



## *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.*

April, 2015

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Tuesday, April 14, 6 p.m.**  
**at Tim Bond's Hangar, Maple Lake Airport**  
**(in the first row of hangars parallel to the runway)**

**Bring a guest and your appetite, 'cause we're having burgers, brats, beans, potato salad and drinks, all furnished by the chapter!!**

**Business meeting following the food.**

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

High Flyers,

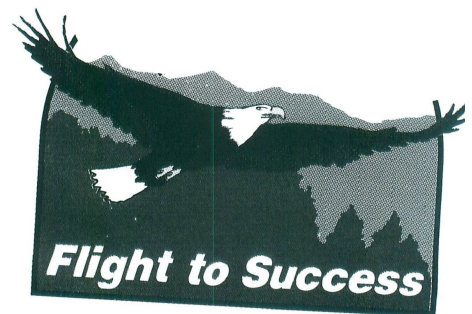
What can be better than the season's first grilling outdoors? Even if this won't be your first outdoor bar-b-que for 2015, you and your guests are invited to our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The world's best hamburgers and brats will be served beginning at 6 PM. No need to bring anything else. We are supplying the entire meal. This is worth the cost of your membership in itself! Come to Tim Bond's hanger at KCFE and enjoy the evening.

And, if you haven't done-so-already, Tuesday's meeting would be a great time to pay your 2015 dues.

Our hats are off to the committee of Tom Rammel, Dale Bodine and Dick Burns for coming up with some innovative ideas for the *Chapter Airplane Building Project*. The committee is even looking for hanger space to conduct construction functions and maybe even meeting space.

May the skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – March 14, 2015**  
Minutes Recorded by: Greg Thomes

Monthly meeting of the EAA Chapter #878 called to order by President Greg Thomes at 9:15 AM at West Metro Aviation in Buffalo, MN. The chapter reflected on the recent passing of Don Kruse.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial:** Glen Morrow met with Maple lake city officials. They will bring up "naming rights" at one of their future city work sessions.

**Thumb Drive Purchase:** Tom Rammel provided the chapter with 12 thumb (USB flash) drives of past chapter videos. They may be checked-out...but these should be returned.

**Boy Scout Camporee at Buffalo:** Greg Thomes reported that the date is set for about 700-900 boy scouts to meet at KCFE on May 30th. EAA Chapter 878 will be responsible for handling one station of the Scouting Aviation Merit Badge...most likely using the chapter's flight simulator. Tom Rammel feels that the flight simulator will be working properly then. Plans are still being ironed out to have a box constructed for the simulator.

**Buffalo Fly-In:** West Metro owner, Mike Wiskus spoke to Greg Thomes regarding the June 7th, 2015 Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast. He is confident that our chapter will do another good job again and looks forward to having us as his breakfast hosts. A committee meeting for the pancake breakfast will be held prior to the next chapter meeting.

**Maple Lake Fly-In:** Kent Peterson reported that the Gear Head committee has been meeting and that the pork chop fly-in will be held in conjunction with their event on August 15th. EAA is mentioned better than last year on their posters. There will be 2 busses shuttling people back-and-forth to the airport running simultaneously. The drivers will be using radios. The Gear Head committee will be sponsoring one of the busses. Chapter #878 will need to sponsor the other bus. Kent P will co-chair this portion of the event. He also checked with Jason Erickson to make sure that the main hanger is available on August 15th.

**Chapter Airplane Build Project:** The Chapter airplane build project committee (Tom R, Dale B, Dick B) met to discuss the possibility of renting or owning a hanger. This would enable our group to construct an airplane. They also brought up the possibility of finishing a plane that is presently not fully constructed by one of our own members. Discussion ensued addressing ownership of a plane. Our chapter may not own the plane. However, other pilots may own the plane...or the plane could be raffled off with proceeds used to re-start a second building project.



Randy Corfman addresses the March meeting of EAA Chapter 878. Randy's topic was "How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives"

## NEW BUSINESS:

**April EAA Chapter 878 Meeting:** Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14th in Tim Bond's hanger. Set up at 5:30. Grilling begins right away with food available sometime after 6 PM. Bring a friend or potential new member.

**Chapter Vice President:** Greg Thomes approached the chapter about making a change in the Vice President's position. M/S/P (unanimously) Glen Morrow/Marv S to name Pete Radintz as the new Chapter 878 Vice President.

**Young Eagle Credits:** There was also discussion about Young Eagle credits for tuition to Air Venture of \$290 available to the chapter.

**Chapter Web Editor:** Ken Compton will be able to take over the chapter's web page. Currently, Elaine Morrow was handling this.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

**Program:** Guest Speaker was Randy Corfman, President of the Minnesota Pilots Assn.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru January		
Opening Balance		\$5667.19
Income: Dues	\$ 360.00	
Total	\$ 360.00	
Expenses: Ascend Aviation (Jason Erickson)	\$ 50.00	
Total	\$ 50.00	
Total Change:	\$ 310.00	
Ending Balance		\$5977.19

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- **MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG), April 10 & 11, 2015**  
by Wayne Flury

The chapter has moved our normal meeting date for this month to the second Tuesday so as to "de-conflict" with the GMAG and allow members to attend that event. A detailed agenda is now available at: <http://www.mnpilots.org>. Last year over 800 people attended and were treated to a wide variety of aviation related vendors, exhibitors and speakers.

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- **AVIATION EVENTS – 2015**

Apr. 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Tim Bond's hangar at the Maple Lake Airport. Burgers and brats social event.  
May 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting,  
June 7 Buffalo Fly-In and Pancake Breakfast. Mike Wiskus airshow.  
9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting,  
13 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Central Sonex Fly-In, Buffalo Airport. Contact Wayne Flury at [wflury@wh-link.net](mailto:wflury@wh-link.net)  
Jul. 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting,  
20 – 26 AirVenture Oshkosh  
Aug. 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting,

For other 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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- **FRIENDS OF THE BUFFALO AIRPORT (FOBA)**  
by Wayne Flury

Many of you know the FOBA as the sponsor of the annual Christmas party at the Buffalo Airport. FOBA was a very active organization a few years ago, and now Ray Johnson (a good friend of the chapter, but one that I have not arm-twisted enough to get him to be a chapter member!!) is re-energizing the organization, collecting dues and scheduling meetings. One purpose of FOBA is to have a group of voices to influence the management of the airport, but another is to have fun! Ray will host an organizational meeting at his hangar on May 13 with a burger feed. If you are interested, contact Ray to join. Dues are \$10 per year.

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- **NICHOLAS-BEAZLEY AVIATION MUSEUM**  
by Wayne Flury

One of the benefits of having friends and relatives know you are interested in aviation is that, when you visit them, they will likely point out airports and museums in their area. It was thus that I was introduced to a very interesting museum with high quality displays in Marshall, Missouri. My wife, Joyce, and I were there last month to visit her cousins and we were treated to an "after hours" tour of the museum by one of their friends who is a volunteer (and a "mover and shaker") at the museum.

After World War I, Russell Nicholas began a business in Marshall selling surplus airplane propellers and in 1922 formed the Central Aviation Company. In 1923 he partnered with Howard Beazley in the NB Motor Company (automobile business) which was short lived as they shifted their focus to the aircraft industry. In 1924 they formed the Nicholas-Beazley Airplane Company and by 1927 were the largest distributor of airplane parts in the United States. Reportedly, some of the parts used in the *Spirit of St. Louis* were purchased from them! In 1927 they hired an airplane designer, Walter Barling, and began producing his monoplane designs.



The Nicholas-Beazley Aviation Museum tells the story of Nicholas and Beazley and the community of Marshall. It features restorations of a NB-3 and NB-8 aircraft and many recreations of the Nicholas-Beazley manufacturing facility in Marshall. Nicholas and Beazley also partnered with Ole Fahlin, an early innovator and manufacturer of advanced propeller designs. The Museum features a display of some of his wood propellers and the carving machine. Other aircraft on display include a Flying Flea, and they are developing a World War II exhibit. A "Young Aviators" area had me wishing for more time to play with the flight simulators and other educational tools for youngsters. And, of course, there is a gift shop.



The thing that impressed me so much with this facility, beyond the quality of its displays which reminded me of those at the Oshkosh EAA museum, is that it was built as part of the Martin Community Center, a recently constructed community and event center. This ensures that the exhibits are continually exposed to a segment of population that might never otherwise consider stopping into a museum.

Marshall, Missouri is located approximately 60 miles east of Kansas City, and is within one driving day or an easy flight. I know I didn't have enough time to fully see and appreciate the museum and would like to return for another visit.

For more complete info, see: <http://www.nicholasbeazley.org>.

## - REMEMBERING CHAPTER MEMBER DON KRUSE** **by Wayne Flury**

As noted in the minutes of the March meeting, long-time chapter member Don Kruse passed away on March 5 at the age of 88. Don served as chapter vice-president in 1993-94 and as president in 1995-96. He was a partner with former chapter member Jim Coult in a Murphy Renegade project and also flew Jim's Cessna 150. Don flew several Young Eagles, and he and Jim enjoyed cross-country flights in the 150. Don will also be remembered for his homemade wine, love of skiing, tales of hiking adventures and his passion for cooking beans with the "drippings" from our pork chop dinners!

Rest in peace Don.



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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



Fred couldn't understand why his business didn't pick up after he started using a mascot like some other services do.

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