



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.

February, 2015

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

Saturday, February 14 9:00 a.m.
at Ascend Aviation, Maple Lake Airport

- Agenda** Business: Dues
Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In Planning
Fly-In chairperson
Share date with Gearheads
Craft Show (see newsletter article from Kent Peterson)
Fly-In video from 2014 by Ken Compton for chapter website
Provide EAA chapter videos to members via thumb drive
Buffalo pancake breakfast planning
Contribution in memory of Bill M. Sr.
Status of flight simulator
Feedback from January meeting/presentation
Boy Scout camporee at Buffalo in May
Change April meeting date to avoid conflict with MN Pilots Association meeting at Anoka
Chapter aircraft building project
Suggestions for meeting programs for April and beyond
- Program: Biennial ground school review by Jason Erickson of Ascend Aviation
Note: this review is free for any current member of EAA Chapter 878. Non-members are welcome to attend, but will be charged \$25 (equal to chapter dues).

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

On Friday, January 30th, 2015 we buried long-time aviator Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Each of us has a "Bill story" or stories. The favorite in the Thomes household was when he hopped out of the plane and kissed the ground following my wife, Betty's check ride!

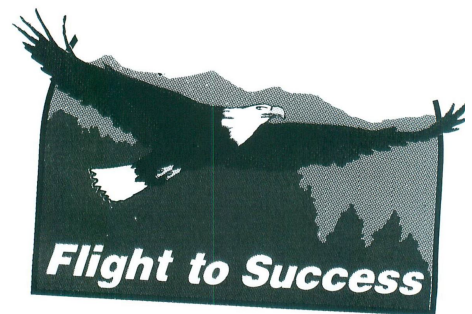
We will miss Bill Sr. His love of aviation spanned many generations...and is one that our EAA chapter should emulate. Too many of us didn't get a good start in aviation until later in our lives. (I was in my early 50s).

EAA #878 continues to focus on the future generations of fliers. We have ample opportunities to bring youngsters closer to aviation again this year. I hope that you keep May 29-31 open on your calendar. A wonderful aviation experience is coming to Buffalo (KCFE) for 700 area Boy Scouts. As a chapter, we can contribute to the camporee with as little or as much as we want. This would be a great spot for our new flight simulator. Also, please support Glen Morrow's Young Eagle flight committee this year.

With some of these simple steps...maybe the next Bill Sr. will get an early start in aviation. By the way, Betty passed her check ride that day!

May the skies be bright and your breezes light!

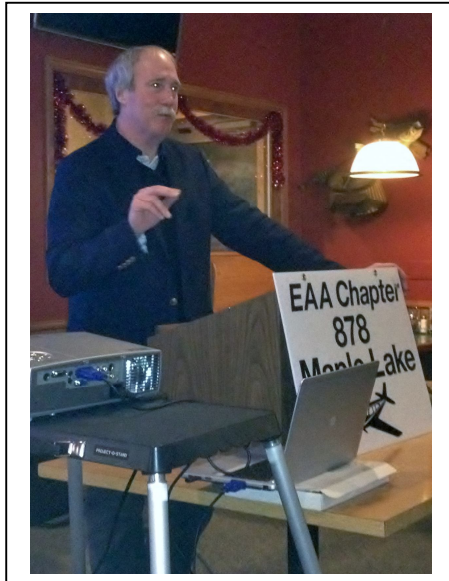
Greg Thomes



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – January, 2015**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

We did not have a chapter meeting in December due to the many other activities during that busy holiday season. On January 10th, members, spouses and family joined together for a dinner at Madigan's Pub & Grill in Maple Lake for socializing, dining, recognition of chapter participation awards from Oshkosh, and for an after-dinner presentation by Dr. Randy Corfman. There were 36 persons in attendance, our best turnout in many years! Thanks to Connie Erickson for making contact with Madigan's and for providing the table decorations. Though there was no formal business meeting, Dick Burns submitted November and December financial statements for the record. See summaries below.



Photos, Left to Right: (L) new Chapter President Greg Thomes addresses the gathering; (center) Dr. Randy Corfman gave a presentation titled "Stick and Rudder Navigation through Medicine and Life: One Doc's Perspectives" which was very well presented and received; (R) Greg Thomes presents out-going Chapter President Tom Rammel with an EAA Certificate. Note: sorry for the quality of the photos – that's what happens in

difficult lighting conditions when you ask an iPhone to do the job of a real camera!

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru November		
Opening Balance		\$6399.19
Income:	\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 0.00	
Expenses: Tree of Hope	\$ 500.00	
Total	\$ 500.00	
Total Change:	\$ <500.00>	
Ending Balance		\$5899.19

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns, thru December		
Opening Balance		\$5899.19
Income:	\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 0.00	
Expenses: EAA Insurance	\$ 330.00	
Total	\$ 330.00	
Total Change:	\$ <330.00>	
Ending Balance		\$5569.19

- **BILL MAVENCAMP, SR., 1927 - 2015**

Most of you are aware that Bill Mavencamp Sr. died on Monday, January 26 at the age of 88. Bill was the definition of aviation to many pilots in and around Minnesota. According to family members, as a flight examiner he signed the logbook of approximately 9200 new pilots or current pilots adding to their ratings! He will be missed. Below is a link to his obituary in the Maple Lake Messenger.

<http://www.maplelakemessenger.com/articles/2015/01/28/william-mavencamp-maple-lake>

- **2015 MINNESOTA ACE (AVIATION CAREER EDUCATION) CAMP**
Educational Opportunity for Minnesota High School Students
by Wayne Flury

Each summer the Federal Aviation Administration and the MnDOT Office of Aeronautics co-sponsor the Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp. This camp is open to Minnesota students who will be entering 10th, 11th or 12th grade, and allows the students to explore a wide variety of aviation careers and all aspects of the aviation and aerospace industries through tours and hands-on projects. Campers are also given the opportunity to fly in a helicopter, pilot a single-engine aircraft, and take the controls of a glider. Dates for the event this summer are June 21-27 and July 19-25.

If you know of a student who might benefit from this camp, please share this info with them. More details are available at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/aviationeducation/aviationacecamp/acecamp.html>, including the application criteria and fees.

- **CHAPTER 878 FLY-IN OPPORTUNITY**
by Kent Peterson

If you are interested in being chairperson or being on a committee for the 2015 Art/Craft Show (held during the Pork Chop Fly-In), contact Connie and/or me. We have everything the chapter needs to put this event together, along with our follow up ideas to improve on the 2014 event.

We have the contact information for all of the artists who were in last year's event, along with many more contacts that we met at the various art/craft shows in the area. This committee needs to begin working very soon; the best artists are booked up for August many months in advance.

If it is done well, this event could grow into a major fundraiser for the chapter, but it needs early and committed involvement. Connie and I will be helping this year as advisors, but we will not be chairpersons; it is a chapter event to be put on by all chapter members who are interested.

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- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 2015**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

- 1) Feb. Chapter meeting at Ascend Aviation at Maple Lake with biennial flight review ground school by Jason Erickson
 - 2) Mar. FAAST program at West Metro Aviation, by Randle Corfman, "How to Become an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Perspectives"
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- **EVENTS – 2015**

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| Apr. | 7 | AOPA Air Safety Institute (ASI), Anoka County Airport, sponsored by EAA Chapter 237 and KeyAir. See: http://www.aopa.org/ASI-In-Person-Seminars/2015/April/Blaine . |
| | 10 – 11 | Anoka County Airport, Golden Wings Air Museum, 2 nd Annual Minnesota Pilots Association Aviation Gathering |
| | 21 – 26 | Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida |
| May | 1 – 3 | Minnesota Seaplane Pilot's Safety Seminar, Madden's on East Gull Lake, Brainerd.
See: http://www.mnseaplanes.com/ |
| | 30-31 | Discover Aviation Days (DAD), Anoka County Airport. Aircraft, exhibits, pancake breakfast & lunch both days. A 1940's evening Hangar Dance with a 15 piece swing band held Saturday night. |
| Jul. | 20 – 26 | AirVenture Oshkosh |
| Aug. | 22 | AOPA Fly-In, Anoka County-Blaine Airport.
See: http://www.aopa.org/Community-and-Events/AOPA-Fly-In/2015/About |

- **TREE OF HOPE THANKS**
by Elaine Morrow



www.holidaytreeofhope.org

<https://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn>

THANK YOU for making the 25th year of Tree of Hope so successful. Whether you donated toys, games, gifts, money, or your time to label/sort/bag/deliver to hospitals or publicized our effort to the communities in Minnesota, you continue to make a difference. Here are excerpts from two notes from hospitals that say it best:

- Your organization, Tree of Hope, has been delivering toys here each year, and I'm not sure if you know how much the children (patients) and families enjoy this. A toy has the ability to dry a tear, soften a sob, and bring a smile to a scared little one. The staff love bringing a child to the toy cupboard to let them select what will make them happy. You really are making a difference in the lives of a child, their families, and staff.
- From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you for yet another very generous donation over the holidays. Words can't even begin to express how much this helped us this year. We had a very full house over Hanukah and Christmas, and all the patients who were hospitalized during the two holiday weeks received gifts to enjoy. So many of our parents and caregivers do not have the means to do this themselves, and were so grateful for this generosity. We are all so blessed to have this relationship with the Tree of Hope.

I think the greatest compliments to our effort are the donors and volunteers who return year after year and the past recipients who are now joining us. One family said the gifts made such an impact on their son's happiness in the hospital, that they donated this year in his memory, as he didn't make it.

You are all angels for helping us continue to serve over 35 hospitals in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Thanks so much again. We couldn't do this without you.

Volunteers aren't paid because they are worthless;
Volunteers aren't paid because they are **priceless!**

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- **DUES FOR 2015 ARE DUE!**

by Wayne Flury

Dues are now due for 2015! Please pay Chapter 878 Treasurer Dick Burns. His contact info is:

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Please note that membership in the chapter is separate from dues and membership in the national EAA at Oshkosh.

Chapter membership can mean different things to different people. Our chapter can be a source of information for construction of an aircraft, a social outlet for ourselves and family, a way to “pay back” for past introductions to aviation that we may have received from our mentors, and possibly as a way for each of us to develop our own mentorships and “pay forward” in some way. It’s a way to share our knowledge, our experiences, our tools and, sometimes, a sympathetic ear when things don’t go well. It’s a way to share a ride in our airplane with someone who doesn’t fly as we travel to a pancake breakfast or just a leisurely late day flight. It’s also a doorway into the greatest aviation organization in the world – the EAA!

We could do each of these things without the chapter, but as a member of the chapter you become part of a group of like minded people who can provide a focus for activities, and give a hand up when we need it.

Even if you cannot regularly attend meetings or events, I hope that you each will continue your membership in EAA Chapter 878, or decide this year to join us as a member.

See my note below about needing to be a current member to continue receiving the newsletter.

- **NEWSLETTER MAIL LIST TO BE CULLED**

Don’t miss out on chapter information by allowing your membership to lapse. Renew your Chapter 878 membership now by paying dues for 2015.

by Wayne Flury

This newsletter is presently sent to all current chapter members, EAA, some media outlets, some aviation organizations, to persons who have at one time indicated an interest in our chapter, and some friends of aviation.

It’s my hope that the newsletter is a benefit to those persons who have committed to be members of this chapter. So, after a reasonable time for folks to pay their 2015 dues, I will begin culling the list to remove non-current members and potential members who haven’t responded to my “informational” mailings. The newsletter is also a recruitment tool, which is why I send a copy to prospective members.

In addition, the irregularly published email communication document that I call *AvBits* is sent only to members who are dues current. That email list will also be culled along with the newsletter list.

- **CHAPTER MEMBER WORKING WITH MAPLE LAKE MESSENGER**

by Wayne Flury

Chapter 878 member Kent Peterson is now a “cub reporter” at the Maple Lake Messenger. OK, so the term “cub reporter” may date me back to the olden days when I was a reader of Superman comics, and Jimmy Olsen of the Daily Planet was a cub, or new, reporter.

While Kent Peterson may not know Clark Kent or rub shoulders with Superman (or DOES he – note the similarity in names!), he is now on the Messenger’s list of freelance writers. He has written about the 2014 Tree of Hope toy campaign and has the first of a monthly column titled *Greased Landings* published. This column, he notes, will feature the “goings on” at the Maple Lake Airport and hopefully increase the local public’s interest in aviation.

You can read his articles in the print version of the Maple Lake Messenger or by subscribing to their E-Edition (no guest viewing available). Or, just ask Kent...he can probably find you a copy!

Thanks, Kent, for promoting aviation in the Maple Lake area.

• EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO

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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



Investment Tip: Buy stock in companies that manufacture tin foil.

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