



The Maple Lake Flyer

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Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
Maple Lake, Minnesota

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EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport

Agenda for March Meeting

- A very brief chapter meeting, with essential business only.
- Alan Hoffert and Jim Niehoff, the FAASTeam Program Managers for Minnesota, will present the National Light Sport presentation (see the info poster attached this newsletter)

THE PRES SEZ

President:
Joe Simmon

This month's meeting promises to be one of our best informational meetings of the year. Wayne has done yeoman's work getting everything ready for it. Thanks to West Metro Aviation for the loan of their hangar space to conduct the meeting. We should have ample space for everyone.

February has gone by quickly even though not much excitement going on here (Florida). My excitement this month occurred right there in Buffalo. One of my hangar neighbors was preparing to fly last weekend when he discovered the battery was dead on his airplane.

He decided to hand prop the airplane and apparently flooded it somehow, so he went back into the hangar to let it sit for a few minutes. He returned to try again and was interrupted by a phone call, creating a distraction for him. The brake was set, the mixture was set, but the throttle had not been pulled back from his previous attempts. The brakes held momentarily, so that he was out of the way, but before he could get the throttle retarded, the plane swung around and started moving toward my hangar. Before he could get it stopped, it went nose first into my hangar door.

Fortunately, no one was injured and the airplane was unharmed except for the spinner. The prop is at Maxwell's shop and the hub is being checked, so the engine will not have to be torn down. It seems there is, more often than not, a series of missteps and distractions leading up to potential disastrous outcomes.



Have a great meeting and I will see you in a couple of months.

**MINUTES OF
MEETING,
Feb. 11, 2012**

Secretary:
Wayne Flury

16 members and guests attended the February 11 meeting in the hangar of West Metro Aviation. Vice-President Glen Morrow called a brief business meeting to order prior to our featured program speaker for the day. A Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns was presented and approved. See the summary at the end of this report. The Secretary's Report was as printed in the newsletter, and was approved.

Wayne called for a discussion of whether the chapter would be holding another fly-in this September. If so, he will begin sending info to various "Calendar of Events" postings. The chapter agreed to support a pork chop dinner fly-in on September 9, 2012.

Wayne briefed the chapter on the MedXPress system (on-line form for FAA medical exams) that everyone will have to use beginning in October of this year. It does not appear to be difficult to use.

Glen Morrow noted that he expects to be submitting paperwork shortly for the process of getting his medical certificate back (after surgery for colon cancer).

Fred Jude noted that he had visited the American Champion factory in Wisconsin and would make a presentation about this at a future meeting.

Brian Holte, mechanic for West Metro Aviation and for the Lucas Oil airshow aircraft, concluded the meeting with a presentation consisting of an overview of the facilities and capability of West Metro, as well as insights to the particular requirements of keeping an air show aircraft ready to go.

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

Opening Balance		\$3943.16
Income:	Dues	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Total	\$ 100.00
Expenses:	Bank Fee	\$ 2.00
	Mini-Biff	\$ 85.43
	EAA Insurance	<u>\$ 275.00</u>
	Total:	\$ 362.43
Ending Balance		\$3680.73



Above: Brian Holte describes to EAA Chapter 878 members his experiences with West Metro Aviation as lead mechanic for West Metro and for the Lucas Oil Pitts Special shown in the background.

EVENTS, 2012

The following is a list of events for 2012 compiled from various sources. It is not intended to be complete or all-inclusive, and will primarily feature EAA chapter sponsored events and activities or other unique events. Check the bulletin boards and Calendars of Events in various magazines for more, more, more:

Mar.	10	EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo, MN with FAAST Program
	17	EAA Chapter 919 Chili Feed, Rushford, MN (55Y). 10a.m. till it's gone!
Mar.	27-Apr. 1	Sun-'n-Fun, Lakeland, FL
Apr.	7	EAA 252, Oshkosh, WI. Pancake breakfast, 7:30 – 11, Steve Wittman birthday party.
	14	EAA Chapter 878 Meeting, at Wright Aero, Maple Lake, MN with pancake breakfast for chapter members, family and friends.
	28	Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame dinner. For reservations: www.mnaviationhalloffame.org
May	19-20	Blaine Aviation Days, EAA Chapter 237, KANE (Anoka)
June	9-10	Minnesota Air Spectacular, Mankato. Blue Angels. www.mnairspectacular.com
	17	Canby Air Show, Canby, MN. Wayne Flury, Announcer.
	17	Buffalo Fly-In Breakfast / Air Show
July	23-29	AirVenture 2012, Oshkosh, WI.
Sep.	9	EAA Chapter, 26 th Annual 878 Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In
Dec.	1	Tree of Hope toy collection, Maple Lake Airport.

For those of you looking for a more adventurous flight experience this winter, here's a destination that could be incorporated into a visit to the EAA Museum at Oshkosh. Joe Simmon received an email from our friends with EAA 252 in Oshkosh, inviting everyone to their fly-in breakfast:

"On April 7th from 7:30 to 11:00 A.M. Oshkosh's local EAA Chapter 252 will host a pancake breakfast fly-in to commemorate legendary pilot and aircraft designer S.J. "Steve" Wittman's 108th birthday. This event is open to the public.

"Held at the Wittman Regional Airport Terminal building on 20th St. in Oshkosh, WI, the event features a breakfast of sausage, eggs, beverages, and all you can eat pancakes. Those attending can fly-in or drive-in. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 10. Pilots of homebuilt aircraft that are flown in will get a free breakfast.

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Steve Wittman is the namesake of Wittman Regional Airport, the home of EAA and AirVenture.

FAAST PROGRAM FOR MARCH MEETING

The following information was distributed to local newspapers, inviting all local pilots to our safety meeting:

AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAM OFFERED AT BUFFALO AIRPORT

EAA Chapter 878 (a local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Oshkosh, WI) is sponsoring an FAA program presentation on Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. at West Metro Aviation on the Buffalo Airport. All pilots and others who are interested in learning more about aviation are invited and encouraged to attend. EAA Chapter 878 promotes aviation safety through education.

This is an FAA Safety Team (FAAST) program and will address the subject "Factors for Light Sport and Experimental aircraft accidents and suggestions on how to avoid them." The program is based on Light Sport/Experimental accident and incident data and focuses on risk areas that have been found to contribute to these events. The first half of the program will detail several operational issues that have been identified as accident causal factors along with several case studies of accidents. The second half will consist of airworthiness (maintenance) issues that have been identified as risk areas with a discussion on how to avoid them.

The program will qualify for the Wings program – everyone in attendance will get credit.

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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



"It took me quite awhile to get the birds trained. They don't help much for take-off performance, but I've gained 3 knots in cruise airspeed!"

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