



EAA Chapter 878
Maple Lake, Minnesota

The Maple Lake Flyer

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EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation community in Maple Lake, Buffalo and surrounding areas of Minnesota since 1986.

August, 2014

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING AND EVENT NOTICES**

Wednesday, August 13, 7:30 p.m. in the offices of Ascend Aviation (old Wright Aero) Maple Lake Airport

Agenda for August Meeting, August 13:

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports
- Final planning for 2014 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In on August 16
- AirVenture Oshkosh 2014...who went, what did you do?
- Plan for RC aircraft flying with Wright Flyers on September 6
- other business as required

Friday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. Maple Lake Airport, clean-up and prep for fly-in

- Clean-up hangar area and grounds for Saturday morning fly-in.
- Clean tables and chairs
- Pre-set serving line tables, position queue line standards, set up trash containers and other prep

Saturday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In and Craft Show

- 28th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In
- Dinner service from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Craft Show from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- All chapter members, family, friends and other volunteers needed to make this fly-in another successful Chapter 878 event
- Bring large coolers (for soft drinks and water), roasters, large bowls, and serving utensils (tongs, spoons, etc.)

- **FROM THE PRESIDENT**
Chapter President: Tom Rammel

As I am writing this I am preparing to go to Oshkosh AirVenture to help with Kid Venture, working as a pit crew member...fueling and starting the small glow fuel powered airplane engines. Some years as many as 2000 kids fly these airplanes in one week at Oshkosh!

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At our August 13th meeting we will be finalizing the plans for the Maple Lake Fly-in and Pork Chop Dinner on August 16th.

On Saturday, September 6th, starting at 10:00 AM at the Wright Flyers R/C field at Montissippi Park in Monticello will be a chance to learn to fly R/C airplanes. We'll cook some hotdogs for lunch. Bring a salad or desert to share and let's have some fun flying model airplanes! Invite some young people to come with you.

I took the time to check out the Fun-Fly at WFRC on July 20th and Garth was there. Here are a few pictures that I took at the Montissippi Park flying field:



● **MINUTES OF PICNIC AND MEETING – July 9, 2014**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

General: 24 EAA Chapter 878 members and guests attended the chapter picnic at the lake home of Greg and Betty Thomes.

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

Buffalo Fly-In Pancake Breakfast: See the Financial Report of the Buffalo Fly-In Pancake Breakfast included at the end of these minutes. Based upon the financial success, it was unanimously approved to participate in that event again, if asked, with Greg Thomes again as the chairperson.

2014 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In Planning Committee Report: Kurt Pennuto reported that things are looking good at this point. Fly-in is on Saturday, August 16. Plan for set-up on Friday night before. The shuttle bus for transportation between the airport and downtown Maple Lake for the Gear Head Get Together is provided by M&M Transportation. They have insurance in place. Kurt has contacted a helicopter ride vendor and is waiting for confirmation. It was approved for craft show organizer Kent Peterson to spend up to \$200 for

signs and banners for the show, which would be reusable in the future. All available space is sold out. There will be no raffle or door prizes this year.

RC Flying Experience for Chapter Members with the Wright Flyers: Tom Rammel is still coordinating with members of the Wright Flyers on a time and date...probably in early September.

Air Academy Scholarship: Approved to contribute \$200 plus the chapter Young Eagle credits to Wyatt Erickson for tuition to attend the Air Academy Camp at Oshkosh.

Scholarship Committee: Noted that a Chapter Scholarship Committee needs to be established to seek qualified applicants for chapter scholarship funds and to recommend levels of scholarship funds distribution. Wayne will develop a set of criteria for approval.

Ascend Aviation Adding Maple Lake Operation: chapter visitor John Seefeldt advised that Jason Erickson is expanding his operation to include Maple Lake. Jason currently operates Ascend Aviation in Princeton and has signed a three year lease for the offices and some hangar space in the old Wright Aero facility and the maintenance shop at Maple Lake. Jason will be offering flight training and maintenance. John noted that the offices will be available for use by Chapter 878 for meetings.

Chapter Flight Simulator: Tom Rammel discussed the possibility of Chapter 878 building a flight simulator, utilizing some of the profits from the Buffalo Pancake Breakfast. This would be used for youth introduction to aviation. Chapter visitor John Seefeldt noted that Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation has a simulator that may be available to the chapter. Proposal tabled for more info.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru June	
Opening Balance	\$3824.93
Income:	
Dues	\$ 25.00
Craft Show	55.00
Buffalo Fly-In	
Pancake Breakfast	<u>2404.50</u>
Total	\$ 2484.50
Expenses:	
Total	\$ 0.00
Total Change:	\$ 2484.50
Ending Balance	\$6308.53

Buffalo Pancake Breakfast Financial Report	
Income:	
Ticket Sales	\$ 4952.00
Cash Box	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$ 5652.00
Expenses:	
Cargill Eggs	\$ 125.00
Boy Scouts	500.00
Tim Bond (supplies)	1235.54
Cub Foods (supplies)	390.15
Greg Thomes (supplies)	64.07
West Metro Aviation	232.74
Cash Box	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$ 3247.50
Profit:	\$ 2404.50
Notes: Served 49 free volunteer meals. Served 40 PIC free meals.	



Thanks to Greg and Betty Thomes for sharing their home and beautiful beach with the chapter!!



Harold and Lynne Greseth arrived at Maple Lake in their Glastar Sportsman, while Dave and Gail Swanson came in their Searey (the first opportunity that many chapter members have had to see this new airplane). A nice night for flying. Lots of good food and great company!

- **ASCEND AVIATION...NEW FBO AT MAPLE LAKE**

by Jason Erickson

Ed. Note: As noted in the minutes, John Seefeldt announced at our July chapter meeting that Jason Erickson would be expanding his Ascend Aviation, currently at the Princeton airport, to also have services at Maple Lake. I asked Jason to provide me with some more info on his plans, services to offer, etc. The following is his reply.

We would love to help you guys out with anything you need. The building will be available to the EAA Chapter for all your meetings and get togethers. Also for the fly in we (Ascend Aviation) would like to give intro flights and air rides, however this is still un-official at this time due to some loose ends that need to be tied up. I should have more information within a week. As far as our operation at Maple Lake goes, we will be offering flight training and aircraft rental. We will have a Cessna 152, Cessna 172, and a Piper Arrow. We will still have a 152 and 172 at Princeton. Starting in the next couple months, hopefully by mid to late September, we will be opening the maintenance shop.

As far as the fly in goes, if you guys are looking for more help please let us know, I have a few people that are interested in helping any way they can.

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2014**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Interesting meeting programs are essential to the vitality of our chapter. Here are some activities already planned or ideas for 2014. 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 talk about? Do you have a project in mind, or need some advice? Other ideas?

- 1) Aug. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, Maple Lake Airport, in conjunction with the Gear-Head Get Together
- 2) Sep. 6, fly RC aircraft with Wright Flyers at their Monticello flying field.
- 3) Oct. Open
- 4) Nov. Open
- 5) Dec. Chapter Christmas Party
- 6) Jan. Open
- 7) Feb. Open
- 8) Mar. Open

- **EVENTS – 2014**

Here's a list of some upcoming events for 2014, compiled from various sources. It's neither complete nor all-inclusive, and primarily features EAA chapter sponsored events, plus other activities or unique events.

Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, much more:

- Aug. 10 Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association (MNSPA), Lino Lakes pig roast fly-in, Surfside Seaplane Base.
- 14-15 EAA B-17 at Rochester
- 16 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In, pork chop dinner. Serving 11:30 – 2:00. Craft Sale 10 to 3 on airport grounds; shuttle bus service to Gear-Head Get Together (<http://www.gear-headgettogether.com/>) in downtown Maple Lake.
- 16 EAA Chapter 237, Forest Lake, fly-in breakfast starting at 7:00, lunch 11 – 4.
- 17 EAA Chapter 642, Mankato, fly-in breakfast, 7:30 – noon. PIC's free.
- 17 Lake Elmo, Aviation Day, sponsored by EAA Chapter 54.
- 19 Great Planes Air Expo, Flying Cloud, Premier Jet Center, 10 to 5. Showcase of new GA aircraft. Info/register at: www.greatplanesairexpo.com
- 23 EAA UL Chapter 92, Glencoe, sweet corn and bratwurst feed, 10 – 2.
- 23-24 Duluth Air Show (www.duluthairshow.com)
- 24 Litchfield Lions fly-in breakfast. French toast, eggs and sausage, 7 – 12.
- Sep. 7 New Ulm Lions Club fly-in breakfast, 7 – 12:30.
- 7 Faribault. Faribault Aero Pilots Association and CAP Squadron fly-in breakfast, 7 – 12.
- 14 Stanton Airfield, rescheduled Father's Day fly-in! 7 – 12.
- 20 EAA Chapter 412, Grand Rapids, pancake breakfast fly-in, 8 – noon.
- 21 Hector, 72nd annual pancake breakfast, 7:30 – 12:30. PIC's free.
- 29-30 Princeton Municipal Airport. B-25 Bomber Weekend. Sponsored by Flight Expo, Inc. B-25 scheduled to arrive 2:00 pm on Friday, Sept. 29. Tour the B-25, rides available, sign up at www.cafmn.org.

- **AN EVENING WITH EAGLES**
by Elaine Morrow

Many thanks to Tim Hennagir of the *Monticello Times* for donating tickets to us for the July 19 dinner and symposium, *An Evening with Eagles*, at the Minnetonka Marriott, and thanks to Wayne Flury for passing them on to us!

During the cocktail time we visited with Greg and Barb Thomes, guests of John Scholl, a B-17 pilot who kept us fascinated with the missions of John's 10-man crew.



We were fortunate to be seated at the table with WASP and Minnesota 99 Liz (Betty Wall) Strohfus of Faribault, Minnesota, and hear all about her B-17 ride that day. She was excited about her next venture to Oshkosh to visit the AT-6 airplane named after her (see picture)!

There were 52 veterans seated at the various tables, including Doolittle Raider Richard Cole. What a wealth of history! The symposium panel consisted of:

- Lyle Bradley – MN Marine Reserve
- Dr. Harold Brown – Tuskegee Airman
- Bob Clemons – B-17 navigator
- Pat Halloran – U-2/SR-71 pilot
- Spook Johns – USN AD Skyraider pilot
- Seth McCollough – Marine One (President's) helicopter

What a privilege to hear their stories in person and have the opportunity to thank them for their service. If you didn't attend the two-day air show at Flying Cloud, put that on your calendar for next July!

Ed. Note: Tim Hennagir of the *Monticello Times* has become a good friend of the chapter (I met him at last year's Tree of Hope event) and at the last minute could not use the tickets himself, so he contacted me to see if I or someone in the chapter could use them. Since Liz Strohfus was on the program, and Elaine and Glen have worked with her a lot with the 99s organization, I gave them to Elaine and Glen.

- **AIRVENTURE 2014**
by Wayne Flury

Whew!!! Just got home from another incredible week of activity at AirVenture. Look for photos and stories in next month's newsletter (send me yours), but hope to hear lots of stories from everyone at the meeting!

- **D'SHANNON AVIATION FEATURED IN MINNESOTA FLYER**
by Wayne Flury

Be sure to check the August issue of the *Minnesota Flyer* for a very nice article about our friends at D'Shannon Aviation on the Buffalo Airport.

● **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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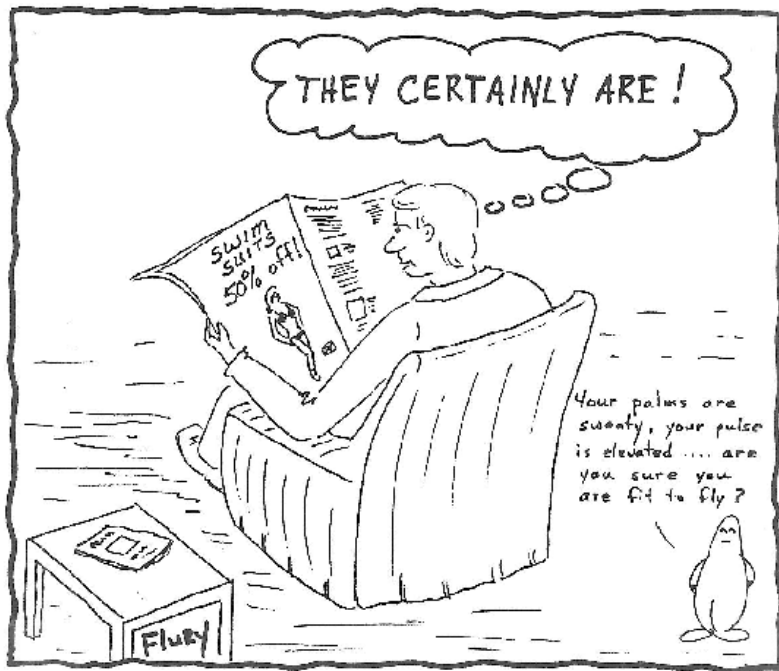
Meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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



A guy can't think about flying all of the time!

Continuing with my "summer vacation" from drawing, here's another of my "recycled" cartoons!

This one originally appeared in the Chapter 878 newsletter in June, 2004.

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