



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.

January, 2014

• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE

Saturday, January 11 9:00 a.m. at West Metro Aviation on the Buffalo Airport

Agenda for January Meeting:

- This is our first "Saturday Morning" meeting in 2014, and will be held at West Metro Aviation on the Buffalo Airport
- Recap of the Tree of Hope toy collection held on December 7 and the Christmas Party of December 14.
- Chapter video from EAA Oshkosh
- Program presentation by Brian Holte, Chief Mechanic at West Metro Aviation. Brian will discuss what a pilot can do to assist in an annual inspection, as well as answer any general questions you may have.

• FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chapter President: Tom Rammel

Wow, one year as president already gone! If you have ideas or things you think we should do differently, please let me know so I can completely disregard them (just kidding!!). I have to add a little humor once in a while.

I hope you all had a good time at the Christmas Party. The reports I received were that you had a good time and stayed out of trouble. Thank you, Joe and Wayne, for making sure everything went smoothly. Thank you to Marv and Connie for making all the arrangements.

Our January meeting will be at West Metro Aviation on Saturday January 11th at 9:00 AM. Brian Holte will be speaking about things a pilot can do to assist in an annual inspection. Come and invite a friend. Brian will answer questions also.

Chapter dues are due...\$25/year if you are age 35 or more and \$10/year if you are younger than age 35 . Please pay Dick Burns our treasurer.

Wyatt is our youngest member and he asked me to help with his Monticello HS robotics project called FIRST. The acronym is "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." This group of students builds a robot that they design to complete a task in a competition against other robots. Ask Wyatt about it and if you have skills or ideas or want to help, I am sure Wyatt would appreciate it. What a good way to get to know Wyatt better. You don't have to know anything about robots to help. If you know welding, machining, or just about any skill that we use to build airplanes it would be helpful. Help Wyatt out and give him some of those years of experience you have. Who knows you may learn something new also. What a great way to make science and technology fun for these young people. Maybe some of Wyatt's friends would be interested in aviation and we could give them a Young Eagles flight. Maybe some more of these young people would join our chapter. We need some young innovative people interested in aviation.

- **“MINUTES” OF THE CHRISTAS PARTY – December 14, 2013**

Chapter Secretary: Wayne Flury

Chapter Christmas Party: 26 members, family and spouses attended the 2013 event at the Bison Creek Bar & Grill. Following the meal, chapter Past-President Joe Simmon thanked everyone for coming and recognized Marv Sikkila and Connie Erickson for getting the party organized. Then he distributed chapter leadership certificates and pins from the national EAA office to those who were in attendance. The traditional gift exchange followed, with Wayne Flury calling the sequence of picking. The photos below show some of the festivities:



Photos:

Upper Left: part of the “social hour” prior to the meal.

Upper Right: centerpieces on each table

Center Left: wrapped gifts, just waiting to be claimed (and stolen, and perhaps re-stolen, then maybe stolen again!)

Center Right: more socializing

Lower Left: gift table decoration, made by Wyatt Erickson

- **DUES FOR 2014**

Chapter dues for 2014 are now due. Please see Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns. Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year, age 35 and over.

Note that EAA Chapter 878 dues are not the same as your national EAA dues. Each is separate and benefits each of us differently. I hope everyone will support the chapter by renewing their membership for 2014.

- **CHAPTER NAME BADGES**

by Wayne Flury

If you have not yet received your chapter member name badge, please see Wayne to get it. If you ordered one for your spouse (chapter paid), please also check with Wayne, or put in your order.

- **CHAPTER MEMBER LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT PARTNERS**

by Glenn Weibel

Looking for 2 or 3 individuals interested in joining a C177 (Cardinal) group - total not to exceed 4 members. Aircraft could be based at Maple Lake, Buffalo or Winsted (currently located at Winsted). Fixed gear, fixed pitch prop, 180hp, TTAE - 1320hrs.

This is an older Cardinal but priced right. Contact - Glenn Weibel at 651-270-0879 or glweibel@tds.net

- **TREE OF HOPE**

by Elaine Morrow

Can't believe it is all done for another year! We're hoping for even greater central Minnesota publicity next year! From the publicity this year, we had four donors that had received Tree of Hope toys in the past, either for themselves or their children.

Thanks for everyone's help on Saturday - don't know about you but Glen and I are moving a lot slower from being on cement all day. Take care, and have a happy holiday!

I delivered to Hennepin County Medical Center on Sunday, December 8. They said on Friday they had 2 kids in their 30 bed unit, but on Sunday they had 29 - and they had ZERO toys or games for them. The pediatric nurse was in tears about how much she appreciated the toys, games and puzzles for these sick kids. The guard helping unload the bags said his son has a major kidney infection and was probably going to fill up the last bed the next day, trying to prevent kidney failure. In all, the many volunteers delivered toys to 33 hospitals!

We are able to use the Maple Lake location again next year, so please mark December 6, 2014 on your calendar - and hopefully we will have better weather!

Photos by Wayne Flury



Members of the MN Chapter of 99s, EAA Chapter 878 members Patti Sanduskv and Elaine Morrow are 2nd and 3rd from right.



Mountains of toys were checked, sorted and bagged, thanks to many volunteers.

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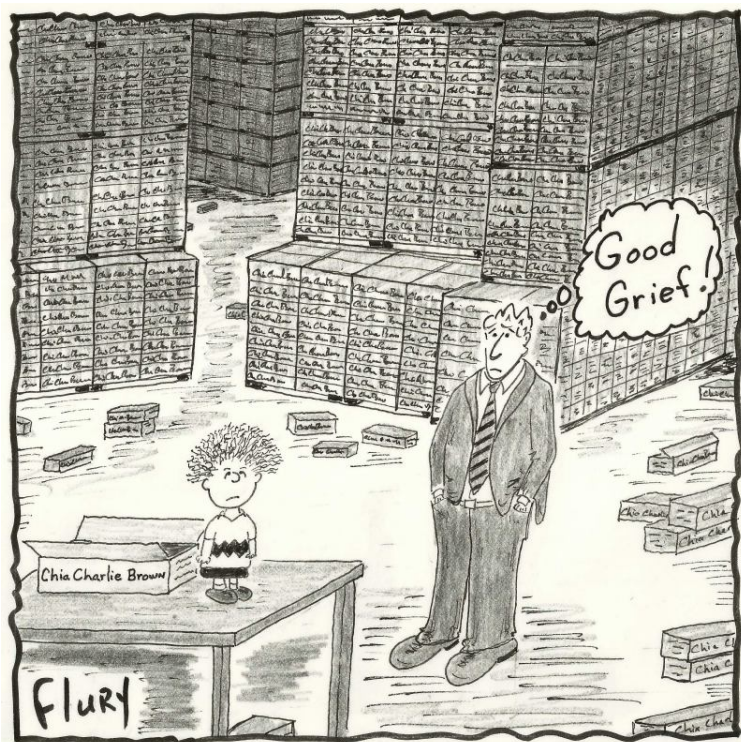
Meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on Saturday mornings). Meeting locations may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program.

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• THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



In the warehouse for the "Chia Charlie Brown" product line, the Division Manager reflects upon a less than successful selling season.

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