



# *The Maple Lake Flyer*

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

August, 2012

## **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

## **Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m. Meeting in the offices of Wright Aero, Maple Lake Airport.**

### **Agenda for August Meeting**

- General chapter business
- Share stories about AirVenture 2012
- Update planning for our September Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In
- Wyatt Erickson may have some stories and photos about his time at the Air Academy Camp at Oshkosh
- Guest speaker: Eric Spoon (see Joe's column)

## **THE PRES SEZ**

**President:**  
Joe Simmon

Here it is August already! The year is flying by, mostly because my wife and I haven't been in Minnesota except for a few weeks since January. We just got home from visiting family in Kentucky on our way to Florida to retrieve the airplane. The trip home was mostly uneventful, beyond having to wait on some storms to move out of the way. One moved across the peninsula quickly to block our way only 70 miles from our home. We sat on the ground at Brooksville, Florida for about 5 hours waiting for it to move east enough for us to fly up the coast.

We usually plan to stay overnight one time on our trip back, but because of waiting on weather at Brooksville and Cape Girardeau, Missouri, we had an extra day in motels. We did have unusually smooth flying for the weather at 100 degrees. Flying time was about 11 hours, which wasn't so bad with headwinds the whole distance.

This month we will have a guest speaker, Eric Spoon, who some of you may have met at the cookout last month. Eric is a commercial pilot with a Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) rating and has an Airframe and Power Mechanic license also. He has flown in California, Alaska and Indonesia. He will talk about some of those experiences plus other non-flying work he has done in Indonesia.

We will need to talk about the September fly-in and do some planning for it at this meeting. Can you believe it is already time for Fly-in planning? I am looking forward to our meeting and hope to see everyone there.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING, July 11, 2012**

**Secretary:**  
Wayne Flury

Chapter 878 members, family and friends gathered on the patio and lawn behind Fred Jude's lake home on this evening for our annual picnic meeting. Great weather, good food, good friends and no (or at least, few) mosquitoes made for a fine night.

In the absence of chapter president Joe Simmon and vice-president Glen Morrow, Wayne Flury opened a brief meeting after everyone had eaten their fill. A Treasurer's Report (see summary at end of this report) by Dick Burns was approved, as was the Secretary's Report (minutes of last meeting, published in the newsletter) by Wayne Flury.

Several members of the chapter noted that they plan to attend AirVenture 2012.

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Fred Jude advised that he will have wands or batons made for use at our fly-in for use by the aircraft parkers (for best visibility of hand signals). Fred requested that the chapter provide training in the proper hand signals to use. Tim Bond will bring information about hand signals to the next meeting. Wayne Flury will contact Glenn Weibel about being our air traffic advisor again this year.

Dave Swanson has begun the assembly of his SeaRey amphibian (for info on the airplane, see: <http://www.searey.com/>).

Eric Spoon, his wife Courtney and their son Tyler were guests. Eric will be our guest speaker at our next chapter meeting, talking about his experiences flying in Alaska, Indonesia and Mexico. He and his family will be leaving for Thailand in a couple of months (after a baby is born...the due date was this evening, fortunately the baby decided to wait!!) where he will be both a mechanic and pilot on a Caravan.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns:  
(for June)

Opening Balance		\$3785.64
Income:	Dues	\$ 0.00
	Total	\$ 0.00
Expenses:	Bank Fee	\$ 2.00
	Air Academy (Wyatt Erickson)	\$ 135.00
	Wayne Flury (stamps)	\$ 13.05
	Mini-Biff (two months)	\$ 176.28
	Total Change:	\$ <326.33>
Ending Balance		\$3459.31



Members, family and guests  
of EAA Chapter 878 did what  
we do best...eat and talk!!

Thanks to Fred Jude for again  
hosting the chapter.

**CHAPTER 878  
SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

by Wayne Flury

In addition to the chapter treasury contributing to the Scholarship Fund, consider making a personal contribution that will be used for aviation education. Perhaps if you get a refund or cash rebate on a purchase, or other "spare change" events happen in your life, you might consider donating some of it into this new chapter fund. Our chapter has always put a high priority on Young Eagles and other events designed to encourage youth in aviation, and this a way for us to reaffirm that part of our mission.

**EAA CHAPTER 878  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION CARD**

Please accept my contribution to the EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Fund. Money donated to this fund will be used by the Chapter only for the funding of educational opportunities for youth.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Contributed: \_\_\_\_\_

**EAA CHAPTER  
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CHOP DINNER  
FLY-IN**

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan for your presence at the EAA Chapter 878 Pork Chop Dinner Fly-in on September 9, 2012. This will be our 26<sup>th</sup> annual event and it is looked forward to by pilots and non-pilots alike from all over the area. It is also our only chapter fund-raising event and so it's very important for all members to help (many hands etc., etc., etc.)

Look for an image of the 2012 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-In Poster included with this newsletter.

Also, copies of the Fly-In Poster are now available at the desk of Wright Aero at the Maple Lake Airport. If you are flying (or even driving!!) to another airport, please pick up a few and post them at your destination.

**YOUNG  
EAGLES**

A Young Eagles event is planned for Saturday, August 11 at the Maple Lake Airport. Look for more info at our meeting and talk to Glen Morrow if you can assist either as a pilot or ground assistant.

**EAGLE  
FLIGHTS –  
SOME INFO**

The EAA Eagle Flights program for adults officially launched on Tuesday, July 24, at EAA AirVenture 2012, when EAA president/CEO Rod Hightower gave Dianne Thornton the first Eagle Flight aboard his T-6 Texan.

The Eagle Flights program is about sharing a hands-on introductory flight experience with an adult who has already expressed an interest in aviation. It includes offering support and mentorship after the flight to help them achieve their dream of becoming a pilot. **It is not a program for adults to simply get an airplane ride during a Young Eagles rally.** Young Eagles and Eagle Flights will remain two separate programs and you do not have to participate in Eagle Flights to participate in Young Eagles.

If you're qualified as a Young Eagles pilot, you're automatically qualified to fly Eagle Flights. The requirements are the same. Participating in an Eagle Flight is something any EAA member can do. You don't need to wait for a scheduled Eagle Flights event. The complete list of pilot requirements is included in the [Eagle Flights Pilot Guidelines](#).

You will need to complete a separate registration form prior to conducting each Eagle Flight. You cannot use the Young Eagles form. You can order Eagle Flights registrations forms by e-mailing [EagleFlights@eaa.org](mailto:EagleFlights@eaa.org) or by calling us at 800-557-2376. Eagle Flights participants will receive a free, six-month EAA membership after the completed Eagle Flights registration form is received by the Eagle Flights Office.

**EVENTS, 2012**

Here's some events compiled from various sources. It is not intended to be complete or all-inclusive. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, more:

Aug	4	Elbow Lake, ribeye steak sandwich, 9-1
	4-5	Milaca, 4 <sup>th</sup> - potluck supper and camp over, 5 <sup>th</sup> – breakfast 7-noon
	5	Red Wing, breakfast 7-noon
	5	Longville, breakfast, 8 – noon
	11	White Bear Lake (Benson's Airport), EAA Chapter 745, Breakfast 9 – noon
	12	Lino Lakes, MN Seaplane Pilots Association pig roast, noon – 4
	12	Paynesville, breakfast 7:30 – noon
	12	Lake Elmo, breakfast 7 – noon
	18	Forest Lake, 10 – 4, corn on the cob and brats
	18	Bemidji, EAA Chapter 1397, wheel and seaplane fly-in
	18	Marshall, breakfast 8 – noon
	19	Mankato, EAA Chapter 642, breakfast, 7:30 – noon
	19	Litchfield, breakfast 7 – noon
	25	Glencoe, EAA Chapter 92, sweet corn and brats, 10 – 2
	26	Owatonna, French toast breakfast, 10 – 2
	26	Windom, breakfast 8 – 12:30
Sep.	1	Shell Lake, WI, breakfast 7:30 11:30.
	2	Mondovi, WI, lunch at noon
Sep.	9	<b>EAA Chapter 878, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In, 11:30</b>

**EAA  
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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) in the offices of Wright Aero, at the airport, Maple Lake, MN.

Dues are \$25 per year.

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**THE  
FUNNIES**

by Wayne Flury



"My boyfriend is very safety conscious, and he very strictly follows the FAA security regulations about personally conducting a full-body pat-down of all passengers before every flight!"

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# **MAPLE LAKE FLY IN AND DRIVE IN**

*by EAA Chapter 878 and Wright Aero, Inc.*

**26th ANNUAL PORK CHOP DINNER  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012**



**MAPLE LAKE, MN  
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**



**DINNER SERVED 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM**

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