



The Maple Lake Flyer

a newsletter of Chapter 878
Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
Maple Lake, Minnesota

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- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

Saturday, February 9, 9:30 a.m. at West Metro Aviation at the Buffalo Airport

Agenda for February Meeting:

- Our program for this month will be presented by Joe Morgan of Lockheed Martin (FSS)
- Chapter business will be conducted after the program presentation.
- Dues for chapter membership are due! (See Tom's column and the "Minutes of Meeting" for info on re-structured dues for younger members).

- **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

The January meeting with a FAA Safety Team (FAAST) program, presented by Glenn Weibel, was very interesting and we all got a good laugh from the vertigo chair demonstration.

We now have an incentive for young people to join our Chapter in the way of reduced Dues of \$10.00 age 35 and younger. This motion was voted on and passed at the January meeting, so invite some young people to a meeting and encourage them to get involved in the local Chapter.

I would like to get some input from the members. How do you think the Chapter is doing? Would you like things to stay the same? Would you like to see some changes? Do you have ideas for some events? Should we help Wayne finish his Sonex? How can we get some young people involved in our Chapter? Please give me your input – my E-mail address is Trammel@Zeiss.com.

- **MINUTES OF MEETING, Jan. 12, 2013**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

Chapter President Tom Rammel opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees by, followed by a similar welcome by Chapter Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Wayne Flury. Both Tom and Wayne thanked Mike Wiskus and staff of West Metro Aviation for allowing us to use the West Metro hangar for our meeting. Only 24 members and guests attended, which may have been influenced by the wind, cold temperatures and the rain on Friday which may have caused some slippery roads.

Wayne introduced Alan Hoffert, FAASTeam Program Manager for the Minneapolis Flight Standards District Office. Alan discussed the FAAST program and then introduced Glenn Weibel. Glenn introduced a "Runway Incursions" video and then moved into his presentation: "Risks – Known and Unknown." Glenn discussed the many factors that can influence us to take risks that we normally would not, some of the traits that might make a pilot likely to take risks, and outside influences that affect us. At the conclusion of the day, a very few brave volunteers mounted the Vertigo Chair that Alan had brought along.

Following the FAA presentation, a brief chapter meeting was held. Tom Rammel called the meeting to order and Dick Burns presented a Treasurer's Report (see summary at the end of these minutes). The Secretary's Report was by-passed since it consisted only of photos of the chapter Christmas party!

Tom moved to change the chapter dues structure – the current dues are \$25 per year. He moved that persons under age 35 be charged \$10 (as a means of attracting younger members)...seconded, discussed and passed.

Tom noted that he has signed up for a Chapter Leadership Academy at Oshkosh for March 29 – 31. Wayne moved that the chapter cover Tom’s gas expenses, seconded, discussed and passed.

Tom suggested that we need some new activities to increase interest in the chapter, and noted that one possibility would be to have a “project assistance” night, helping a member do some of the work on their project. Some discussion, but no action.

Fred Jude noted that he will be working on a remodel of the old Wright Aero offices to allow transient pilot access inside. Bob Shadduck has offered the use of the facility if the chapter pays for the utilities, which Fred estimated at \$100 per month. Some discussion, but no action.

Wayne noted that the February meeting would also be held at West Metro Aviation. Joe Morgan, Operations Manager of Lockheed Martin Flight Services in Princeton will be our guest speaker.

After adjournment, James Aarestad, a flight instructor at West Metro and an RC aircraft flyer, demonstrated a model with an integrated video camera. The camera is mounted on the wing and fuselage center line, facing forward, and transmits video to a set of goggles worn by the operator. This makes it seem that you are seated in the airplane while flying it! He also demoed a mini-RC flyer, electrically powered.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Dec.
(Note: November report was unchanged from Oct.)

Opening Balance		\$4101.19
Income:	Dues	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	Mini-Biff	\$ 209.81
	Total	\$ 209.81
	Total Change:	\$ <209.81>
Ending Balance		\$3891.38



Photos: above, right – Glenn Weibel makes a point during his FAAST presentation; below – James Aarestad, chapter guest, in the vertigo chair while FAA Program Manager Alan Hoffert runs the controls; below, right – James shows us his RC airplane controller with video goggles.



- **CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE!**
Your membership and participation is appreciated
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

EAA Chapter 878 dues (\$10 for members under age 35, \$25 for age 35 and over) are due at the beginning of each year. Please pay Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns, or give the money to any of the chapter officers.

At the January meeting, several members paid dues, and two people paid dues to become new members: Bob Shaddock of Annandale, and Don Tilus of Buffalo. Bob was a charter member of Chapter 878 but had not kept up membership for many years. He is the owner of the hangar at Maple Lake where Wright Aero was located. Don has attended several chapter meetings in the past and made the commitment to become a member.

EAA Chapter 878 has always invited pilots and others interested in aviation to check out our organization and participate in events to see if we are a group you would like to regularly hang out with. Your membership in the chapter means that you find value in the group. That value can be different things to different people...perhaps it's the social aspect, the educational programs, technical or labor assistance with a project, or just a chance to get out of the house for an evening. Your dues are pooled with those from everyone else to support our activities. Perhaps there is an activity that you would like to see us add that would add value to the chapter for you and others.

If you have already paid your dues...THANK YOU! If you are not sure about becoming or staying on as a member, please share your reasons or concerns with a chapter officer...we value your association! An updated chapter membership list (dues paid) will be published in a month or two...be sure that you are on it!!

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2013**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Interesting meeting programs are essential to the vitality of our chapter. Here are some activities already planned for 2013. But, the chapter needs your input and help to suggest, find and coordinate programs for the remaining months! Does a hangar neighbor have an interesting airplane they would like to talk about? Do you have a project in mind, or need some advice? Other ideas?

- 1) February Joe Morgan, Program Manager of Lockheed Martin (FSS) Princeton
Meeting location: Buffalo, West Metro Aviation
- 2) March Flight Review...Ground School portion, by James Aarestad (free to chapter members, \$25 to non-members)
Meeting location: Buffalo, West Metro Aviation
- 3) April Pancake Breakfast for chapter members, family and friends
Meeting location: ??
- 4) May Tour of D'Shannon Aviation, hosted by Scott Erickson of D'Shannon
Meeting location: Buffalo, D'Shannon Aviation (old Buffalo Aviation FBO building, next to West Metro)
- 5) June Steve Schultz, of Ion Aircraft will present their prototype airplane to the chapter (depending upon weather)
See: <http://www.ionaircraft.com/>. Meeting location: Buffalo, West Metro Aviation
- 6) July Chapter picnic at the lake home of Tom Rammel. Seaplane fly-in? Remote control seaplane flying?
Food? Fun? Yeah! Meeting location: Cokato
- 7) Aug. open
- 8) Sept. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In?
- 9) Oct. open
- 10) Nov. open
- 11) Dec. Chapter Christmas Party

- **BE AN "OSHKOSH" VOLUNTEER!**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Most Chapter 878 members know I have been a long-time volunteer at AirVenture Oshkosh, having found a home in the Air Show Announcer's group (despite my lack of skills!) by virtue of a glib tongue, a healthy amount of self-promotion and a lot (huge, huge, huge) of good luck, the generosity of a great mentor (Roscoe Morton) and a lot of hard work. It has been a life-changing experience!

I have always encouraged our members to consider volunteering at Oshkosh for a few hours. You don't have to commit for several days or the whole week, but if you can spare even a half day, there's probably someplace where you can help. In addition to helping to lighten the work load of the other volunteers, you will gain an appreciation for the workings of the event, it will become YOUR convention, and you'll likely form friendships that will last a lifetime. Plus, though you will get no pay, you will be expected to be an expert on everything!

In the early years of our chapter, some members went to Oshkosh in the weeks prior to the convention to work on the grounds...mowing grass, fixing picnic tables, painting, planting flowers, etc., etc. Though EAA has a grounds staff, they need help every year.

If being a volunteer at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh interests you, here's a link to starting your personal EAA adventure: <http://www.eaa.org/support/volunteer.asp>.

● EVENTS – 2013

Here's a list of upcoming events for 2013, compiled from various sources. It is not intended to be complete or all-inclusive, and will primarily feature EAA chapter sponsored events, plus other activities or unique events. Send your information for inclusion here. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, much more:

- Feb. 9 EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport. 9:30 a.m. Featuring Joe Morgan, Program Manager of Lockheed Martin (FSS) Princeton
- 15 Princeton, MN. Aviation sheet metal workshop...learn the basics. Presented by Flight Expo. Call 763-568-3360 for info and location.
- Mar. 9 EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport. 9:30 a.m. Featuring James Aarestad and a flight review ground school, free for chapter members.
- Apr. 9 – 14 SUN 'n FUN fly-in and expo, Lakeland, FL, www.sun-n-fun.org
- 13 EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, pancake breakfast for chapter members, family and friends.
- 20 MN Aviation Hall of Fame 2013. Induction banquet and ceremony. www.mnaviationhalloffame.org
- July 29 thru Aug 4 AirVenture Oshkosh 2013, Oshkosh, WI, www.eaa.org; <http://www.airventure.org>

● CHAPTER NAMETAGS

Time for a change?

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

I've been checking into getting chapter nametags for new members and those who have never received one, or who have "lost" theirs. We have 3 or 4 blank EAA nametags (a white badge, 1"x3", with the EAA logo, see the photo below) in our stock, but these have a pin already glued to the back and are difficult for local engravers to handle (to hold in their machine while getting your name engraved onto them). I contacted the Chapter Office at EAA to see if we could purchase the nametags with the pins shipped loose, but was referred to the EAA Chapter 1095 website, <http://smittysrv.com/nametags/>, where these nametags can be purchased. This website page has the following language: "EAA has appointed EAA Chapter 1095 as the official EAA chapter name tag supplier for the chapter network. This not only keeps the price down but allows Chapter 1095 to raise a few dollars in the process."

I guess I must pat Chapter 1095 on the back for having a member who can provide this service and is willing to do it as a fund raiser for their chapter. If we order more than 5, the cost is just under \$5 each (probably plus shipping!).

However, I'm having second thoughts about name tags such as shown above, and wonder if our chapter should simply have nametags made locally, but with our own chapter logo instead of the EAA logo engraved (or printed) on them. At one local supplier, North Star Awards and Trophies, I was quoted approximately \$7 each, plus a \$25 set-up charge for the logo. We would have to supply a high definition JPEG file. I have some typical samples and will bring them to the next meeting.

Simultaneously, perhaps we are at the point where we should consider an updated chapter logo? (Note: our chapter logo is on the masthead of this newsletter). Perhaps we can have a logo designing contest? Oh, who am I kidding...does anybody (ANYBODY?) have the talent and desire to simply come up with a revised logo and present it for approval!?!?



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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.

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



Note: due to time constraints resulting from some personal issues that took a lot of time lately, this cartoon is a "repeat" from December, 1997.

Prehistoric Aviation Cartoonist

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