



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.

May, 2013

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. at D'Shannon Aviation on the Buffalo Airport

Note: It's that time of year again when we switch from Saturday meetings (our winter schedule) to Wednesday evenings (our summer schedule)!

Agenda for Meeting:

- Tour of D'Shannon Aviation by Scott Erickson of D'Shannon
- Confirm scheduling of annual September fly-in; begin publicity
- Review samples of new chapter member nametags
- Report by Tom Rammel about the Chapter Leader Academy meeting he recently attended
- Summer plans...Young Eagles, Eagle Flights, chapter meetings, fly-outs, etc.
- Chapter video from EAA

Note: D'Shannon Aviation is in the old Buffalo Aviation hangar, adjacent to West Metro Aviation.

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

I just got back from a very busy week that started with traveling to MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) where I attended motion control technology seminars. I then took a vacation day on Friday to travel to Oshkosh for the Chapter Leaders Academy, and returned to Minnesota Sunday evening 4/28/13 which was my 57th birthday. Here are a few of the interesting seminars that I attended at MIT: Resonant Frequency Algorithms, 6 Degrees of Freedom, Nanometer Positioning, Dampening Anomalies, and Distributed Motion Control.

At the Chapter Leaders Academy We had 13 leaders attending from as far away as California. In the three days of training we had many speakers and covered many topics. I found out that our Chapter does many things right, but also has room for improvement in some areas. With all of your help we can make this Chapter even better.

Here are a few things that came from this training:

How to make your Chapter Better

- ✓ The leadership cannot do it all. Committees can be set up to do some tasks.
- ✓ The Adult Eagle program should be one-on-one, not like Young Eagles that are done in groups.
- ✓ Don't get involved in Politics.
- ✓ Have fun.
- ✓ Include Families.

I want to thank Kent Peterson for presenting the information and coordinating the pot luck meals that will be starting in May. The pot luck meals will be a good way to include families. Also, thank you, Tim Bond, for offering the use of his hangar for the pancake breakfast and the pot luck meals.

Trevor Janz (EAA Manager of Chapters and Eagle Flights) spoke about the Eagle Flights program and some discounts on ground school training will be announced at Oshkosh this year.

Brady Lane (EAA multimedia journalist) gave us a presentation and preview of some Video content that will only be available to Chapter leaders to present at Chapter meetings. This will start in May and we will need to see if we need additional equipment to show these videos at our meetings.

We took a behind the scenes tour of the museum, and here is a picture of a wall of props that most have never seen. The other picture is of the Chapter Leaders Academy class in front of Paul Poberezny's P-51 Mustang (In case you can't find me, I am next to last on the right).

Glen will be flying some Young Eagles on May 15th from his hangar at Maple lake Airport. In case that day does not work the alternate date is May 22nd.



- **MINUTES OF MEETING, April. 13, 2013**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury (April minutes courtesy of Kent Peterson and Tom Rammel)

An estimated 30 members and guests met at Tim Bond's hangar this morning. The pancake and sausage breakfast started @ 9:30 a.m. Maple Lake had 8" of snow on Thursday and 3" on Friday!

The group discussed the toilet facilities now available to pilots and visitors, with the changes at the FBO. Access to the indoor bathroom at the FBO is now available via key code 122.8.

Greg Thomes made a motion to relocate the outdoor biff, to be relocated in the space between Wright Aero's shop and the hangar to the east, with the door facing south. Seconded by Keith Smith...passed by vote.

We talked about the newsletter logo and after much discussion it was decided and voted on to use potential Logo #2 but remove the words "and Buffalo" So the logo would read "EAA Chapter 878" and on the second line would read "Maple Lake, MN".

An application for membership was submitted by Gary Shen of Buffalo. Gary is considering either building or buying a plane in the near future. Post meeting: Fred Ostrowski has transferred his membership from another EAA chapter to Chapter 878, and paid his annual dues. Fred recently moved his beautifully restored Champ from Buffalo to Maple Lake.

- **CHAPTER POT LUCK LUNCHES**

by Pot Luck Coordinator: Kent Peterson

I talked about the pot lucks at the April meeting and everyone seemed excited about the idea. The first EAA Chapter 878 pot luck will be @ noon on Saturday, May 25th at Tim Bond's hanger at Maple Lake.

The pot lucks are for EAA Chapter 878 members, their SIGNIFICANT OTHER/children, and other pilots who may be interested in becoming members. We don't want the pot lucks to become a community event; it is intended to be Chapter 878 aviation related.

Each month we have one, they will be scheduled for the 4th Saturday at noon, rain or shine (or wind). I'm not sure whether they will be held during the coldest months; January-March. We'll just wait to see how everyone feels about that as we get into fall. Tim's hanger is heated with a bathroom, so we can certainly have them year around (except September-Fly In, December-Xmas party and April-pancake feed), if the members want that.

I'll report each month regarding the status of the pot luck.

- **MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS...by Gary Shen**

It was very nice to see you all this morning at the pancake breakfast. I am so glad to join your chapter. The following is a short paragraph for my introduction:

My background is in Electrical Engineering. I was a Senior Engineer in GE Medical System (was Otsuka Electronics, Inc. before merged to GE), and was an Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Dept. of Radiology, and also a Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Hong Kong. I taught many courses such as Electronics, Digit and Analog Circuit, MRI system, Microwave, Antenna and Communications in the universities. My research interest was in MRI coil, probe, system and microwave antenna design. I am now retired and enjoy fishing, boating, traveling and house remodeling. Recently, I am more interested in building aircraft and flying!

- **YOUNG EAGLES**

by Young Eagle Coordinator: Glen Morrow

A Young Eagles flight event will be held at the hangar of Glen and Elaine Morrow on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 p.m., with a rain date of Wednesday, May 22.

Pilots, airplanes and ground crew members are all needed and requested. If you can help, please contact Glen at 952-955-2802 or at flyr177rg@aol.com.

- **THE SUN 'n FUN SCENE**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Here's a scene from the recent SUN 'n FUN fly-in at Lakeland, Florida. This is on the balcony of the Announcer's Stand and shows a few of the WASPs that were in attendance this year. Chapter member Elaine Morrow, a member of the 99s, joins with other 99s at Lakeland to host the WASPs. Elaine is shown here, seated, in all blue at the left hand side of the photo. Glen Morrow, who serves as "on-site transportation officer" is hiding in the office behind.

The ladies were being honored with a presentation from the Mayor of Lakeland, (gentleman seated, in suit). This photo was taken while a photographer was working the crowd and recording the mayor's good deeds. As Glen Morrow noted, these ladies have never met a camera or a microphone that they didn't like! Minnesota WASP Liz Strohfus is the cute redhead on the right hand side of the photo!

Just when you think your feet hurt too much and you're too tired to keep going, meeting any of these ladies and seeing their energy brings a new sense of perspective to your life.



- **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?

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| May | 8 | 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) |
| | 15 | Young Eagles event, hangar of Glen and Elaine Morrow, Maple Lake Airport, 6:00 p.m. (rain date May 22) |
| | 25 | EAA Chapter 878 member potluck lunch at Maple Lake, hangar of Tim bond. Noon. |
| June | 12 | Steve Schultz, of Ion Aircraft, located at Anoka County Airport, will bring their prototype airplane (or info) out to show to the chapter (depending upon weather). See: http://www.ionaircraft.com/ .
Meeting location: Buffalo, West Metro Aviation |
| July | 10 | Chapter picnic at the lake home of Tom Rammel. Seaplane fly-in? Remote control seaplane flying?
Food? Fun? Yeah! Meeting location: Cokato |
| Aug. | 14 | Use of auto gas in aircraft...presentation by Kent Peterson. Meeting location: Maple Lake. |
| Sept. | 9 | Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In? Maple Lake. |
| Oct. | 9 | open |
| Nov. | 13 | open |
| Dec. | | Chapter Christmas Party |

● OTHER EVENTS – 2013

I'm listing mainly EAA Chapter events plus a few others that I find interesting. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, much more:

- May 18 Grand Rapids, EAA Chapter 412, Chili Feed fly-in, 10 – 2.
- June 1 – 2 Discover Aviation Days, Anoka County Airport, 8 – 4:30 each day. Displays, rides, breakfast & lunch each day, hangar dance Saturday night in Golden Wings Museum, Pilot Safety Seminars and programs each day.
- 9 Montevideo, EAA Chapter 688 pancake breakfast and classic car show, 8 – 1.
- 16 Canby Air Show, Canby, MN. Wayne Flury...announcer. Vanguard Squadron, Gene Soucy/Teresa Stokes, Erik Edgren, Grant Neilsen.
- 16 Dodge Center, EAA Chapter 100 breakfast, 7 – 1.
- July 20-21 St. Cloud Air Show. Blue Angels, Mike Wiskus, John Mohr, Gene Soucy/Teresa Stokes, Kyle Franklin (comedy), Jackie B., warbirds and others. CANCELLED!!
- 14 Two Harbors, EAA Chapter 1128 pancake breakfast, 7 – noon.
- July 29 - Aug 4 AirVenture Oshkosh 2013, Oshkosh, WI, www.eaa.org; <http://www.airventure.org>
- Aug. 10-11 Fargo Air Show, Blue Angels, John Klatt, Skip Stewart, "Fang" Maroney, Kent Pietsch, Paul Stender (jet car), others. CANCELLED!!

April Pancake Breakfast Meeting of EAA Chapter 878

(photos by Kent Peterson and Tom Rammel)



Hungry folks on a cold winter day! I'm not sure if the cooks are laughing or saying "Don't mess with me!" Good thing the snow overhang on Tim Bond's hangar wasn't right above the door!

- **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



"Yes sir, we agree that the outcome was very fortunate. However, we're going to need to see the pilot credentials of this 'God' that you claim was your co-pilot."

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