



The Maple Lake Flyer

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Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)
Maple Lake, Minnesota

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EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. at Wright Aero, Maple Lake Airport

Agenda for November Meeting:

- General chapter business, including nomination and election of new officers for a two year term, beginning in January, 2013.
- Update news regarding the end-of-year closing of the offices of Wright Aero at Maple Lake), discuss future chapter meeting location and other events.
- EAA Oshkosh leadership change (Rod Hightower out as President and CEO).
- Volunteers needed for Tree of Hope toy collection, Dec. 1, at Maple Lake airport.
- Info regarding December Christmas Party meeting, Dec. 8 at Bison Creek Bar & Grill in Buffalo (same location as last year).
- Info regarding December "Loren Schiebe" party, Dec. 14, at Buffalo airport.
- Switch to Saturday a.m. meetings, effective January thru April, 2013.

THE PRES SEZ

President:
Joe Simmon

Many of our members were unable to attend the October meeting, so a quick update on the Wright Aero meeting place is in order. Wright Aero is still scheduled to move their offices to St. Cloud at the end of December, so we discussed some options to a meeting place for meetings after December. Bob Shadduck was unable to attend the meeting, but perhaps we can get him at some future meeting to give us an update for the future of the facility. Storage of tables, chairs, supplies and the future venue space required for the pork chop fly-in are all in question at this point. Additionally, the spring member's pancake breakfast and the ninety-nine's Christmas toy drive will need to have options for space, if they continue as a function.

Some options include: Wednesday night meetings held at the Buffalo Airport Arrival departure building Saturday morning meetings held at Mike Wiskus' hangar, Tim Bond offered his hangar for the pork chop fly-in and Glen Morrow offered his hangar for the monthly meetings. The Ninety Nine's Christmas toy drive should be okay for this year, but Elaine should keep us up to date on this. It is our hope that Mr. Shadduck can maintain a viable business so that the facility can remain open, not just for our meetings, but also to have the weather computer and restrooms open for transit pilots and on field aircraft.

Joe Morgan was to be our guest speaker for November, but was called out of town for that date. He would like to reschedule for another date soon, perhaps, February or March. Joe is Operations Manager for Lockheed Martin's Princeton Flight Service Center and will give us an update on the flight service support given to pilots. Flight Service is an underused pilot's resource in my opinion and I am sure Joe is anxious to answer any questions you may have after his presentation. I would be especially interested to see how flight service can enhance our flight planning, hazard avoidance and decision-making in this age of available technology.

November is also the time of year where new officers are elected. It is time for me to turn over the gavel to someone new. There are many capable people in the club that can take over the reins, and of course, I will continue to support the club in its many activities. Let's have a big turnout for this important meeting.

**MINUTES OF
MEETING,
Oct. 10, 2012**

Secretary:
Wayne Flury

Only 9 members attended the October 10 meeting of EAA Chapter 878, held in the meeting room of Wright Aero at the Maple Lake Airport.

- **Fly-In:** Dick Burns, Treasurer, presented the financial summary of our fly-in and compared the results of this year against the past two years. For 2012 we had a total income from the meals and raffle of \$3318.50 and a profit, after all known expenses, of \$1436.34. In comparison, in 2011 we had income of \$3482.15 and a profit of \$1759.24 and in 2010 an income of \$4025.75 against a profit of \$1566.04.
Discussed that the chapter has held the same price on our meal for several years...may need to raise prices next year...especially considering the current economic forecast for an increase in pork prices. Also commented that the chops were too big...can we save money by getting smaller chops?
Dick had left his normal monthly financial report at home...will be available next month. Moved, seconded and approved the Fly-In Financial report.
In other fly-in discussion, the aircraft parking worked well, as did all other areas.
- **Secretary's Report:** as published in the newsletter... moved, seconded and approved.
- **December chapter Christmas Party:** chapter members approved to have our traditional meeting/party/gift exchange. Try to get the same venue as last few years...Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's bowling in Buffalo). Marv Sikkila will contact and try to get reserved for Dec. 8, with a back-up date of Dec. 15.
- **Ford Partner Recognition Program:** Chapter President Joe Simmon handed out flyers from Ford Motor Company with info about special purchase deals for EAA members.
- **Fly-Out to Granite Falls:** several chapter members participated in the September 29 fly-out to Granite Falls for the Grand Opening of the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum. Everyone enjoyed the day and was thoroughly impressed with the facility. Agreed that we should plan more activities such as this for next summer.
- **Hats/Shirts/Nametags:** Joe Simmon asked for input about getting more chapter hats, shirts and nametags. He had some preliminary cost info – a polo shirt would cost us about \$14. Dick Burns will check his sources on hats and shirts with embroidery. Wayne will put an item in the newsletter for member response about nametags...all members should have one (at chapter expense...we have some blanks from EAA, or may need to order more...have engraved locally).
- **Donation to Tree of Hope:** Dick Burns asked if the chapter was going to make a monetary contribution to this year's Tree of Hope, as we have done for the past several years. This toy collection program is coordinated by the 99s, under the guidance of chapter member Elaine Morrow. The 99s use the cash to purchase additional and age appropriate gifts. Dave Swanson moved that we make the same contribution as last year...\$450, which was approved.
- **Wright Aero Closing:** As of the end of December, Wright Aero will close the Maple Lake office and consolidate operations at their St. Cloud facility. Bob Shadduck owns the hangar currently used by Wright Aero. Bob is looking for someone to take over operations at Maple Lake and offer flight training, rental and perhaps maintenance but, to our knowledge, does not yet have anything arranged. This leaves the chapter without our traditional place to meet. Optional meeting sites discussed were: Glen Morrow hangar at Maple Lake, Buffalo airport A/D building, or West Metro Aviation at Buffalo. Member concerns were: do we retain our Pork Chop Dinner Fly-In at Maple Lake; could we use the hangar at Maple Lake even if Bob does not have a tenant; or could we utilize a member hangar? Tim Bond offered his hangar for the pork chop dinner. Also discussed was our member pancake breakfast that we have normally held in the Wright Aero hangar. Without Bob Shadduck in attendance, all of these items and concerns remain open at the present. Discussed buying a gift certificate for Bill and Bonnie Mavencamp (Wright Aero) in recognition of their many years of service to the chapter.

BUILDING A SEAREY

by Dave Swanson

I first saw a SeaRey about ten years ago at Oshkosh and thought it was pretty cool. Then three years ago I took a demo ride with Kerry Richter, the President of Progressive Aerodyne. It was a short flight due to winds, but enough to show me the capabilities. I was especially impressed with how you could open the windows in flight.

Jump ahead to this spring when Harold and I sold our Cessna 180. This was due to several reasons, but mostly we would need to put a lot of money into it to bring it up to snuff. So here I sit with half of the sale price burning a hole in my pocket, but nothing to fly!

I had wanted to build for a long time, but it had to be something that was fast to build and something that would land on water. A lot of looking and the SeaRey was the only one that fit. My wife is not real thrilled with a plane half the size of the 180...she likes to bring the dog and a lot of stuff when we fly to the cabin, but I hope to bring her around!

Originally my thought was to get the kit in November and work through the winter. When ordering, they were available immediately, so I took delivery on June 25th, hoping to get a start on things. It came in a 4' x 4' x 16' box. After a couple of days of unpacking, I was bolting pieces together. You would not believe the number of parts, some packed here and others packed there, but all numbered so eventually I found the right ones! It has become much easier due to parts already installed and figuring out their packing order.

The directions have been mostly straight forward and easy. I have been frustrated several times, but an e-mail or a phone call usually has me straightened out. I just finished putting fabric on the second wing, am currently working on the control surfaces, and painting them will be next. The fabric work has been fun, tedious but amazing how neat it works.

My next big expense is the engine. I am getting a Rotax 914 out of Canada, with delivery probably in early January. My goal is to be able to fly up to our cabin next summer. It definitely seems doable.



Dave's son, Kevin, has been recruited as a volunteer helper!



Here's the SeaRey fuselage and various metal components in the process of assembly in Dave's workshop garage at his home....very nice workmanship!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RAY JOHNSON

About 200 people gathered on October 27 at the Buffalo Airport for an 80th birthday party for Ray Johnson, arranged by Ray's children and family. Though Ray is not a member of Chapter 878, he is a great supporter! He and his 450 Stearman are a fixture at our fly-in (and always parked in the front row!).

Shown here is one of Ray's gifts, a desk clock made from a P&W 985 connecting rod!



**LEADERSHIP
CHANGE AT
EAA**

All EAA members should by now be aware that Rod Hightower has resigned as President and CEO of EAA. Recently retired Chairman, President and CEO of Cessna Aircraft, Jack Pelton, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of EAA. He will also will as temporary President and CEO of EAA while a search is conducted for Hightower's replacement.

There's plenty of speculation and conjecture over Hightower's departure on other sites for your review. One internet threads on this subject is on EAA Forums at: <http://eaaforums.org/showthread.php?3057-Hightower-Resigns-as-EAA-President-CEO>

**CHAPTER 878
SCHOLARSHIP
FUND**

by Wayne Flury

Consider making a personal contribution to the Scholarship fund. The money will be used to support aviation education and supplement other chapter contributions. 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: _____

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**THE WINGS
ARE ON THE
LEGAL
EAGLE**

by Ken Souer



Marv Sikkila's Legal Eagle has sprouted wings! Photos by Ken Souer, in his garage where he and Marv are working on the ultralight aircraft.

**CHAPTER
NAME TAGS**

by Wayne Flury

As noted by Joe Simmon at the October meeting, we haven't been diligent in assuring that all EAA Chapter 878 members have a chapter provided nametag (you're a "member" if you have paid dues...please be sure of that too!). Please check the top of your dresser and the bottom of your kitchen "junk drawer" to find yours. It should be a white nametag with the "new" EAA logo (not a blue one with the old "meatball" EAA logo, even if you do like that one better, as do I).

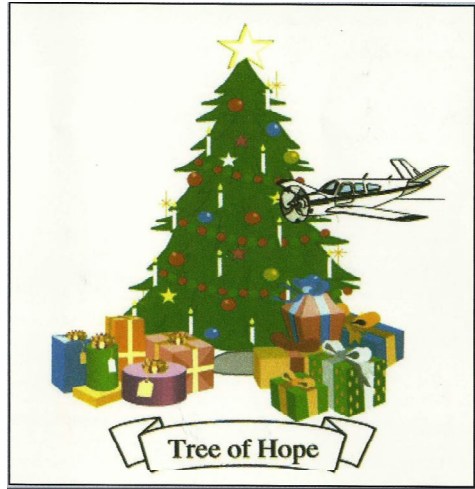
If you don't have a chapter nametag, or if you have one of the old blue ones and want a new style, please advise Wayne Flury who will consolidate the list of names for chapter nametags (no cost to chapter members).

TREE OF HOPE

by Elaine Morrow

Try to picture yourself in the hospital as a young child with a serious illness or major surgery at holiday time. You may be far from home, so your parents couldn't be with you. The expenses have devastated your family, so they told you Santa wouldn't be able to make it to the hospital this year. Then on Christmas morning, you find toys at the foot of your bed, and you forget your pain, fear, and loneliness for a little while.

That's what Tree of Hope is all about. Since 1990, the aviation community and their friends have pulled together to donate toys to 30 Minnesota hospitals at holiday time – and for use by Trauma I hospitals all year long for burn and accident victims. Minnesota 99s have been there since the beginning and still work with the Zuhrah Shrine Flyers to continue the event. This year's toy collection is on Saturday, December 1, 2012, from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Maple Lake Municipal Airport. Weather date is December 2.



We need your help, as other major toy collections do NOT give to hospitals. Details of what is needed are at www.holidaytreeofhope.org. The web site has a donate button if you prefer to give cash – so we can buy toys for specific age groups. Reminder: 100% of everything donated goes for the children, since the volunteers pay for all the expenses.

Thank you!
Elaine

Ed. Note: below are some photos from the 2011 Toy Collection day at Maple Lake.



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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



"Maybe we shouldn't have publicized that we were going to have nomination of officers and elections at the meeting tonight."

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