



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, 2013

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.
at Tim Bond's hangar on the Maple Lake Airport**

Agenda for Meeting:

- Pancake breakfast for all chapter members, family and friends. Food and drinks provided by the chapter. Invite someone to the airport to learn about the chapter and EAA. Eat, talk, eat, talk, repeat until done!
- Members with large griddles, mixing bowls and other utensils are asked to bring them.



Directions to Tim Bond's hangar: Maple Lake Airport, front row of hangars that parallel the runway, east end, tan/brown building, center hangar of three.

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

As I was writing this I recalled something I had read about the first EAA chapter meetings and the purpose of the local Chapter. It went something like this: The local chapter is like a three legged stool with each leg being a different part of the focus of the chapter. One leg is aviation interest, another leg is education, and the third leg is socializing and fellowship with others of like interests. I hope that EAA 878 can fulfill this purpose for you. I hope that you have time to talk to other members at the monthly meetings and discuss your aviation interests.

For our meeting in March we had an educational meeting with excellent ground school training by James Aarestad. And this month, April, is a good time to socialize and fellowship together at the pancake breakfast at the hanger of Tim Bond at the Maple Lake airport. So our three legged stool is standing! Thank you for your part in EAA 878 and let's continue to strive to make it better.

We continue to have new members join; in February we had four new members and in March we had five new members join. Please make the new members feel welcome and continue to invite others to join EAA 878. Below are the names of the new members, and if they feel like writing a short "get-to-know-you" article for the newsletter, please submit it to our newsletter editor Wayne Flury at wflury@wh-link.net

February: Bob Shadduck, Don Tilus, Doug Ouverson, and Kyle Weatherly.

March: Bruce Hoegger, Don Kramer, Jonathan Rollins, Matthew Rollins, and Glenn Weibel.

So far (at the time of this writing) we have only received Kyle Weatherly's get to know you article. Thank you Kyle!

On April 26th thru 28th I will be attending the EAA Chapter Leaders Academy at Oshkosh. I hope to learn some things and come back with some helpful ideas.

We need your help, so invite someone to the pancake breakfast and have a good time of food, fellowship and socializing.

- **MINUTES OF MEETING, Feb. 9, 2013**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

Meeting called to order by President Tom Rammel with 21 members and guests. Wayne Flury then introduced our program presenter, James Aarestad, who conducted a flight review ground school. James focused his presentation on a review of airspace classifications and operations in each. While each person at the class had access to a Twin Cities Sectional Map, it was noted that it is permissible to use an I-Pad in place of charts for your flying activities (though you must verify that the device does not cause any interferences with aircraft instruments). At the end of the program, he provided a certificate of completion to anyone who wanted it. But he noted that if you used this class as a part of your biennial flight review, the "clock starting ticking" with the date of the class! That is, the 24 calendar month timeframe begins now and not whenever you accomplish the flying portion of the flight review.



After the class, a brief meeting was conducted for any items of essential business...there were none. It was noted that the Secretary's Report (minutes of last meetings) is always in the newsletter, as is the Treasurer's Report, and thus there was no formal presentation.

The April meeting will be a pancake breakfast for chapter members, family and friends, to be held in Tim Bond's hangar at the Maple Lake Airport. Glen Morrow noted he has usually picked up supplies for the breakfast, but he will be out of town at SUN 'n FUN this year, so Marv Sikkila volunteered to do this.

Meeting to begin at 9:00 a.m. next month only.

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Feb.

Opening Balance, General Funds		\$ 3752.12
Income:	Dues	\$ 150.00
	Total	\$ 150.00
Expenses:	Marv Sikkila	\$ 15.31
	Total	\$ 15.31
	Total Change:	\$ 134.69
Ending Balance		\$ 3886.81
Balance, Scholarship Fund		\$ 50.00

- **CHAPTER POT LUCKS?**

Look for information to be presented at the April meeting about a possible new chapter activity!!

- **MAPLE LAKE AIRPORT ACCESS TO OFFICES AND RESTROOMS**

As noted by Fred Jude following our last meeting, there is now a keypad access to the old offices of Wright Aero on the Maple Lake Airport. Enter the Unicom frequency for access. He has remodeled the interior to provide access to the lower level offices and restrooms. The weather computer is expected to be moved downstairs in the near future, if it hasn't already been done.

- **CHAPTER DUES and NEWSLETTER MAILING**

by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

I have sent notes to all former members who are "dues delinquent" that they have been removed from the membership list. Also, I have purged my newsletter mail list of several persons to whom I have been sending the newsletter (as a way of inviting them into the chapter) but who have not responded over the last year.

- **CHAPTER WEBSITE UPDATE**

Elaine Morrow has revised the chapter website (you did know we have a website, didn't you?!). See: <http://eaa878.org>. Elaine notes that she still has some work to do on (the photos get "stretched" and I told her that I'm already stretched horizontally more than I should be!). She is needs photos to add to the website and for any input on ideas and content. Contact Elaine at: pilotelaine@aol.com.

- **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) April Pancake Breakfast for chapter members, family and friends.
Meeting location: hangar of Tim Bond on the Maple Lake Airport
 - 2) 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)
 - 3) June Steve Schultz, of Ion Aircraft, located at Anoka County Airport, will bring their prototype airplane out to show to the chapter (depending upon weather). See: <http://www.ionaircraft.com/>.
Meeting location: Buffalo, West Metro Aviation
 - 4) July Chapter picnic at the lake home of Tom Rammel. Seaplane fly-in? Remote control seaplane flying?
Food? Fun? Yeah! Meeting location: Cokato
 - 5) Aug. Use of auto gas in aircraft...presentation by Kent Peterson. Meeting location: Maple Lake.
 - 6) Sept. Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In?
 - 7) Oct. open
 - 8) Nov. open
 - 9) Dec. Chapter Christmas Party
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- **EVENTS – 2013**

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

- 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. 9:30 a.m., at Maple Lake Airport, hangar of chapter member Tim Bond
- 20 MN Aviation Hall of Fame 2013. Induction banquet and ceremony. www.mnaviationhalloffame.org
- May 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, tour of D'Shannon Aviation, Buffalo airport.
- 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.
- 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Ion Aircraft, program about prototype aircraft, Buffalo airport, West Metro Aviation
- 16 Canby Air Show, Canby, MN. Wayne Flury...announcer. Vanguard Squadron, Gene Soucy/Teresa Stokes, Erik Edgren.
- 16 Dodge Center, EAA Chapter 100 breakfast, 7 – 1.
- July 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, chapter picnic, lake home of Chapter President Tom Rammel
- 20-21 ~~St. Cloud Air Show. Blue Angels, Mike Wiskus, John Mohr, Gene Soucy/Teresa Stokes, Kyle Franklin (comedy), Jacquie 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.

Note: for anyone planning to attend an air show this summer and expecting to see one of the military jet demonstration teams, be sure to check ahead to confirm that the team is actually flying (due to budget cuts).

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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



Ground School for Hangar Flyers

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(the above cartoon is another from my archives, originally published in May, 2007)