



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.

September, 2015

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.

At the offices of Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport

Agenda / Discussion Items (partial list):

- EAA chapter video
- fly-in stories and reports
- long range planning for 2016 fly-in
- updates on old business items

• FLIGHT TO SUCCESS

by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Having been involved in many community organizations throughout my life, I truly find the pilot community to be made up of very "giving" people. A quick look in our rear-view mirror: *Extending helping hands at local fly-ins, Boy Scout Camporees, Oshkosh AirVenture, Young Eagles, filling fellow pilot needs with repair-work, remodeling and flight planning like the Sonex Fly-in.* Looking forward: *Tree of Hope and many other programs.*

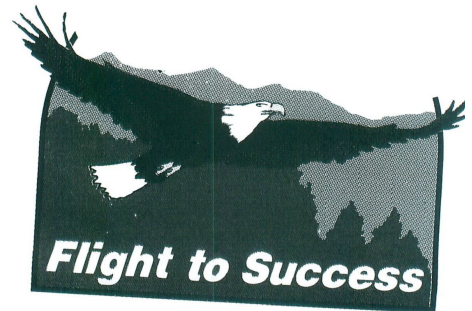
Even our Arkansas pilot friend, Jim Davis came out of phantom-hood and arrived at KMGG on August 26th. Mr. Davis provides flights to cancer victims and a message of hope for people stricken with cancer. Thanks also to EAA Chapter #551 (St. Cloud) for providing Jim with a venue to pass-along his message and a night's rest.

So many new ideas for our pilot community are coming from newer members. I'm heartened to hear our existing members extending the offer of an EAA membership to other pilots. Keep up the good work. There's an old saying that *"If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble"*.

Thanks Chapter #878 for your charitable work.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



• MINUTES OF MEETING – August 11, 2015

by: Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

August meeting of EAA Chapter 878 in the training room of Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport with 19 members present, including new member Lloyd Melvie.

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

Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for July. Motion to approve approved unanimously. See financial report at the end of this report.

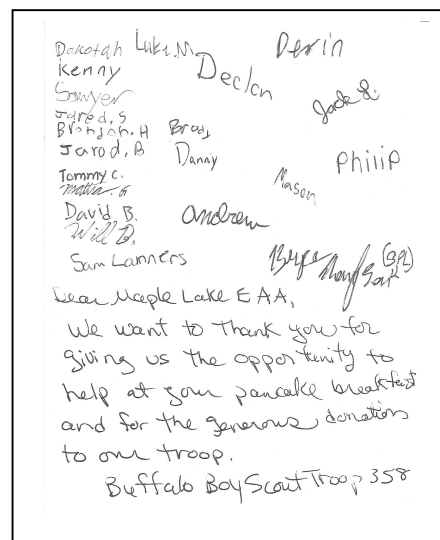
OLD BUSINESS:

Young Eagles: Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Glen Morrow has an event scheduled for 8/29 at Maple Lake for about 50 Cub Scouts from the Albertville and St. Michael area. He would like to have the flight simulator available. Glen noted that members should not wait for scheduled events to take kids flying, and that some of his most memorable flights are when he has time to do one-on-one flights. Glen has registration forms.

Chapter Website Update: Website Coordinator Wyatt Erickson not in attendance.

Chapter PIC Hours: Chapter President Greg Thomes passed around the "PIC" log, an on-going track of flight hours by chapter members.

Thank-You From Buffalo Boy Scouts: Greg Thomes read and passed around a "Thank You" note from Boy Scout Troop #358 who helped at the Buffalo pancake breakfast (see inset to right).



Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial and MN Aviation Hall of Fame

Nomination: Per Glen Morrow, the paperwork for renaming the Maple Lake Airport in honor of Bill Sr. has been submitted by the City to the State for approval, waiting for response. Per Wayne Flury, in a conversation with Nancy VanSickle (daughter of Bill) he learned that Joe Mavencamp (son) is working on the paperwork for the HOF. Agreed that Chapter 878 will submit a Letter of Recommendation in support of the nomination. Wayne and Greg Thomes will coordinate on letter. Glen Morrow will check on contact info for Joe.

AirVenture Oshkosh 2015: Members Tom Rammel, Kent Peterson, Wayne Flury, Tim Bond and Dave Swanson reported on their trips to Oshkosh.

Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport: Greg Thomes reviewed the background of the proposal (a place for storage of Chapter 878 property, perhaps space for meetings or projects). Greg called for volunteers for a committee to study the proposal and make a recommendation. Members will be: Greg, Tim Bond, Fred Jude, Dick Burns and Pete Radintz.

Maple Lake Fly-In: Chairperson Kurt Pennuto reviewed current status and plans for the event, scheduled Saturday, August 15, 2015. Clean-up and set-up will be Friday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. Discussed need for more chairs, Greg Thomes will contact Andy Brallier at Buffalo about borrowing the FOBA chairs. Members asked to be on site about 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Two buses will shuttle visitors from the fly-in to downtown Maple Lake for the Gear-Head Get Together. One bus is sponsored by the Gear-Heads, the other by chapter members Kent Peterson and Greg Thomes. Two Porta-Potties are scheduled. 500 pork chops orders plus hot dogs. Meal prices expected to be the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purple Passion (Cancer Survivor Flight): Greg Thomes updated the chapter about the progress of 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 (see: FlyingGeminPurplePassion.blogspot.com, or Facebook at Passion Flights for Life) . Greg has sent a response to Jim but, as yet, did not have a response.

AOPA Regional Fly-In: Greg Thomes updated the chapter on the event, scheduled for 8/21 and 8/22. Volunteers are needed for various areas.

PBOR2: Discussion of legislation. Currently in House Committee.

Young Eagles Fuel Reimbursement: Chapter member Kent Peterson asked if there could be a fuel reimbursement made to pilots who fly Young Eagles. Noted that some other chapters have this as an enticement. General discussion of the Phillips 66 fuel rebate program. Glen Morrow stated that he did his YE flights without expecting a reimbursement and felt it should stay that way. Pilots have the option of taking fuel expense as an income tax charitable contribution. Subject tabled.

Chapter Christmas Party: Discussed options for location and dates. Greg Thomes will contact Connie Erickson to check with Huikko's in Buffalo for December 12.

Motion to adjourn, all approved!

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for July

Opening Balance		\$8408.08
Income: Dues	25.00	
Total	\$ 25.00	
Expenses: Harold Greseth (food for chapter picnic)	\$ 127.65	
Total	\$ 127.65	
Total Change:	<\$ 102.65>	
Ending Balance		\$8305.43

- **LEGAL EAGLE AIRCRAFT PROJECT FOR SALE**
by Marv Sikkila

I have decided to sell my Legal Eagle ultralight project. The fuselage is mostly complete and wings are covered. I have the converted 2 cylinder VW engine and some instruments. Typical aircraft shown in photo.

See: <http://www.betterhalfvw.com/>

For more info and price, call Marvin Sikkila at 763-682-2525.



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2015**

Sep. 5 – 6 Flight Expo 2015, Princeton, <http://flightexpo.org/>
8 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Maple Lake
Oct. 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Nov. 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting
Dec. 5 Tree of Hope toy collection, Maple Lake Airport
12 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet

Note: this generally will not detail the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are already well documented on other sites which are dedicated to that purpose. If I did 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.

- **ARE YOU MISSING OUT ON SOMETHING?**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Have you heard others commenting about something they read in an "AvBits" email, but didn't know what they meant? If so, it's because you are not an EAA Chapter 878 member.

AvBits is an unscheduled email sent only to Chapter 878 members (dues paid). The topic may be anything from the current membership roster to an interesting video or an upcoming event. Though I send out the emails, many of the subjects or topics are submitted by other chapter members.

Don't continue to miss out! Become a Chapter 878 member now. It's easy – just attend a meeting and pay dues! It's so easy that the rest of us figured out how to do it, so I'm sure you can too!

- EAA CHAPTER 878 PORK CHOP DINNER FLY-IN**
 by Wayne Flury and Connie Erickson

Our 29th annual fly-in was greeted with a hot and humid day that kept the numbers of airplanes, drive-in visitors and pork chop dinners sold way down! But, those who were there had a good time and saw some nice planes. Here are some photos taken by Wayne Flury and Connie Erickson.

EAA Chapter 878
Fly-In, August 15

It didn't take long for a line to get formed when the chops were ready to be served!



The "Gear-Head" truck identified the location of the shuttle bus pick-up point in the airport parking lot.

Thanks to chapter members Greg Thomes and Kent Peterson for sponsoring one of the shuttles that took visitors downtown to the Gear-Head Get Together.



Youngsters (and a few oldsters) were kept entertained by "Clowning for Smiles by Dotz"



Photos, from upper left, clockwise:

- Kurt Pennuto's Stinson Voyager
- clowns just got to have fun, particularly in front of Ray Johnson's Stearman, parked front and center
- the chapter flight simulator got a good workout, supervised by Wyatt Erickson
- Tom Ryan's 1945 L-4 as it leaves to return to Winsted;
- a very attractive addition to the day! Fred Cox, Jr. didn't even mind when they touched his Starduster!
- a colorful collection on the ramp
- "No, it's not a toy airplane, even if it isn't much bigger than the one you play with!"



- **YOUNG EAGLES, AUGUST 29**

by **Wayne Flury**

Persistent low ceilings and visibility kept these Cub Scouts and all the volunteers grounded on an otherwise nice day. Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Glen Morrow explained the preflight procedure on his and Elaine's Cessna Cardinal RG (far right), while the tires of the pedal plane almost got their tread wore off!

A lunch of hot dogs and chips ended the day, with the promise of flights to come on a better weather day!



- **TREE OF HOPE**

by **Elaine Morrow**

Saturday, December 5 at the Maple Lake Airport

(snow date is Sunday, December 6).

Mark your calendars now for this special day

Since 1990 the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to Minnesota hospitals by the aviation community, including EAA chapters, flying clubs, Minnesota 99s, and the Zuhrah Shrine Flyers. It started when we found that other toy collections did NOT give to hospitals at holiday time, and often the families could not afford presents with the financial costs of seriously ill children.

You can help the Tree of Hope by collecting unwrapped new toys, donating money which is used to purchase gifts (100% of donations go to toys for the children), or volunteer to help collect, package and deliver the toys. Many airports have local collection boxes where you can make your gift donations. Monetary donations may be made by check, payable to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (see address below). Donations may also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope website via the *Donate* button.

Gifts are needed for children, infant to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital – toys, games, craft items, etc. Gift cards are appreciated for the teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome!

Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake Airport on December 5 to see volunteers in action (or volunteer yourself!) labeling and packaging the gifts which will be distributed to over 35 hospitals. **Refreshments provided!!**

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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



On a recent flight to and from San Francisco, Joyce and I were given the cutlery on the left in a cafe at MSP (near the gates). The fork is very substantial, but the knife is lightweight flexible plastic. At a cafe at SFO (near the gates) we were given the cutlery on the right – a very substantial metal fork, knife and spoon.

If we had tried to bring ANY of these metal items through a security checkpoint, we'd have been detained. So, an enterprising terrorist can simply go through the line, grab a bite to eat and then take a "weapon" on board the airplane! But, of course, at MSP they would have only a plastic knife to work with (no self-respecting terrorist would ever use a 4-pronged dagger). But at SFO we give them the dagger plus a small sword (sharpen at your own risk).

TSA – making us all "feel-good" safe!

Sorry for no cartoon this month, but I thought the disparity in supply of cutlery at these two major airports was almost funny (ALMOST).

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