



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, 2014

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.

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

Agenda for November Chapter Meeting:

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
- Election of chapter officers for 2015 – 2016
- View EAA Chapter Video
- Plans for winter meetings and “holiday party”
- Any other business as required

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

This is my 23rd “From the President” article and writing these articles has not been easy for me! I am good at designing and building things but writing an article is not my favorite thing to do.

At the beginning of my two year term as Chapter 878 President I wanted to get more young people interested in our Chapter. We voted to reduce the dues to \$10.00 for young people wanting to join our Chapter and this is a step in the right direction. We had a fly-out to Chuck Doyle’s hangar full of beautiful airplanes. We had many speakers and a flight instructor talk and train us. We provided many kids with their first Young Eagle flight. We had pancake breakfasts and picnics, and pork chop fly-ins. We attended the fun fly at the Wright Flyers R/C field and were able to fly model airplanes with the buddy box system. We purchased the components to build a flight simulator and need to build a portable enclosure so that it can be taken to schools in the area and spark some interest in aviation for young people.

I would have liked to have Chapter 878 build an airplane. How about building an RV-12? I helped build the “One Week Wonder” at Oshkosh by pulling some rivets on the left side of the fuselage. So about 2500 other people and I built an airplane in one week. I know not everyone wants to build an airplane but I’m not sure that everyone wants Chapter 878 to be a social only group either.

Let’s all put some thought into the direction we want to take Chapter 878 and discuss with the new President our ideas for the future.

For those of you that didn’t get a chance to see my Searey, here is what it looked like back in 2008 after 949 hours of building in a span of 8 months.



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – October 14, 2014**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

General: 15 EAA Chapter 878 members, plus an additional 8 spouses and guests in attendance. Meeting held in the hangar of Tim and Carla Bond at the Maple Lake Airport.

Member Appreciation Party: Burgers and Sausages on the grill, provided by the chapter, and Other Good Food provided by those in attendance – no one left hungry!

Tom Rammel thanked everyone for their participation over the last year. Tom noted that Greg Thomes has agreed to be on the November ballot for Chapter President.

Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report: both approved as printed in the newsletter. See the September Treasurer's report at the end of these minutes.

New Visitors to the Chapter: Ben and Kayla Ahlgren of South Haven were visitors. Ben is a new private pilot and has a Cessna 172 based at Maple Lake.

Chapter Flight Simulator: Tom Rammel set up the components he had purchased for the chapter flight simulator. Anyone who wanted could try it out. It has three monitors for a forward and left/right field of view. Ideas for mounting the components and an easy way to transport are needed. Tom has spent \$1592 to date.

Chapter December Christmas Party: approved to dispense with a December meeting in light of many other activities during this month. Elaine Morrow moved to shift the holiday party into January, with Fred seconding.

Tree of Hope Toy Collection: Elaine Morrow reviewed plans for the 25th annual Tree of Hope toy collection, this year to be held on December 6 at Ascend Aviation in Maple Lake. 36 hospitals have put in requests for toys. Anyone who can help with unloading, sorting, bagging, etc. is welcome. Lunch is available.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru September		
Opening Balance		\$7134.16
Income:	\$	0.00
Total	\$	0.00
Expenses:	\$	0.00
Total	\$	0.00
Total Change:	\$	0.00
Ending Balance		\$7134.16

- **GLEN MORROW RECEIVES YOUNG EAGLES AWARD**
by Wayne Flury

Proudly displayed on the wall in Glen and Elaine's hangar is a plaque recently presented to Glen by EAA for achieving the milestone of haven flown 500 Young Eagles missions.

Glen has been active with the Young Eagles program with EAA Chapter 878 since the program began in 1992. By the end of October of this year, almost 1.9 million youth, ages 8 – 17, will have been given free introductory airplane rides through the efforts of volunteer pilots such as Glen.

Congratulations Glen!

Ed. Note: EAA provides recognition to all Young Eagles pilots as they achieve various levels of activity. When you fly a Young Eagle, be sure your paperwork is completely and correctly filled out and sent to the Young Eagles office at Oshkosh – you may be the next one to be rewarded.



- **ADVENTURES AT AIRVENTURE**
Stories About Our Chapter 878 Members Volunteering at Oshkosh

2014 Announcer's Stand/Interview Circle

by Wayne Flury

AirVenture 2014 was my 26th year of volunteering at Oshkosh in one capacity or another (note that recognition for a "year" of volunteering may be for as little as one 4-hour shift on one day or several shifts over many days). The 25 years of service shown on my name badge (see the insert) is my total service through 2013.

As a member since 1993 of the Announcer's Stand /Interview Circle crew, I work full days for the full week (this schedule is by my choice, and I can take off for an hour or so when I need to). But, whenever I think I've put in a lot of time, I have to remind myself there are many other people who do a lot more. Many of my friends in the Communications Center (the building where the Announcer's Stand is located) are on-site for several weekends early in the summer and probably fulltime on site at least a week or two before AirVenture begins. Many of these folks come as a family to volunteer and I've watched as their kids have grown up to become full-fledged volunteers as well. Some members of the "Comm Center" crew (AKA, "The Green Gang") also work night shifts during the week of AirVenture to provide 24 hour/day telephone switchboard, information and communication services. The chairman of the Announcer's Stand when I started working there, Roscoe Morton, celebrated 51 years of service before his health declined, so I've got a long way to go! The incredible thing is that we are all volunteers, people using their vacation or other free time to make this event possible. Few businesses get this kind of dedication from their employees, even when they pay their people!

The group of volunteers of which I am now a part has laughed together until we cried, and we have cried together as we mourned friends, mentors and partners who had been so much a part of our lives. In other words, we are like a family, though we have come from far different backgrounds and locations. We were brought together through a shared love of aircraft, air shows and the people of the industry. We stay together through our developed friendship, interest and love of each other. Our group is a small part of the much larger EAA family.

If you decide to become an "Oshkosh volunteer" there are no promises you will find the same camaraderie with your fellow volunteers as I have...that's part of the challenge and reward of extending yourself into a volunteer position...but I encourage you to consider becoming a part of the more than 5000 people who help every year to make EAA AirVenture Oshkosh such a great, world-wide story. A recent email from EAA reported almost 232,000 hours of volunteer time logged at the fly-in this last year, in more than 100 volunteer areas!

I began my EAA volunteer career in 1989 by working half-day segments with Flight Line Safety for three years, usually riding a motor scooter along the air show line to keep people safely behind the line (we referred to it as "toe patrol"). I then worked a couple



Typical name badge as provided by EAA for volunteer area chairmen and co-chairmen.



Patch provided to all AirVenture volunteers in recognition of their service to EAA

of years in a newly created volunteer job as a Forum Tent Host (back in the days when the forums really were held in tents) which consisted of housekeeping within the tent, assuring that the presenter had all equipment they needed, introducing the speaker and taking a head count of attendees. The best part was that I got a front-row seat, but the trick was to get assigned to a tent that included the forums that were the most popular and never had enough seating space!

At the 1993 convention I got up enough courage to ask Roscoe Morton at the Announcer's Stand for a job in his area. Due to a fortunate (for me) personnel shortage that year, Roscoe needed someone to help and he took a chance on me. One day of helping led to two days, which led to four days the next year, which next led to volunteering for the whole week. Now I go to Oshkosh at least a day or two before AirVenture starts, and I don't leave until the day after it ends!

Since 1999 I have been a "Co-Chairman" of the Announcer's Stand. My job and responsibility has evolved and changed throughout the years, as those of any job or occupation will always do. Essentially, volunteers on the Announcer's Stand are responsible for everything that goes out over the flightline PA system. This off course includes the air show announcing and showcase flying events, but also interviews, general safety announcements, special event or appearance

announcements, sometimes a "lost person" announcement, celebrity and dignitary hosting and, of course, the sponsor commercials or recognitions. While we have a great deal of latitude and discretion in many announcements, we are obligated to many as well, such as reading a certain number of sponsor announcements each day.

My typical day in 2014 began with the 7:30 a.m. Chairman's Briefing, held in the Air Operations Building (next door to the Comm Center), which is attended by Chairpersons, Co-Chairs or other representatives from all areas of convention operations, the FAA, EAA and the airport. Issues, conflicts, achievements and site conditions for the entire convention site, cumulative through the previous day, are reviewed and addressed as needed. We're briefed on the status of aircraft parking on site as well as at the seaplane base and outlying airports. It's a combination of light-hearted exchanges of information combined with serious discussions and cooperative planning for the upcoming daily operations.

Then it's time for coffee and perhaps a pancake breakfast prepared by one of the Green Gang members (we are very well taken care of!!) before setting up the Announcer's Stand for the day. Our "interview circle" day is broken into 15 minutes segments and we try to keep a steady progression of personalities and interests. The first segment each day was at 9 a.m. when the International Visitors hosts came to broadcast a welcome to our visitors from around the world in various languages. It's easy to overlook how many international aviation enthusiasts are at AirVenture until Friday when they march as a group south from the International Visitors Tent along Wittman Road to the Announcer's Stand to be welcomed by an EAA representative – this



The gang on the Announcer's Stand: (L – R) Monty Keim, Wayne Flury, Amy Votava, Dave Keim, JoAnn Nortley, Steve Buss, Danny Clisham, Larry (Laroux) Schexnaildre, Rob Reider. This group handles all of the daily organization on the Stand; conducts interviews of guests and dignitaries; reads sponsor and EAA partner announcements; make emergency and special situation announcements; announcer for Showcase aviation presentation; and all air show performer announcing (excepting performers who have their own announcers). Photo by John Sullivan.

year Sean D. Tucker, the air show performer and new Young Eagles Chairman. Hundreds of visitors participate in this parade, carrying their country's flag and sharing their enthusiasm for being in Oshkosh. For many, this might be a once-in-a-lifetime visit, something that we who live so close to Oshkosh take much too casually!

The rest of the first hour each day was filled with interviews with someone from the Vintage Aircraft Association and the Warbirds of America. During my "interview" with each of them we discuss various aircraft of interest in their areas, special activities and presentations for that particular day. My function is usually just to introduce them and ask leading questions – they fill in the blanks and present the technical



information. Many people have outstanding aircraft backgrounds and information on fascinating subjects but are nervous about speaking over a PA system, so I feel very fortunate to have some skill in being able to ask questions and (hopefully) keep each segment flowing smoothly.

At 10:00 each day the EAA Radio Station sets up to broadcast from the Stand, usually with Steve Buss, the Announcer's Stand Chairman doing these interviews, so I've got until 11:00 to take a restroom break, get something to drink or eat and be ready to go again.

Interviews from 11:00 until 1:30 or 2:00 might include authors, artists, air show performers, award winners or various convention sponsors or promoters such as Ford Motor Company. Each day Ron Wagner came up to provide an update on the "One Week Wonder" aircraft building project that was such a major interest at AirVenture this year. Ron is a former EAA staffer who came back as a volunteer to supervise this activity.

During this time period the announcers who will be working the air show and warbirds show go to their respective briefings to prepare for that afternoon's performance. After their return we hold our own briefing to coordinate announcer assignments, be sure we have all performer information and their music if applicable and discuss anything that may need coordination with the air boss as the show is progressing. This year we had a greater variety of singers for the national anthem each day, and I'll be on the lookout for that person or group to be sure they are in place when required.

I normally don't get assigned to announce an air show act, but I do assist with the "showcase" demonstrations. This year the showcase events were folded into the traditional air show timeframe rather than preceding the air show. Particularly fun for me was working with John Monnett of Sonex Aircraft when their SubSonex jet-powered aircraft flew demonstrations, and the Valdez STOL demonstrations were fun and a crowd pleasing event!

During the air show I monitor the air boss radio frequency and answer a "hot line" telephone from the Announcer's Stand to the Air Boss trailer located on the flightline. The hot line is a communication tool for schedule adjustments or other issues that invariably crop up. We've done our job handling the changes if the audience is never aware that anything changed.

Unless there is a night show, the afternoon ends about 6:00 with the last air show performance, our "pick up the trash" announcements and a reminder about the evening activities. Then it's time for the PA system to go off the air and we get to relax with friends and (maybe) a cold beer. Naturally we critique the day, swap stories (some are even true) and extend the bond of friendships over dinner.

As we get older and wiser, the evenings come to a close earlier and earlier, because tomorrow is another show day and it starts all over again for me at 7:30 a.m.! At the end of the week I'm usually very tired and ready for a break, but when I'm driving home I'm already thinking about next year! For me, volunteering at Oshkosh is something that is a part of my life. The day may come when I can no longer work at the Announcer's Stand, but I'll always find something else to do. I think it may be an incurable disease!

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2014 and 2015

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

- 1) Nov. Chapter officer elections for 2015 -16
- 2) Dec. No chapter meeting this month, but lots of other activities for you, including the Tree of Hope Toy Collection at Maple Lake on December 6 and the Friends of Buffalo Airport party on Dec. 12
- 3) Jan. Chapter Dinner Meeting, Jan. 10, with guest speaker
- 4) Feb. Chapter meeting with biennial flight review ground school by Jason Erickson
- 5) Mar. FAAST program at West Metro Aviation, by Randle Corfman

• EVENTS – 2014

- Nov. 15 EAA Chapter 237 Pancake Breakfast, Anoka County Airport, 7:30 – 11:00
- Dec. 6 Tree of Hope Toy Collection at Ascend Aviation, Maple Lake Airport, 9 – 1. www.holidaytreeofhope.org; www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn. 25 YEARS OF TOY COLLECTION THROUGH THE AVIATION COMMUNITY TO HELP MAKE HOLIDAYS BETTER FOR CHILDREN IN THE HOSPITAL
- Dec. 12 Loren Schiebe Christmas Party / Friends of Buffalo Airport hangar party, at the Buffalo hangar of Andy Brallier.



www.holidaytreeofhope.org

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Date	Saturday – December 6, 2014 – 25 th year!
Time	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snow Date	Sunday
Collection Site	Maple Lake Municipal Airport, Minnesota (7 miles west of Buffalo, MN)

WHAT IS THE TREE OF HOPE? Since 1990, the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to Minnesota hospitals by the aviation community, including the EAA chapters, Flying Clubs, Minnesota 99's and the Zuhrah Shrine Flyers. It started when we found 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. All expenses are covered by volunteers, so all donations go toward toys for the children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Collect unwrapped new toys
- Donate money to purchase gifts- 100% of donations go to toys for the children
- Volunteer to help collect, package, and deliver the toys!

If there is no collection box near you, gift donations can be dropped at the Maple Lake Airport on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, or call one of the contacts below to make arrangements for pickup.

Monetary donations can be made by check, made out to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (address below). Donations can also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope web site via the *Donate* button.

Donations are accepted all year long!

WHAT DO WE NEED? Gifts for children, infant to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital, a toy, game, craft items, etc., and gift cards are appreciated for teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome.

WHEN AND WHERE? Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake, Minnesota, Airport on the first Saturday of December to see volunteers in action – or volunteer yourself – labeling and packaging the gifts for over 30 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



When Pigs Fly

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