch wingspan and four stroke engine. Harold Greseth flew in his beautiful Glasair Sportsman on floats for all of us to drool over.

Kent Peterson is in charge of the August program that will be about autogas for your airplane. This meeting will be at Maple Lake August 14th at 6:30PM.

I hope you all had a good time at Oshkosh this year. If you have any good stories, adventures, or anything that others would be interested in reading, please submit them to Wayne Flury for publication in the newsletter.



View of Cokato Lake from the back yard of Tom and Yvonne Rammel's home. The dock with windsock and toys is Tom's. The seaplane is Harold Greseth's Sportsman.

- **MINUTES OF MEETING, July 10, 2013**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

Meeting, July 10: The July meeting of EAA Chapter 878 was held on a beautiful summer evening on the lawn of the Cokato Lake home of Tom and Yvonne Rammel. After getting our fill of burgers and brats (cooked by Fred Jude) plus plenty of side dishes and dessert, a brief meeting was held and concluded before the mosquitoes invaded.

Chapter Visit: Tim Bond has had some discussions with Connie Erickson about setting up a visit to Chuck Doyle's hangar in Webster, but nothing firm yet. He will see about getting a July 20 schedule.

Fly-In: Wayne asked for anyone around the Maple Lake Airport, if they see Bill Mavencamp, to ask if he will be supplying aircraft and pilots for rides at the fly-in. Wayne has been unable to make contact with Bill. Joe Simmon suggested to contact West Metro Aviation as an alternate. Suggested to have info and sign-up info for Eagle Flights (adult introductory rides) as well as Young Eagles. Discussed the Fly-In Raffle and what we could use for a prize. After tossing around some ideas, it was concluded to not have a raffle this year. The next chapter meeting will be held at the old Wright Aero hangar on the Maple Lake airport and we will do floor cleaning and other general cleaning. Joe Simmon will contact Glen Morrow to see if the floor scrubber can be brought to Maple Lake.

Chapter Pot-Luck Lunch: Kent Peterson will be sending an email with time, date and location for the July event.

AirVenture Oshkosh: several members plan to attend for anywhere from a day to the week. Working at AirVenture will be: Tom Rammel at KidVenture (line control model airplanes), Kent Peterson, Tram Driver, and Wayne Flury at the Announcer's Stand.

New Airplane Owner: Kurt Pennuto announced that he is closing on a purchase of a 1946 Stinson 108 with 150 HP Franklin engine. Photos were proudly displayed! Kurt is looking for hangar space to rent.

Next Meeting: August 14 at 6:30 p.m., old Wright Aero hangar at Maple Lake. Clean-up for the September fly-in, plus program presentation about auto fuel by Kent Peterson.

- **YOUNG EAGLES EVENT, Aug. 10**

by Glen Morrow

A Young Eagles event will be held on August 10 at Maple Lake at the hangar of Glen and Elaine Morrow. As always, volunteer pilots and ground school helpers are needed, welcome and appreciated. A rain date is August 17. Contact Glen at 952-955-2802.

- **CHAPTER FLY-OUT TO CHUCK DOYLE'S HANGAR**

by Tom Rammel and Tim Bond (with a couple of name inputs by Kent Peterson)

By Tom: I would like to give a big thank you to Chuck Doyle for inviting us to his hangar to see his beautiful collection of aircraft on July 20th. One was a beautiful Stearman that Chuck's father flew aerobatics and banner towing with. Chuck has six beautiful aircraft in his hangar and I would guess that turquoise is his favorite color. Thank you also to Connie Erickson and Tim Bond for organizing this fly-out and for the pilots Tim Bond and Kent Peterson for flying us to Webster and back. Six flew from Maple Lake airport to Webster and we could have used one more airplane. Please check out the pictures on the next page.

The airplane the group is standing in front of is a Stearman that Chuck's dad flew and now has been completely restored with new wings and rebuilt engine.

The Super Decathlon is a 2008 model. Chuck was looking at used Super Decathlon airplanes to buy but the factory had a surplus that had not been sold so Chuck bought this one new for not much more than the cost of the used planes he was looking at. Both Fred Jude and Tom Rammel have visited the factory where the Super Decathlons are built in Wisconsin.

By Tim: The aircraft in the back ground, 1942 Boeing Stearman, was his dad's which was bought after the war for \$250. How much does he have in it not sure but he said it was \$250,000,000.....something! His wife had to get a new hip installed last year and it was from her kicking him. His



L to R: Wyatt Erickson, Chuck's neighbor Toby, Gary Shen, Chuck Doyle, Glenn Roberts, Kent Peterson, Tim Bond, Tom Rammel. All photos from Tom Rammel.



dad pulled banners around the ball games downtown but his dad would not let him pull banners because it was too dangerous. He had two off field landings due to engine failure and the other the tip of the prop broke off. Very interesting guy to talk with. The coolest I thought was his Beech 18
(<http://www.antiqueairfield.com/articles/show/246-chuck-doyle-s-beech-18>) Everything he had was WOW! you talk about a boy with toys...he ranks up there. What a great day and we have a couple of good stories to tell. Did you know that if the airport is not in your GPS you almost go into the,

"Oh crap what do I do now mode?" But we are Pilots we will figure it out HA HAAA. By the way Faribault water tower does not have anything for a name on it. Well anyway, with plenty of gas and determination we had some great laughs and some great memories for years. I sure felt bad having to leave Connie and Tim behind but I thought we would have had a couple more planes going.

- **JULY CHAPTER 878 POT LUCK LUNCH**



The photo here was taken by Tom Rammel at the July "pot luck lunch" held at the Maple Lake airport. Note the clothing worn by the attendees...yes, this was July!!

- **CHAPTER 878 FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN**

- a) Date: Sunday, September 8, 2013
- b) See the attached fly-in poster, designed and produced by Elaine Morrow. Please download a copy, or get a copy from Elaine, and post at any airports, FBO's or other friendly locations where people will see them!

- **SO, WHAT WAS NEW AT OSHKOSH THIS YEAR?**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

I'm a lucky person...my family, job and personal commitments allow me to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh for the full week each year (plus some pre and post-show preparation days). But what makes this week of fun most special is being part of the convention volunteers. Volunteering with EAA has become part of my life. I've long joked that my daughters knew that if they wanted me to be at their wedding, they needed to consider when "Oshkosh" was on that particular year!

Each year when I return home and revert to my normal identity, I am generally asked, "So, what was new at Oshkosh this year?" As a 24 year volunteer at AirVenture, my answer in the past has been to try to relate the scope of the event, the many aircraft, the vendors, the special events and recognitions, and the entertainment. But this year my answer has evolved to a simple "I don't know." Even a casual visitor who attended one day probably saw more vendor and aircraft displays than I did. But this isn't a complaint, it's my choice. And, I can get away if I really want or need to.

It has been said by many, many other people that EAA is a family. If that concept is too socialistic for you, then think of the annual convention as an extended community of similar minded folks...a gathering to establish, enforce, re-establish and re-enforce our individual contributions and our receipts in this collective culture of aviation. EAA founder, Paul Poberezny, noted that, "It's not about the airplanes, it's about the people." This year I again spent the majority of my time with people whom I consider to be very good and dear friends.

This large family can also have its share of problems and grief, as does any other family. There are good times and bad. This year seemed to be an extremely good one for the entire EAA organization, though I'm very sure there were some people who may not have had everything handed to them exactly in the way they expected (and I'm also sure they are probably not volunteers at Oshkosh!). Life goes on, but sometimes it doesn't, just as in the "real world." I was saddened to learn of the death of some volunteer friends who I had hoped to see again, and I'm sure you may have suffered the same "cycle of life" experience. But

balanced against that loss was the opportunity to meet some other fine folks who took on additional responsibilities and left their own imprint upon the organization.

So, what was new this year? The best answer I can think of is, "New Friends!" And, it's the reason I'll be looking forward to returning next year...just as soon as I catch up on some sleep and my legs stop aching! See you at Oshkosh 2014!

- **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

As our chapter continues to grow, each member must be responsible to keep the chapter updated on changes to your postal address, email address and phone number changes. Send any changes to the attention of Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor, or Joe Simmon, Chapter Roster Coordinator. We will exchange as necessary to be sure you continue to receive your newsletter and other chapter communications. This note has now been added to the chapter "boilerplate" info at the end of each newsletter.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2013/2014**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Interesting meeting programs are essential to the vitality of our chapter. Here are some activities already planned for 2013. But, the chapter needs your input and help to suggest, find and coordinate programs for the remaining months! Does a hangar neighbor have an interesting airplane they would like to talk about? Do you have a project in mind, or need some advice? Other ideas?

Aug.	10	Young Eagles at Maple Lake, hangar of Glen and Elaine Morrow. Rain date August 17.
	14	Use of auto gas in aircraft...presentation by Kent Peterson. Meeting location: Maple Lake.
	24	Chapter Pot Luck Lunch, noon.
Sept.	8	Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In. Maple Lake
Oct.	9	open
Nov.	13	open
Dec.		Chapter Christmas Party
Jan.		open

- **OTHER EVENTS – 2013**

I'm listing mainly EAA Chapter events plus a few others that I find interesting. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, much more:

Aug.	11	Lake Elmo, EAA Chapter 54, breakfast 7 - noon
	17	Forest Lake, EAA Chapter 237 breakfast, 7 - noon
	18	Mankato, EAA Chapter 642 pancake breakfast, 7:30 – noon.
	18	Bemidji, EAA Chapter 1397. Sea and landplanes. Moberg Air Base (96M). Hamburger BBQ on Sat., 10 – 2.
	24	Glencoe, EAA Ultralight Chapter 92, sweet corn and brats, 10 – 2.
	24	Faribault, 8 – noon, poker run, \$10/hand. Proceeds to 99s scholarships.
	31	Shell Lake, WI, EAA Chapter 631, breakfast 7:30 – 11:30
Sept.	8	Maple Lake, EAA Chapter 878, pork chop dinner, 11:30 – 2
	13-14	Faribault Air Fest and Balloon Rally.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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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). 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



"She wanted me to come along when she runs, so this was my compromise!"

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