



## *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.*

December, 2013

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Saturday, December 14**  
**6:00 p.m. “social hour” and 7:00 p.m. dinner**  
**at Bison Creek Bar & Grill in Buffalo**

Agenda for December Meeting:

- This is our annual “Christmas Party” meeting, which will be held at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko’s Bowling) in Buffalo. See inside the newsletter for directions and other info about the party.
- Recap of the Tree of Hope toy collection held on December 7.
- Chapter leadership recognition.
- Our rousing (and sometimes raucous) gift exchange (see the newsletter for details).
- Info about January meeting program and other winter meetings.

- **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Chapter President: Tom Rammel**

December is already here and I want to say Merry Christmas to all of you. This is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Christ and remember his sacrifice for us. I hope you all have a great time with family and friends.

I am sorry to say that I will not be able to attend the Christmas party this year, but I hope that all of you have a wonderful time.

Earlier this summer my wife and I took care of my oldest son’s two youngest children and we built some small toy projects that my wife purchased from Walmart. Well, a few weeks ago we had the opportunity to take care of his oldest two girls. They remembered hearing about the projects their younger siblings got to build and wanted to do a project themselves. Well, we didn’t have any of those Walmart projects in the house, so instead I designed some airplane gliders and we built those as a project. We had a great time working on them together and took one outside to fly. It was a little windy but we tried it anyway. The third flight headed straight for the lake and from the top of our hill it looked like it would land in the water. Just when we thought it was a goner the wind coming off the hill turned it around and it landed right next to us. It was a perfect flight.

- **MINUTES OF MEETING – November 13, 2013**

**Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury**

**Chapter Video:** Chapter President Tom Rammel opened the meeting by playing the November edition of the Chapter Video from EAA Oshkosh, using a video projector supplied by chapter member Kurt Pennuto.

Included in this video was an introduction to the EAA Sweepstakes Airplane by Jeff Skiles, an interview with Rich Gibson of Rich’s Incredible Pyro (the guys who create the “Wall of Fire” and other bang-bangs at AirVenture), plus a feature about an AirVenture volunteer who works at Camper Registration.

Following the video, Tom led a discussion about the length and quality of the videos. Wayne noted that he had responded to an EAA "Survey Monkey" survey about the videos and had made comments about the content and length of the videos. Tom has relayed previous chapter concerns to EAA. Tonight, members noted that variety in the videos is good, but length is still a concern (the issue is compatibility with other meeting programs). Tom noted that he would use the videos in meetings where there is time available.

**Tree of Hope:** Elaine Morrow reviewed the Tree of Hope toy collection program and put out a request for volunteers from the chapter and community. The collection is December 7 at the Maple Lake Airport. Wayne made a motion that the chapter contribute the same as last year...\$450...to be used for toy purchases or other expenses. Motion seconded and approved.

**Financial Report:** See the summary included below with these minutes for the last month.

**Chapter Logo on Hats and Shirts:** Kent Petersen presented samples of shirts on which he had Chickadee Stitching embroidered the chapter logo (see photo). Discussion of colors and styles of shirts (if the shirts are to promote chapter identification at fly-ins, they should be the same color. Should the members take their own shirts/hats to this vendor to be embroidered?). Pete Radinitz has contacts with a uniform vendor and will check on options.

**2014 Program Planning Committee:** Tom Rammel called for volunteers to join a committee to arrange chapter meeting programs for 2014. Wayne Flury and Dick Burns to coordinate. Wayne asked for input on last year's programs. Members noted that they liked the FAAST program and the ground school instruction. Suggestions included a presentation by an A&P on what a pilot can and cannot do for maintenance and/or for an aircraft annual inspection. Also, a possible visit to an ATC facility.



Chapter member, and semi-professional shirt model, Kent Peterson, showed examples of various shirts with the chapter logo embroidered on them by Chickadee Stitching.

**December Chapter Meeting Christmas Party:** Connie Erickson and Marv Sikkila reported that the party is confirmed for Saturday, December 14 at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling) in Buffalo where we have had our past several parties. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow (order as desired from a menu). Members supported to continue the tradition of a gift exchange after dinner. Tom has a conflict and will not be able to attend, so past-president Joe Simmon will MC the event.

**Correction to October minutes:** in the November newsletter minutes it was incorrectly reported that Connie Peterson was working on this party planning. The minutes should have said that it was Connie Erickson.

**EAA Ford Motor Co. Partnership:** Tom has info regarding Ford purchases through their partnership discount program. For anyone who needs more info on this, please see Tom.

**Dues:** chapter dues for 2014 are due in January.

**Winter Meeting Schedule:** chapter meetings will shift to Saturday mornings, beginning January through April, 2014. Members indicated a preference to begin the meetings at 9:00 a.m.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns thru October

Opening Balance	\$4033.82
Income:	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 0.00
Expenses: Mini-Biffs	\$ 230.04
Total	\$ 230.04
Total Change:	\$ <230.04>
Ending Balance	\$3803.78

- **DUES FOR 2014**

Chapter dues for 2014 are now due. Please see Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns. Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year, age 35 and over.

Please note that EAA Chapter 878 dues are not the same as your national EAA dues. Each is a separate item and benefits each of us differently. Hopefully everyone will express their support of the chapter by renewing your membership for 2014.

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- **NEW CHAPTER MEMBER**  
by Wayne Flury

Mike Schmitt of Buffalo has joined the chapter by paying dues for 2014. Most current members probably know Mike as he is very active with the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association, and bases his Cessna 206 on amphibious floats at the Buffalo Airport. Please welcome Mike to the chapter!

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- **CHAPTER NAME BADGES**  
by Wayne Flury

If you have not yet received your chapter member name badge, please see Wayne to get it. If you ordered one for your spouse (chapter paid), please also check with Wayne, or put in your order.

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- **CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY MEETING, INVITATION, DIRECTIONS & INFO**

***EAA Chapter 878 2013 Christmas Party (our December meeting).***

**Social hour at 6:00 PM (cash bar), dinner at 7:00 PM (order off the menu, each member, spouse and family member pays for their own meal)**

**Chapter Awards and Gift Exchange to follow dinner.**

All chapter members and friends are invited, if your schedule permits, to attend our annual December Christmas party. The chapter has, since its beginning over 25 years ago, gathered each December with our families and friends in an informal social event to celebrate the holiday and our common interest. It's also a great opportunity for our spouses to meet the members and other spouses who they may not see for the other 11 months of the year!

**Party location:**

Buffalo: Huikko's Bowling / Bison Creek Bar and Dining.

Directions: In Buffalo, intersection of Highway 55 and Highway 25, go North approximately 2 blocks. Bowling alley is on the West side of Highway 25. Driveway to the parking lot is on the north side of the building, between the bowling alley and Klatt True Value Hardware. Our party is in the main building.

If lost, call 763-682-4180.

(Huikko's Bowling & Entertainment Center; <http://www.huikkosbowl.com>)

**Gift Exchange:** gifts are suggested to be approximately \$10 - \$15 value, wrapped, and appropriate for either male or female. The "exchange" is a fun-filled event where each individual, in a sequence determined by a drawing, selects a wrapped gift from the "pile" or by claiming a gift from someone who has already opened one.....!!! Gifts could be handmade items (arts, crafts, baked items, etc.), seasonal decorations, books, wine, candy, gift card or ???

- **CHAPTER MEMBER LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT PARTNERS**

by Glenn Weibel

Looking for 2 or 3 individuals interested in joining a C177 (Cardinal) group - total not to exceed 4 members. Aircraft could be based at Maple Lake, Buffalo or Winsted (currently located at Winsted). Fixed gear, fixed pitch prop, 180hp, TTAE - 1320hrs.

This is an older Cardinal but priced right. If interested, contact - Glenn Weibel at 651-270-0879 or [glweibel@tds.net](mailto:glweibel@tds.net)

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- **TREE OF HOPE TOY COLLECTION**

The Tree of Hope toy collection event is December 7 at the old Wright Aero hangar at the Maple Lake airport. See the attached flyer for more info. This is a great event that will be sure to get you into the holiday spirit. The chapter has been a strong supporter of this event in the past, and I hope this continues in this year. It takes a lot of labor to get all the toys and gifts sorted, bagged and delivered. A hearty "Thank You" to chapter member Elaine Morrow who is one of the spearheads of the organization.

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- **LOREN SCHIEBE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual "Loren Schiebe Christmas Party," organized by the Friends of the Buffalo Airport (FOBA) will be held on December 13 in the hangar of Andy Brallier and Mike Andrews (front row of hangars, across the taxiway from West Metro Aviation). See the attached notice.

This is a very popular and well-attended aviation event, where the focus is food and talk! It is not an EAA event. This party draws people from the local area as well from across the state. It's a reminder of why Loren was such a well-liked guy! Put it on your schedule if at all possible.

- **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.

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- **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



Though not totally opposed to the saturation of pop Christmas music on some commercial radio stations, Wayne elected to express an annoyance of the constant repetition of "Jingle Bell Rock," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," and "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas!"

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