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Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date:	January 9, 2020
Location:	Virtual Zoom meeting
Meeting Time:	9:00 AM
Notes:	The A&D building at KCFE will not be open to groups over 10 by our 1/9/21 meeting. We will set up a virtual/zoom meeting as our regular monthly meeting. Betty T will graciously set up the meeting ID and password info prior to the newsletter going out. Plan a 9:00 start on the 9 th .



A word from your new EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter Editor



Presidents Airspace

by Greg Thomes

Happy New Year #878! I think that I can speak for the entire chapter and say that 2021 is plumb full of many expectations. With renewed energy, I'm sure that all of our New Year's resolutions will come to pass.

Thank you to the pilots that took part in the Maple Lake airport master plan virtual open house on December 16th. I think all of us...including those of us on the KMGG Airport Commission want to see an airport expansion (longer runway) in the future. If you haven't already, please go-to the City of Maple Lake's web site and urge them to consider 'alternative #5'. There is a ton of information showing the potential plans. And then, respond to the 'public comment portal' prior to January 6th. With many voices and handiwork, the future of G.A. is certainly strong. But this future is in our hands.

Thank you for renewing your EAA-878 membership in 2021!

May your skies be bright and breezes light.



Vice-Presidents Airspace

by Peter Radintz





Secretary's Airspace

by Wayne Flury



Treasurer Airspace

by Henry Williams





Flight Advisor Airspace

by Chris Glaeser

General Chuck Yeager: The Passing of a Legend in Aviation

Personal Recollections of General Yeager

I was giving some thought to this first Chapter 878 newsletter when I heard about General Yeager's death at age 97 on Dec 7, 2020 (co-incidentally the anniversary of Pearl Harbor). I was extraordinarily fortunate to know him personally for most of the years I spent in the USA and was one of many pilots he influenced directly. I thought you all might be interested in some anecdotes from my contacts with him.

Most of us are familiar with some of his famous exploits over the years, especially the first successful supersonic flight. His lifetime contributions are enough for a dozen ordinary pilots to be proud of. What is not well known is that he participated in innumerable USAF activities after "retirement" - often 4 or 5 events per week and was quite well known within the USAF for his work in developing dozens of new aircraft such as the F-15 and F-16. [Read more >](#) 16 min read



Social Media Airspace

by Jon Niska

Skyhawk Plays Pivotal Role in Mining Safety

In my hometown of Mountain Iron, Minnesota, mining is the driver of the economy. Open pit iron ore mines are a normal sight along Minnesota's Mesabi Iron Range, which stretches 110 miles from Babbitt to Grand Rapids. In order to pull the iron ore out of the Earth, dynamite is used to loosen it. This presents several safety hazards to the surrounding community. To mitigate the hazards, the mines turn to Taconite Aviation out of Eveleth Municipal Airport. With the help of the old but reliable Cessna C172 Skyhawk, the mines are able to safely accomplish a critical step in their extraction of the ore.

[Read more >](#) 6 min read



IMC Club Airspace

by David Wendt

How Was IMC Club Born? Joined with EAA?

Radek Wyrzykowski was born in Poland and came to the United States to learn how to fly. Shortly after earning his instrument rating he found himself overwhelmed in instrument conditions in the busy N.E. Section of the United States. He vowed that if he survived, he would never again allow himself to be unprepared, out of currency and proficiency again. Talking to other instrument pilots he learned they also had experienced similar experiences.

With Radek as the leader, these IFR rated pilots decided to band together and form a group to discuss IFR experiences and situations so all Members could benefit from each other and (hopefully) not each individual have to experience the situation without prior notice or training on how to be successful in mastering the challenge.

The concept started to spread though out the country until Radek could not manage IMC Clubs by himself. He looked for a merger partner and selected EAA because of its local chapter organization rather than a large main headquarters-based organization (example AOPA). Thus, the former IMC Club founded by Radek and Eric Workman at AIRLAKE Airport Lakeville, then Club relocated to KFCM and merged with EAA #878.



STEM Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

With all of the different coronavirus related changes in the schools I have not pursued any STEM outreach so far this year. The activities we normally participate in, Rockford Middle School Aviation Day, Guest speaker at Delano and St. Michael Aviation Programs, Career days at Annandale, Dassel/Cokato, and Buffalo, have all been cancelled since last spring. I haven't felt an online presentation really would represent us and our flying community well, with all the other online activities they have already. Anyone that has had to sit through virtual presentations for work or academics can understand the overload you feel.

I will continue to monitor what is happening in schools and will be able to reach out when the Scholarship rolls out after the Holiday Break is completed.



Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

No one can deny that 2020 was a challenging year for everyone, but the world kept turning, the sun kept rising and setting, and we all aged another year. Students, though many working remotely from school for the first time, still dreamed of flying and looking into a career in the left seat.

Eagle flights are not as popular as the Young Eagle flights are, but we do have several inquiries every year about them. I have flown 3 Eagle Flights this year all with men looking into becoming a pilot. A couple of other flights didn't materialize due to COVID-19 and my concentrating on the Young Eagle flights when I could make the time. [Read more >](#) 4 min read



Vim & Vigor Airspace

by Thomas Hurwitz, M.D.

An Aviator's Perspective on the COVID-19 Crisis

A recent interview of two epidemiologists on NPR describes their demoralization after marginalization and disregard for their work on metrics supporting means of mitigating COVID transmission. Their greatest fear was that having failed to limit the toll of the pandemic, we would not learn from the experience for future benefit. Misunderstanding of science and acceptance of misinformation are unfortunate, but widespread and influence behavior profoundly. Garbage in produces garbage out. Even with vaccines on the immediate horizon, we still look forward to many months of risk and adaptive challenge, as well as the likelihood of future infectious events of similar or greater magnitude. So how might an aviation mindset influence our conduct? If we enhance respect and control of our interpersonal airspace as effectively as we do aeronautical airspace, we can protect ourselves and others substantially. As Dr. Michael Osterholm says, it is most important not to be "swapping air" with others. In pilot language, we must not "bust our neighbor's Bravo". Until most of our population becomes immune to this illness, we'll need to contend with this challenge even after initial vaccination.

[Read more >](#) 19 min read



Notable Mention

by Chapter Leaders & Coordinators

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Wanted – Photos of You and Your Airplane

by Elaine Morrow, Chapter Webmaster

Help me make our website a place of chapter recognition and interest. Please send me a photo of your airplane (and you) which I will include on our Chapter 878 website. This includes aircraft projects too! Send to: pilotelaine@aol.com or call 952-913-2356 with any questions.

Requesting Chapter Member Aircraft and Project Info

By Chris Glaeser

Chris Glaeser (as our chapter Flight Advisor) is still looking to get information from all chapter members about aircraft owned, or projects working on, His focus is to have a list so that if he gets a call from someone asking if he knows anything about RV aircraft or float planes, etc., he has a source of reference.

If you haven't yet responded to Chris, please contact him with your info (a photo may also be nice) with complete data on your airplane, including engine and prop. His contact info is: 952-239-4081, or chris.glaeser@gmail.com.

Keep Your Contact Info Updated

by Ray Svobodny

Chapter 878 Membership Roster is an ever-changing document as members join, depart, move, change email addresses, etc. Please provide Chapter 878 Database Manager, Ray Svobodny, with any changes to your information or filling in any blanks in our current info. Contact Ray at: raysvobodny@gmail.com or 612-327-4232

WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program

The objective of the WINGS Program is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, we hope to reduce the number of accidents we see each year for the same causes. As you will see, it is not a simple "Award" program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots.

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EAA 878 Scholarship

By Kyle Weatherly

Three former Young Eagles receive scholarships in 2020.

Chapter 878 was able to award three scholarships to deserving students in 2020. All three of the recipients had received 1 or more YE rides from Chapter 878 within the previous year. Two were graduates of Buffalo and one of Delano High School. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read

WEAR YOUR HAT

Isn't it nice to hear something other than "Wear Your Mask?"

by Wayne Flury

Today as I was walking into one of our local gas station/convenience stores, a person behind me started the following brief conversation:

PBM (person behind me) – "Hey, are you a pilot?"

Me – "Why yes, yes I am."

PBM – "I thought so – I saw your hat. A good friend of mine is a pilot." [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



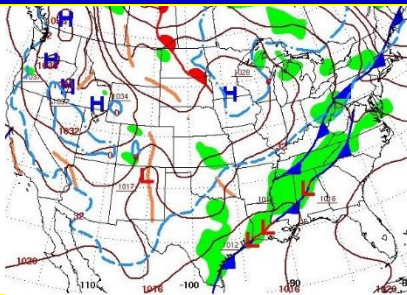
Member Spotlight by Jim Shadduck

Return to my First Love

They say your first love is always your sweetest. I would agree. I was just 16 years old and I fell hard. Very Hard. My heart was taken by the sweet smell of grass and avgas.

The scene was the Maple Lake Airport. As I aged, I was swept into being an adult, but my fondness of my first love has never faded. And now I return to my first love...

My name is Jim Shadduck, and I will be opening a flight instruction and aircraft rental operation at Maple Lake Airport (KMGG). I will be starting with a Piper PA-28 Warrior aircraft to be used for initial thru advanced training. My goal is to share my love of aviation and pass this onto another generation. (any generation from 15yrs -100 years is fine by me!) [Read more >](#) 3 min read



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by Air Safety Institute



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[2021 Airshow/Aviation Event Calendar](#)

KFCM Saturday Morning Webinar Series

Every Saturday except Holidays
0900-1000 Central time
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January 2	None
January 9	Airframe and induction icing
January 16	Gear Up landing analysis
January 23	You've Got What? Flying (or not) with a temporary or chronic illness
January 30	MELs Part 91, subparts C and E
Schedule of topics, click: FAASafety.gov	
New to Wings, click: Wings account setup	
For questions, click: Laura Herrmann	



Homebuilders Week

By Charlie Becker

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft
By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft.

Sessions will start at 1 p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily. [Read more >](#) 3 min read



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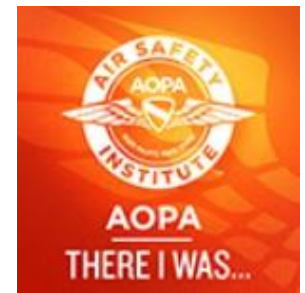
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Chapter 878 Aviation Events – 2021

Jan	9	EAA Chapter 878 Virtual Zoom meeting
	26	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting
Feb	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting
Mar	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE (may be postponed in favor of a chili feed)
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting

Note: this list generally will not include the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are well publicized on other sites dedicated to that purpose. For other event information, see our [EAA Chapter 878 website](#), and websites such as [EAA](#), [AOPA](#), [Social Flight](#), [Fly-ins](#), and [FunPlacesToFly](#). Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.



Editors Airspace by Ray Svobodny

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Chapter membership is open to all persons interested in aviation. To become a member, simply contact any one of the current officers and request a membership application or click on the "Membership" link on our [website](#). Annual dues are \$10 for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 for age 35 and over, and \$35 for a family membership.

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