



The Maple Lake Flyer

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Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
Maple Lake, Minnesota

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EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. at Wright Aero, Maple Lake Airport

Agenda for April Meeting

- **EAT PANCAKES!!** This month is our pancake breakfast for members, families, friends and guests of the chapter. Last year we shifted the event from March to April to take advantage of (hopefully) better weather. When the event was held in March I used to refer to it as the "Frozen Flapjack Festival!" This year we may (hopefully) be able to wear shorts! Bring your family and friends and invite someone to come to the airport for this fun event and to learn more about flying. Food and drinks provided by the chapter. Members with large griddles, mixing bowls and other utensils are asked to bring them.
- A brief chapter meeting for essential business.

THE PRES SEZ

President:
Joe Simmon

Another exciting month in Florida! Sun 'n Fun kicks off the new year of air shows and what has become an annual migration of some of the Maple Lake EAA Chapter 878 members to the southern region. We had outstanding weather for this year's fly-in and I believe everyone had a great time.



Above, Left: Glen Morrow, Joe Simmon, Patti Sandusky, and Wayne Flury. Above, Right: Elaine Morrow, busy talking on her phone. Photos taken in front of the 99s building on the Sun 'n Fun grounds.

Ed. Note: For a chapter with only about 30 members, I think we had a pretty good representation!! It's not that Elaine wouldn't associate with the rest of us...she was in high demand as a guest on Sun 'n Fun radio due to her involvement with the 99s and their sponsorship of the WASP who were in attendance! Elaine also was involved with forums (she goes there to work while the rest of us are basically there to play!!).

I also had a tense experience this month. When I was taxiing back to the hangar, I heard a loud pop and the rudder slammed to the left, making it difficult to steer without differential breaking. I could only think of what would have been an interesting landing had it occurred on final.

I dismantled the interior the next day and found that a rudder cable tension spring had broken, causing an overload condition on the other spring. This caused the rudder to be hard to move but not impossible. I would have still had rudder control and been able to land safely, but not without some anxious moments. I replaced both springs and, since the

airplane has about 560 hours, I will be replacing them after the next 400 hours of operation just to make sure I don't have a repeat performance!



Remember this month is pancake breakfast month, so bring an appetite and invite friends and family for the spring get together. I will see you in May.

Joe

MINUTES OF MEEETING, March 10, 2012

Secretary:
Wayne Flury

Approximately 50 EAA members, pilots and other persons interested in learning more about aviation gathered on March 10 in the hangar of West Metro Aviation on the Buffalo Airport for an FAA Safety Team (FAAST) presentation by James Neihoff and Alan Hoffert.

Chapter Vice-President Glen Morrow opened the session with a welcome to everyone. Chapter Secretary and Newsletter Editor Wayne Flury added a welcome and an invitation to non-members to join the chapter. Wayne noted that EAA Chapter 878 is more of a "social" group than a "building" chapter. We promote aviation through our outreach to youth through Young Eagles and to the community through our annual fly-in, this year marking the 26th anniversary.

We promote safety through education, and the FAAST event is an excellent illustration of that. Wayne provided a sign-up sheet for persons who would like more information. A Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns was provided separately to Glen and Wayne, and the summary report is provided here.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns: (for February)

Opening Balance		\$3680.73
Income:	Dues	\$ 115.00
	Total	\$ 115.00
Expenses:	Bank Fee	\$ 2.00
	Total:	\$ 113.00
Ending Balance		\$3793.73



SUN 'n FUN 2012

by Wayne Flury

As noted in Joe's column, the chapter was well represented in Lakeland, Florida for Sun 'n Fun 2012. The weather this year was great, as if making up for all the fuss last year when a tornado tore things up pretty badly. Glen and Elaine Morrow were working hard at the 99s building. Patti Sandusky came a day or two after the beginning of the event and Joe Simmon showed up to show off his Florida tan! I worked again with the Air Show Announcer Team and was very pleased to be able to announce for several aerobatic performers this year. The announcer's stand was relocated much further away from the vendor displays and out of our comfortable building, but that allowed us to be co-located with the Air Boss team, which was a benefit.

This year I got to announce for Jim "Fang" Maroney flying his Super Chipmunk, Greg Koontz flying his Decathlon, Mike Wiskus in the Lucas Pitts and Skip Stewart in his modified Pitts that he calls "Prometheus." Neither Mike nor Skip provide a "sequence" or a list of maneuvers they will fly! Mike just tells me, "You know how I fly!" and Skip told me to just follow along and holler "That's Awesome!" every once in awhile! And you thought that announcers had it easy!

I also did the narration for Greg Shelton as he flew a routine in his FM-2 Wildcat, Larry King flying a Pitts Model 12 and Michael Kennedy in a BT-13. I also worked with Mark Sorenson, a young man from Atlanta flying a YAK 55M painted orange with black tiger stripes. He calls his performance "Tiger Air Shows" and has a routine where he flies aerobatics and then attempts to fly the YAK through smoke rings that are generated from a machine on the ground. It was great fun to announce and to watch. At the end of his performance he makes a "photo pass" and holds up his left wrist where he is wearing an analog wristwatch (a watch with hands, not a digital watch). People were alerted to take a picture (using a camera with a good telephoto lens) and submit it to Tiger Air Shows. If Mark can read the time on his wristwatch in the photo, the person with the best photo may get a gift from an aviation jewelry company, one of Mark's sponsors! Mark's wife, Brooke, showed some of the photos they had received and you really could see the face of the wristwatch with the time! It was all quite fun.

EVENTS, 2012

Here's a list of events for 2012 compiled from various sources. It is not intended to be complete or all-inclusive, and will primarily feature EAA chapter sponsored events and activities or other unique events. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, more:

Apr.	14	EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, at Wright Aero, Maple Lake, MN with pancake breakfast for chapter members, family and friends.
	21	St. Cloud (KSTC) Airport Day and Fly-In, 9 – 2. Support SCSU Aviation Dept.
	28	Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame dinner. For reservations: www.mnaviationhalloffame.org
May	4-6	Brainerd, MN Seaplane Pilots Assoc. Safety Seminar. Madden's.
	19-20	Blaine Aviation Days, EAA Chapter 237, KANE (Anoka)
June	9-10	Minnesota Air Spectacular, Mankato. Blue Angels. www.mnairspectacular.com
	10	Fergus Falls, EAA Chapter 1174. Belgian Waffle breakfast, 8 – 1.
	16	Granite Falls, 3 pm, Ray Fagen Memorial Air Show "Planes 'n Songs," Aeroshell Aerobatic Team; WWII aircraft/vehicles/re-enactors; bombing runs with pyrotechnics; Aaron Tippin concert following the show!
	17	Canby Air Show, Canby, MN. Wayne Flury, Announcer. Dave Dacy with wingwalker Tony Kazian, Jim "Fang" Maroney, and Dick Schulz.
	17	Buffalo Fly-In Breakfast / Air Show
July	23-29	AirVenture 2012, Oshkosh, WI.
Sep.	9	EAA Chapter 878, 26 th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In
Dec.	1	Tree of Hope toy collection, Maple Lake Airport.

EAA CHAPTER 878 PORK CHOP DINNER FLY-IN

by Wayne Flury

I've sent our fly-in event information to the following websites or publications: EAA, AOPA, General Aviation News, Midwest Flyer, Minnesota Flyer and Kitplanes.

26th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, September 9, 2012, Maple Lake Airport, Maple Lake, MN
Sponsored by EAA Chapter 878 and Wright Aero; Serving 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

"Serving the best pork chops in Minnesota!"

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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) in the offices of Wright Aero, at the airport, Maple Lake, MN.

Dues are \$25 per year.

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**THE
FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



"Jim sure has fun flying that airplane, but it's so slow that when he lands he only has to wipe the bugs off from the trailing edge of the wings!"

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(a cartoonist's tip of the coffee mug to "Charile" at the West Metro Friday Morning Coffee Club for inspiration on the above!)