



# 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.

November, 2015

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.**

**In the meeting room of Ascend Aviation at the Maple Lake Airport.**

**Special program presentation:** Our program for this meeting features Greg Emerick, Executive Vice President, Business Development for Sentera, LLC, a company specializing in simple, elegant drone imagery solutions (<https://sentera.com/>). Greg is a former Wright Aero flight instructor. He will be speaking about advancements in the drone industry. He is also in a 'think tank' with the Department of Commerce, FAA and OSHA for how UAVs interact in today's society.

In a note from Greg – "Here is a little blurb about us that was published in UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems) Magazine:" <http://uasmagazine.com/articles/1280/senteraundefineds-software-simplifies-uas-data-handling-for-end-users>.

Also see an article from the Oct. 26, 2015 issue of the Star Tribune: <http://www.startribune.com/st-anthony-richfield-based-drone-company-has-big-plans/336500641/>

- **FLIGHT TO SUCCESS**  
by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

As we've written in earlier messages, pilot groups as a whole are a very generous bunch. And, in this spirit, we would like to welcome in the upcoming holidays and say "Thank You" for making this your MoJo.

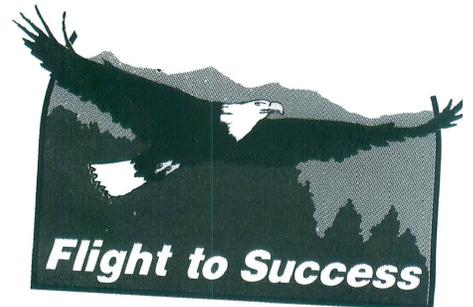
I'm grateful to each of you for *giving back* the talents and gifts that G.A. has provided. Your volunteer efforts in our projects like Tree of Hope, the Buffalo and Maple Lake Fly-ins, Young Eagles and our other chapter activities are appreciated.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I would also like to express gratitude for the following:

- \* Our EAA safety record. We're fortunate to have a safe bunch of pilots.
- \* The city of Maple Lake for runway maintenance, mowing the lawns and keeping the snow moved out of harms-way. The city has also purchased a vehicle as a pilot courtesy car! More on that later.
- \* Thanks go out to my hanger partner—Allen Zabel—for all of the remodeling he has done in our hanger.
- \* And thanks to each of you for being a valued EAA member.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – October 13, 2015**  
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

October meeting of EAA Chapter 878 in the home workshop of Wayne Flury, with 16 members and one guest present. Guest visitor Nate Brown was introduced. He advised he has recently purchased a 1983 RotorWay Scorpion helicopter.

Wayne had on display his work on wings for his Sonex, as well as the fuselage and tail assembly.

**REPORTS:**

Motion to approve Secretary's Report of September meeting as published in the newsletter without reading, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for September. Motion to approve the August report as published in the October newsletter approved unanimously. See September financial report at the end of these minutes.

Dick noted that the final pork chop dinner fly-in financial report showed a profit of \$636.41\*.

*\* Secretary's Note: While preparing the minutes for this newsletter and transcribing Dick's financial report, I noted an apparent error. See the adjusted "Fly-In Financial Statement" at the end of these minutes. Dick confirmed that he had not added back into the "Income" amount the \$500 that he takes out of the bank to supply cash for the change box (see the corresponding \$500 "Expense"). This makes the Fly-In profit \$1136.41 for 2015, but Dick also advised he has a yet-unpaid bill for fly-in signs. Expect a further updated financial report at the next meeting.*

*Corresponding change made to September general financial report.*

*I told Dick that I am his private financial auditor!*

**COMMITTEES:**

**Young Eagles:** Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Glen Morrow – no new updates.

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

**Chapter PIC Hours:** Chapter President Greg Thomes passed around the "PIC" hours log, an on-going track of flight hours by chapter members. Number (YTD) through last month is 488.7 hours.

**Fly-Outs:** Kent Peterson – not at the meeting to report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Per Glen Morrow, the paperwork for renaming of the Maple Lake Airport in honor of Bill Sr. is still at the state and has no new update.

Wayne Flury read a Letter of Recommendation from the chapter to the MN Aviation Hall of Fame selection committee that he and Greg Thomes had coordinated upon. There being no corrections or changes, the letter was approved and signed by Chapter President Greg Thomes, Vice-President Peter Radintz, Treasurer Dick Burns and Secretary Wayne Flury. Wayne will forward the letter to Joe Mavencamp who is submitting a complete nomination file to the selection committee.

**Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport:**

Noted that there may be a hangar available from Larry Prybl. Greg Thomes and Dick Burns to follow up. Comment made that other hangars may be for sale.

Comments that it may be possible to build a facility in the grassy area west of the existing row of hangars. Greg Thomes, Pete Radintz and Glen Morrow to investigate further.

**Maple Lake Fly-In:**

The 2016 Fly-In Committee (Kurt Pennuto, Tim Simmon, Connie and Tim Erickson, Dick Burns and Elaine Morrow) have met to brainstorm and plan. Kurt led a discussion of ideas from a hand-out:

- Host two-day event with fly-in/camp-in on Sat. night
- Chili feed and bonfire on Sat. night
- Host a "hangar hoedown" Sat. night with live music. Public invited to attend
- Continue Sun. morning with a pancake breakfast to start the morning
- Organize fly-out events to grass or water runways, sightseeing excursions, spot landing and/or a flour bag drop competition.

Events on Sunday continue with guest speakers, pork chop dinner and kid's meal. Awards ceremony, clowns with balloons, vendors, balsawood airplane competition for kids and adults, STOL demonstrations and, if approved, an air show of some sort.

Kurt noted that our typical September fly-in date (second Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016) will be the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and that an observation of the date may be included. Kurt added that Jason Erickson would be willing to sponsor the music for a Sat. night event. Discussion and questions, with encouragement to continue exploring events and options. Comments that a two-day event would require a big commitment of labor.

**Chapter Christmas Party:**

Our December meeting/party will be at Huikko's in Buffalo on December 12. Greg Thomes is checking with Jason Erickson about a program presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tree of Hope:**

Chapter member Elaine Morrow noted that publicity about the 12/5/15 toy collection date at Maple Lake is underway. There are currently 36 hospitals requesting to be part of the toy distribution. Wayne Flury noted that the chapter has previously made a monetary donation and asked for a motion to do so again. Motion by Dave Swanson to contribute \$500, seconded by Tom Rammel, with discussion followed by a vote by show of hands; motion passed.

**Winter Trip to Oshkosh:**

Wayne Flury had included a note in the October newsletter about determining interest in a weekend trip to Oshkosh this winter, primarily for a museum visit but possibly also to participate in a weekend work party. A few members indicated an interest in the museum visit. Wayne will check further and advise.

**Winter Meetings:**

Wayne reviewed some possible programs and presentations for our winter session meetings (to be held on Saturday mornings – second Sat. of month):

- George Funk, whose father was one of two who started the Funk Airplane Company
- Wings of Mercy organization
- FFAST Safety Meeting
- A "Frozen Flapjacks" social meeting (a winter pancake breakfast)
- T of our Golden Wings Air Museum (Anoka County Airport)

No specific response, other than all sounded appealing to the membership.

Motion to adjourn, all approved

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Sept.  
(as adjusted, per notes in meeting minutes)

Opening Balance		\$6603.53
Income: Pork Chop Dinner	\$ 1136.41	
Total	\$ <u>1136.41</u>	
Expenses: Wayne Flury (stamps)	\$ 28.05	
Total	\$ <u>28.05</u>	
Total Change:	\$ 1108.36	
Ending Balance		\$7711.89

2015 – Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In Financial Statement  
by Dick Burns (as adjusted, per notes in meeting minutes)

Income:	
Ticket Sales	\$ 2674.50
Cash box redeposit	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 3174.50
Expenses:	
T&R Meats	
500 pork chops	\$ 507.01
120# Beans	190.80
130# Potato Salad	271.70
8# Wieners	14.32
5# Seasoning	35.00
Delivery Charge	30.00
Kurt Pennuto (charcoal & misc.)	234.84
Tim Bond (soda, chips, ice, etc.)	51.35
Note: purchase of leftover chops by Tim deducted from actual fly-in expenses incurred by Tim.	
Mini Biff (portable toilets)	203.07
Change for cash box	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$ 2038.09

Profit: \$ 1136.41

● **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.



● **HANGAR FOR RENT, WINTER MONTHS**

Dru Dunwoody has a T-hangar available for rent from November 2015 thru April 2016 at the Buffalo Airport, \$175 per month. For airplanes only!! For more info, contact Dru at: [dunwoody@usfamily.net](mailto:dunwoody@usfamily.net).

● **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2015 and 2016**

- Nov. 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting with Greg Emerick at Maple Lake.
- Dec. 5 Tree of Hope toy collection, Maple Lake Airport
- 12 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet at Huikko's in Buffalo.
- Jan 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting on Saturday morning

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](http://www.socialflight.com).

● **IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT PANCAKE.....**

by Wayne Flury

On October 24, Kent Peterson and I flew in Kent's Cherokee to Benson Airport, just north of White Bear Lake, for the EAA Chapter 745 pancake breakfast. Kent picked me up at the Buffalo Airport (it's nice to have a pick-up service) and we returned in time for the Minnesota Pilot's Association business meeting, held that morning at West Metro Aviation.

If you have never been to Benson, it's a trip back in time to a place where the runway is grass, mostly smooth, and surrounded by trees on the approach end to 30 but with just enough of them cut down to sort of funnel you to the touchdown zone. Narrow taxi lanes are mowed into the tall grass from the runway over to the T-hangars and a larger hangar that serves as the home of EAA Chapter 745 and as a general hangout.

The main hangar may not be fancy, but it's got everything you need and has a meeting room whose walls are plastered with memorabilia. Not sure what the significance of the old barber chair is, but its right next to the wood burning stove so it's probably the coziest spot in the place during cold months. A kitchen area and restrooms are adjacent to workshop areas where projects in various stages of completion testify that this is a place where aircraft builders spend a good portion of their time!

The food was great and the welcome from the aircraft parkers and serving line folks made us feel right at home. They usually have a couple of pancake breakfasts each year, including one in the winter that might attract those aircraft on skis, and sometimes a chili feed. Check it out the next time you are looking for a good breakfast with good people!

Benson's is a private airport (<http://www.airnav.com/airport/6MN9>). Also see: <https://www.facebook.com/Benson-Airport-120525271297512/timeline/>, and <http://www.745.eaachapter.org/aboutbensonsairport.htm>.

What's been your experience in your search of good food (pancakes or otherwise)? Share with the chapter!



Kent and Wayne enjoying breakfast at Benson Airport, hosted by EAA Chapter 745. That's a Stinson 108 rebuilt project at the end of the table. The thumb in the lower left hand corner of the photo is courtesy of the unknown breakfast volunteer who took our picture!

● **TREE OF HOPE**  
by Elaine Morrow

**Saturday, December 5 at the Maple Lake Airport**

(snow date is Sunday, December 6).

Mark your calendars 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!!**

For more info, contact:	Elaine Morrow (Minnesota Chapter 99s and EAA Chapter 878) <a href="mailto:pilotelaine@aol.com">pilotelaine@aol.com</a> 952-913-2356 (cell) 10006 Fenner Ave SE Delano, MN 55328	Howie & Deb Klier (Zuhrah Shrine Flyers) <a href="mailto:n6870j@aol.com">n6870j@aol.com</a> 612-802-8441 (cell)
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[www.holidaytreeofhope.org](http://www.holidaytreeofhope.org)  
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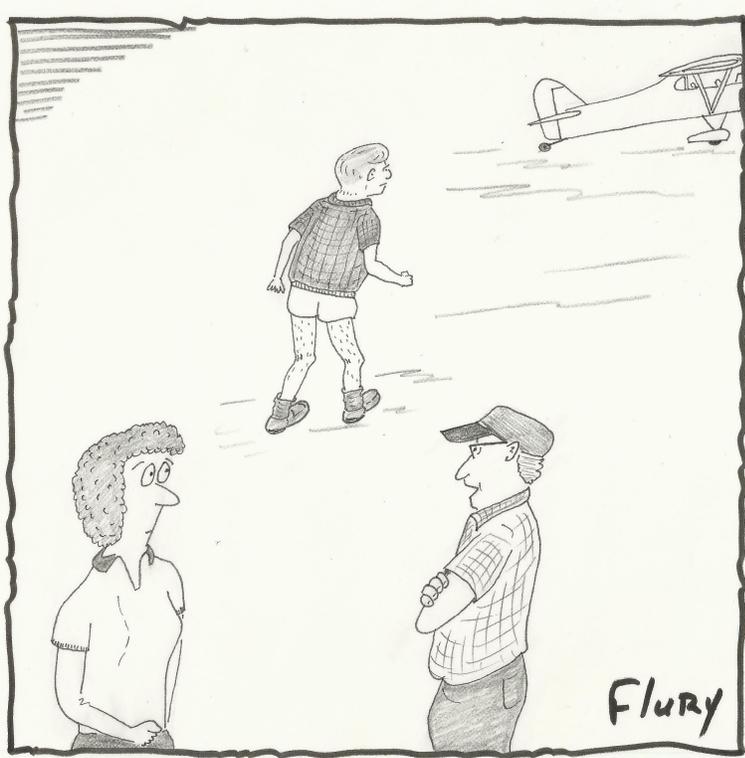
Beginning in September, 2014, our meetings will normally be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



“He said he was going flying after removing the pants, but I really thought he was talking about the airplane wheel pants.”

11/2015

Here's a “two-fer” this month:



What's wrong with this picture?

I just had to share this photo, taken in a Buffalo parking lot earlier this week. Some days it's really hard to stay ahead of the dumb people!