



## *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.**

June, 2015

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

### **Saturday, June 6**

At West Metro Aviation, beginning at 2 PM for Pancake Breakfast set-up and preparations

### **Sunday, June 7      Pancake Breakfast at West Metro Aviation 7:30 to Noon**

Main committee arrive at 6 AM for preparations

First shift servers plan for 7 AM arrival

Note: if you were not at our last meeting and didn't have a chance to sign up for a shift of work, you are still wanted and needed!! Volunteer as you are able.

Contact Greg Thomes at 763-443-7039.



This is a very good fundraiser for the chapter, and fun to work at, but it's easier when there is plenty of help. Hope you can contribute to the success of this event.

### **Tuesday, June 9      Normal chapter meeting date with a "Tower Tour" at the St. Cloud Airport at 6:00 p.m. Space for the tour is limited, so this event is restricted to Chapter 878 members only.**

**After the tour we are guests of EAA Chapter 551 in their facility. Save room for hot dogs!**

**Arrange for your own transportation to St. Cloud or share a ride – fly or drive! This weekend will be the perfect time to make those plans.**

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

It's often said that the pilot community is very caring and a group of men and women that can rely on one-another in times of *celebration* or *need*. We see three recent examples of this within the membership of EAA #878. Unfortunately, these events are not all celebratory.

We mourn the loss of individuals that are known to our *extended* pilot community.

Roumayne Spiering is Connie Erickson's father. We are saddened



by the news that he passed away on May 27<sup>th</sup>. And the parents of former West metro mechanic, Brian Holte died in a plane accident on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim & Gloria Holte were traveling to Alaska in their C-182. Our condolences to these families.

On a brighter note, over 700 area Boy Scouts turned Buffalo (KCFE) into a camporee extravaganza last weekend. Ten of our #878 members assisted with either Young Eagle flights or teaching course headings on the new flight simulator. Many of the boys will be signed-off of their aviation merit badges soon.

Two separate EAA chapters came together to form a *community* of pilots flying Young Eagles. Nearly 200 boys made flights on fixed wing planes. Many more flew on the rotor type craft. The skies were buzzing with aircraft. With safety being our main concern, all flights were completed without incident. A special thanks to Larry Rosine and Tim Bond for numerous flights with the boys. They represented #878 with *flying colors*.

The *pilot community* exists all-around-us. Rub shoulders with us! I'm sure you'll like what you see.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg

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- **MINUTES OF MEETING – May 12, 2015**  
**by: Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary**

May meeting of EAA Chapter 878 began with burgers and pot luck dinner cookout for approximately 18 members and guests, then called to order by President Greg Thomes at 7:00 PM at the West Metro hangar at the Buffalo airport.

Motion to approve minutes of April meeting without reading, approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report from April meeting without reading by Tom Rammel, seconded by Pete Radintz, approved unanimously. See financial report at the end of these minutes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial:** Item still on "hold" for response from city.

**Young Eagles:** Glen Morrow has an event scheduled for some Cub Scouts on May 19 and has help lined up. Glen suggested that the chapter could use our Young Eagle credits to put toward the purchase of a video projector (and use it subsequently for Young Eagle events, as well as regular chapter events). Kurt will check on prices for appropriate projectors.

**Boy Scout Camporee at Buffalo:** Greg Thomes updated the chapter about the Boy Scout Camporee being held at KCFE on May 30th. EAA Chapter 878 will set up and supervise a station for our chapter flight simulator in the West Metro hangar. Chapter members will also monitor flight line safety and assist with pre-flight inspection oversight. Some members have volunteered to serve as Young Eagle pilots.

Coordination of YE flights by EAA Chapter 25. Members needed from 9 AM to noon.

**Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, June 7, 2015, set-up on Saturday. Committee meeting held prior to chapter meeting. Serving 7:30 to noon. Pilot-In-Command of Warbird or Experimental aircraft will receive a free breakfast. Mike Wiskus is doing an air show. A Car Show is being held at the Rodeo Grounds across the street on the same day. They will begin serving food at noon. Various individuals are getting supplies and food. A fly-in poster is being worked on by Dani Uttecht which will be forwarded to Wayne for distribution to chapter members (and for distribution).

**Maple Lake Fly-In:** Saturday, August 15, 2015, the same day as the Maple Lake Gear-Head Get Together. Chairperson Kurt Pennuto reviewed his thoughts on the event..."Stay with fly-in as it has been done?" Needs sub-committee chairs and volunteers. Wayne has submitted info to various website and magazine "Calendar of Events" listings. Wayne asked Wyatt (new chapter website coordinator) to be sure the site has info about the fly-in.

**Flight Simulator:** Dick Burns has built a plywood enclosure for the simulator components for table top mounting, and Tom Rammel brought the finished unit for chapter members to become familiar with using. Tom has written set-up instructions and reviewed the general operation. Kurt Pennuto is taking the simulator for use at a Rockford Middle School class and will bring it back to Buffalo for use at the May 30 Camporee. Tom will be supervising the use of the simulator at the Camporee.



Dale Bodine gets some "stick time" in on the simulator under the watchful (and semi-helpful) eyes of other members. It was not revealed whether he attempted a to do a roll, as did chapter member Mike Wiskus.



Dale flying in "auto-pilot" mode (hands-off). Note the 3-screen set up.

**Chapter Airplane Build Project:** This project is currently tabled.

**Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport:** As a spin-off of the Chapter Airplane Build Project, members are checking into the possibility of building a facility on the airport property but without direct taxiway access (property with low airport value) that could be used for meetings, storage and projects. Perhaps a two-stall garage type structure. Greg Thomes and Glen Morrow to check with the City of Maple Lake about approval.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**Upcoming Meetings:** June – Control Tower Tour – Greg Thomes asked for opinions on going to St. Cloud or to Flying Cloud. Members preferred St. Cloud. Greg is still working out details. Wayne will contact source at EAA Chapter 551 for advice. Harold Greseth will host the July meeting with a cook-out.

Greg reviewed a list of upcoming fly-in and air show events being held in the area, with additional input from members. Wayne noted that he has not been putting a list of such events in the newsletter. Most are listed on websites, magazines and bulletin boards (which all members should be checking separately), and its difficult to pare the many events down to a list that is of interest only to our members. No input from members against this practice.

Greg Thomes held a "raffle" for a pair of Twins tickets, won by Harold Greseth.

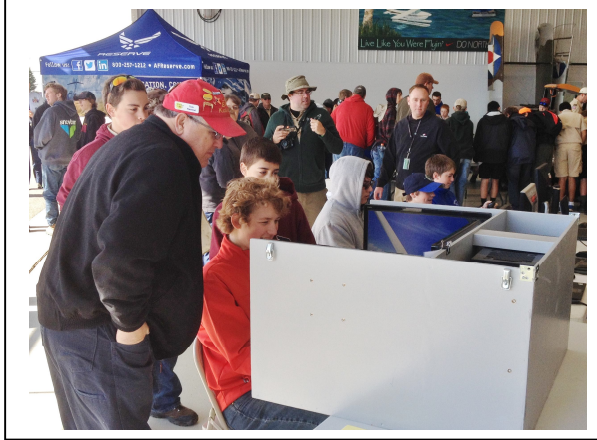
Motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM, all approved!

### Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru April

Opening Balance		\$6091.15
Income:	Dues	\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 50.00
Expenses:	Greg Thomes (food)	\$ 58.60
	Dick Burns (thumb drives & plywood for flight sim)	135.00
	Tim Erickson (refund of excess dues)	25.00
	Total	\$ 250.65
	Total Change:	\$ 200.65
Ending Balance		\$5890.50

- **BOY SCOUT CAMPOREE AT BUFFALO AIRPORT, May 29-30**  
by Wayne Flury

EAA Chapter 878 members assisted on Saturday, May 30 at the Spring Camporee & Aviation Day by providing our flight simulator and working the Young Eagles flights. Over 700 Scouts attended this event! I was amazed at the scope of the displays and participation. Someone within the organization really had their stuff together on this. Congratulations on a job well done. I'm just very, very glad I didn't have to sleep in one of their tents during that rainy and cold night Friday night!



Photos: Upper Left, Tom Rammel gives some right seat flight instruction; Upper Right, a young future pilot in the making; Lower Left, the whole "bank" of flight simulators was always busy, with Allen Zabel assisting a youngster. Ours was the only simulator with "views out the side" of the airplane!; Lower Right, Steve Panuska displayed his Powered Parachute.

Additional photos and info can be found at: [http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd\\_383.htm](http://www.lmdbsa.org/lmd_383.htm).

Per Greg Thomes, 286 Young Eagles were added to the roster...a very busy day!

There were many others who participated and/or opened their hangars for the day, including West Metro Aviation and D'Shannon Aviation. Thanks to everyone for making this a great day.

Also see an article in the Wright County Journal-Press (<http://www.thedrummer.com/>) by Ed DuBois. It includes more photos and a great feature of our EAA chapter and of President Greg Thomes.

The Journal-Press has also been strongly promoting the Buffalo Pancake Breakfast and Car Show (this is normally the kick-off event for Buffalo Days).



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2015**

June 7 Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 - noon  
9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Tower tour at St. Cloud.  
Jul. 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting at home of Harold Greseth, with a cook-out.  
20 – 26 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh  
Aug. 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
15 Chapter 878 Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In at Maple Lake

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).

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- **INTERNATIONAL YOUNG EAGLES DAY – JUNE 13, 2015**  
by Wayne Flury

The following is from EAA's ChapterGram: "EAA's annual International Young Eagles Day has introduced tens of thousands of young people to aviation each year since 1994, making it the most active flying day for the year-round program. The tradition continues this year on Saturday, June 13, and all EAA members are encouraged to provide young people in their communities with the opportunity to discover flying that day."

This would be a good day for all Chapter 878 members to make a special effort to "take a kid flying." Remember that you can do Young Eagle flights on ANY day, it doesn't have to be a special event. And take pictures for the newsletter!

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- **GOING SOMEPLACE? TAKE A PICTURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER!**  
by Wayne Flury

In Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of...*pancake breakfasts!!*

As you spread your wings and head off for parts known or unknown (hopefully more known than unknown) this spring and summer, take a photo or two and send them to me for the newsletter. Perhaps you are flying to a pancake breakfast or to your cabin or to visit friends. Other chapter members are interested in your aviation activities (and it might just encourage them to do the same!).

Just identify where you went, when you went, and who the people are in the photo. I'll take care of the rest. Remember, this is your CHAPTER newsletter!

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- **DISCOVER AVIATION DAYS**  
by Wayne Flury

Last Sunday I went over to Anoka County Airport for breakfast, to just poke around, look at airplanes and visit with friends – a perfect morning!

One of the things that caught my eye was this OV-1 cockpit display trailer from American Wings Air Museum. Note that it's just on a two-wheel trailer and easily transportable.

Wouldn't the cockpit of a Cherokee or a C-172 look good on a trailer? Something to accompany the flight simulator??????

Just a thought!



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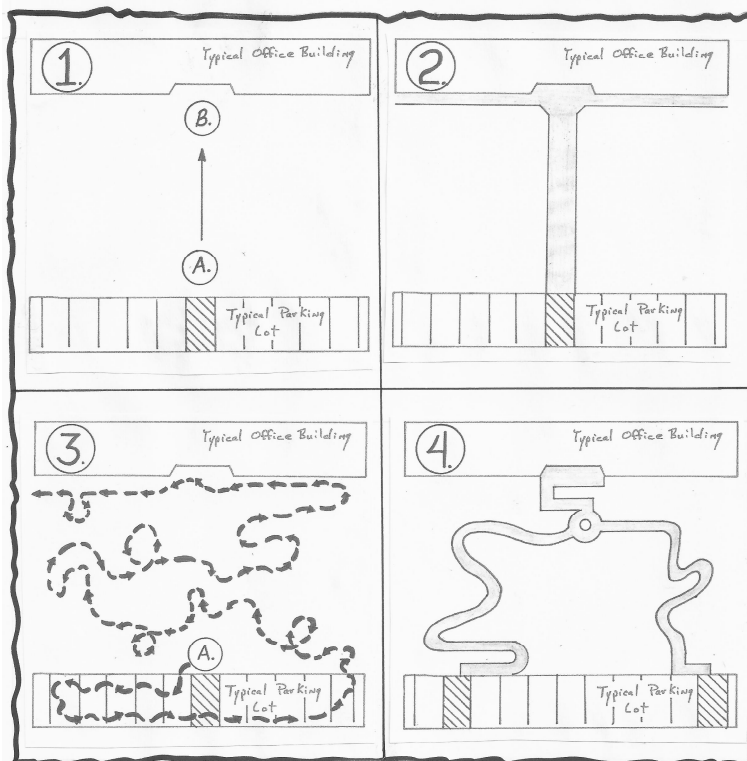
Beginning in September, 2014, our meetings will normally be held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



### How Landscape Architects Determine the Layout of Sidewalks

1. Basic design exercise, based upon physical location of parking lot and office building.  
Object: Move pedestrians from Point "A" to Point "B"
2. Logical layout of sidewalk.  
Idea discarded due to lack of creativity.
3. "Creative Thinking" design Input:
  - a. Release rabbit to wander property
  - b. Wait 10 minutes, then release dog outfitted with GPS tracking and recording device to sniff rabbit track
  - c. Transfer rabbit/dog path coordinates to paper.
4. Translate rabbit/dog path into a sidewalk layout and present to customer as an example of creative expression in architectural design, resulting in moving pedestrians from dual Point "A's" to a singularly located Point "B."

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