

An aerial photograph of a runway at an airport. The runway is paved and has a dashed white line down the center. Large white numbers '28' are painted on the runway surface in the foreground. The runway is flanked by green grassy fields. In the background, there are some trees and a body of water.

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Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date: April 13, 2021

Location: In-person at the Buffalo (KCFE) airport with beverages/dessert provided.

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Age of COVID-19

Notes:

Attending in person? Please be courteous, keep your distance, use a facemask, sanitize hands.

We understand if you cannot attend in person. As with any other activity, a personal "Risk Assessment" should guide you. If you don't feel well, have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home, and join us another time.



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your dues yet?

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Presidents Airspace

by Greg Thomes

We as Minnesotans love to discuss the weather, RIGHT? Please don't tune-me-out as we enjoy the somewhat early spring and how many of us come out of our winter cocoons. My scenario involves the short lay-up of N34909 of +90 days for minor refurbishments. It's taken me several weeks to knock-off the rust.

There are many resources to get the mind and body disciplined into proper aviation tactics. Here are just a few ways to assist in getting you safely back into the skies:

- *Air Safety Institute: (AOPA has many great, short safety clips).
- *EAA Webinars: (check out the one on surviving carbon monoxide in the cockpit).
- *Flight Safety Foundation: www.flightsafety.org See how to avoid crashes.

And of course, our very own Laura Hermann heads-up the Saturday morning webinar series through [FAA Safety.gov](http://FAASafety.gov) And, you get Wing's credit too!

These are just a few ways to be safe. Let's get back-at-it in 2021. May your skies be bright and breezes light!



Vice-Presidents Airspace

by Peter Radintz





Secretary's Airspace

by Secretary

EAA Chapter 878 Historical Record of Officers and Other Leadership Positions

I've always kept a file of documents relating to Chapter 878, including newsletters and information about our various events. Many years ago, I began a record of chapter officers in a table format. It's interesting to me to look back and think about the many people who have been involved in the chapter and its evolution. In a recent EAA webinar for Chapter Secretaries, it was advised that a Chapter Secretary is also the Custodian of Records, and one of those is the Historical Record of Officers. Click here for [Chapter 878's record](#). If your name isn't on this record, how might you be able to contribute? Note that not all chapter activities are listed here!

Stearman Owned by Chapter 878 Member Ray Johnson Leaves Minnesota to Pursue a Movie Career

As noted in the minutes of our March meeting, Ray Johnson has sold his Stearman, and a very nice article appeared in the Buffalo newspapers. For your enjoyment, please click [Wright County Journal-Press, and The Drummer newspaper](#) to read the articles.

There will also be an article (written by Wayne) in the April issue of the Minnesota Flyer magazine.



Treasurer Airspace

by Henry Williams





Flight Advisor Airspace

by Chris Glaeser

IMC with no instruments?

How to avoid pitot-static failures in the weather

Some questions to frame the following discussion:

1. Does your pitot tube have any water drain holes in it?
 - a. If yes, is this part of your normal preflight and annual inspection?

We checked 3 aircraft at KMIC this week, and found one with a plugged pitot tube drain (!)

2. Does your aircraft have an "Alternate Static Source"?
 - a. If yes:
 - i. Do you know where the cockpit control is?
 - ii. Is checking this control "off" part of your normal preflight?
 - iii. When was the last time you actuated it?
 - iv. What does the POH say is the expected altitude error? [Read more >](#) 13-1/2 min read



Social Media Airspace

by Jon Niska

How Schools Use Drones to Deliver Internet to Students

The past year has been a challenge for everyone. Schools may have more of a challenge, as they are responsible for numerous students. With those students learning from home, internet access is essential. In northern Wisconsin, a school district is getting creative and exploring the use of drones to provide internet to some of their more remote students. [Read more >](#) 8 min read



IMC Club Airspace

by David Wendt

Think Before Throttle (TBT).

Once you have committed to Takeoff be certain you are ready to return if necessary. Don't simply read the before checklist; make certain you've accomplished the required tasks. Recheck that the tank chosen for takeoff contains sufficient fuel. Check that the backup fuel pump is on if the aircraft requires it for takeoff. Recheck that takeoff flaps are properly set. How many inches of manifold pressure and/or what rpm should the engine deliver during the takeoff roll ? Don't accept an intersection departure that leaves valuable runway behind you. Note the distance (in feet) of your upcoming ground roll. Highlight the intersection where the aircraft should break ground. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



STEM Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

I plan on sending an e-mail to my contact list regarding S.T.E.M. programs after the 1st of April. Schools will be back from Spring Break and their policies about outside visitors may be adjusted prior to the end of the school year.



Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

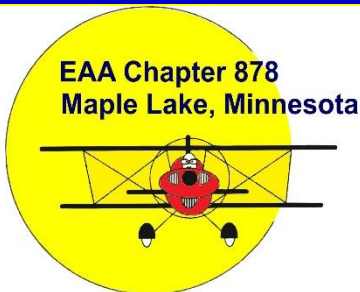
by Kyle Weatherly

I have been meeting young people with Interest in Aviation Careers

The Young Eagles and I have been taking advantage of the nicer weather and getting out flying. It has been a slow start to the year, but I am trying to catch up and get some hours in.

The list below has appeared in the last two Young Eagles updates, I have updated what has happened since.

The list for 2021: [Read more >](#) 7-1/2 min read



EAA 878 Scholarship Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

We are ONLINE: A Scholarship Update

Some minor adjustments to the Scholarship on the webpage

As of this weekend (3/21/2022) we had not received any scholarship applications yet.

I have updated a couple of items to make it a little more intuitive to get to our scholarship. Note that the heading has been changed to let the user know to click on Overview to get to our scholarship. This is something inherent on the website we have where overview appears as a subfolder when the page is larger. There was no way to change the text of overview, so I put it in the description.

[Read more >](#) 2 min read



Ray Scholarship Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

Ray Scholarship Update

Everyone, I am taking over the Ray Scholarship as an interim coordinator hoping someone will step up from the chapter. We do not currently have a candidate, but I know a couple of strong possibilities.

We are currently out of our assessed penalty from the EAA Main Chapter. This was due to pulling Jazmin out of the program before completion of her training.

My intent is to contact the new Ray Scholarship National Chairman and explain that Jazmin has completed her training on her own and to see where we currently stand as a chapter. I plan to bring this information to the April meeting so we can start making decisions on other possible candidates.

We have a strong group of young people coming up wanting to get a pilot's license, we also now have a local flight instructor. Both of these things are going to be good news as we go forward with the Ray Scholarship Program.



Vim & Vigor Airspace

by Thomas Hurwitz, M.D.

Spring Ahead is a Fly-by Night Operation

As the “youngest” commercial rating candidate in our organization, my progress has been slowed by the pandemic and my completion of the requirements now lacks the obligate solo nocturnal flight hours. After a return from VRP (very rusty pilot) status 4.5 years ago, I've adhered to a personal minimum of daytime flight, both VFR and IFR. As time flies by, I'm now faced with progressively later night onset to begin these flights and reminded of various aviation mishaps that have been attributed to “fatigue”.

[Read more >](#) 7 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

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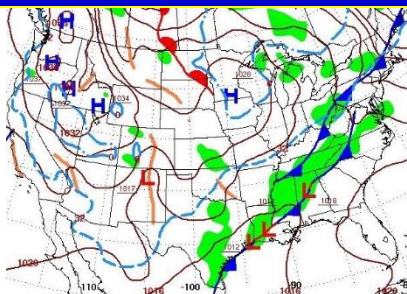
Member Spotlight

by Thomas Eckstrom



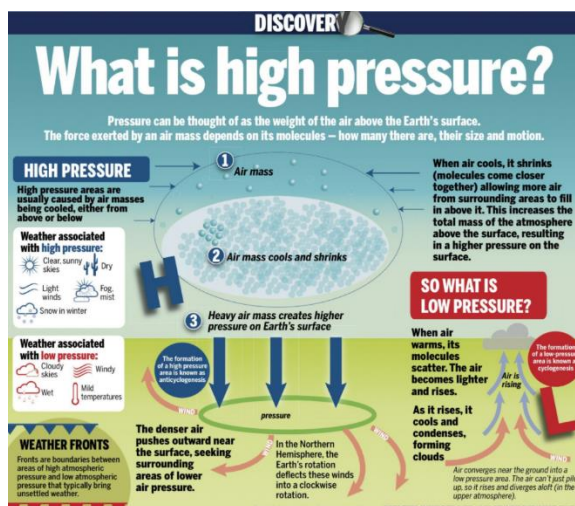
Hello all! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Thomas Eckstrom. I'm currently a Senior at Annandale Highschool and love aviation. Aviation has been my main obsession for as long as I can remember. I would (and still do) watch the Discovery channel, the Smithsonian channel, and any other channel that would have some sort of history and/or aviation show, I seriously couldn't get enough of it. I recently started working on my private pilot's license and just had my first solo a couple weeks ago and cannot wait to finish it. It is really the thing in life that I love and can't wait to go down this path in the future. I've recently been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy, where I will major in Aerospace Engineering, and hopefully get a Pilot slot from there, so I cannot wait to start that journey!

Call it short and sweet, but that's all I have for you guys, I'm really not an interesting person.... :). I'll see you all at the airport!



Weather Manners

by Noteworthy Contributions



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| April 3 | No webinar |
| April 10 | Slips, Skids and Turns |
| April 17 | Ultralights |
| April 24 | CFI Tips and Tricks |
| Schedule of topics, click: FAASafety.gov | |
| New to Wings, click: Wings account setup | |
| For questions, click: Laura Herrmann | |



Quote of The Month

“There is a kind of principle of the sky, a spirit of flight that calls to certain among mankind as the wilderness calls to some, and the sea to others.”

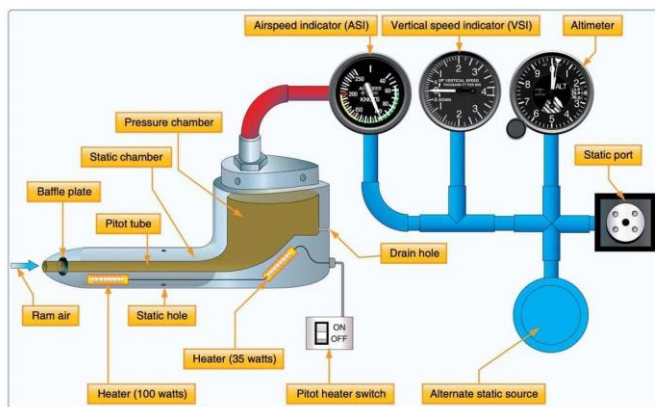
~Richard Bach



Break glass in case of emergency!

by General Aviation News

Quick review of static ports and their ecosystems...



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EAA Chapter 878 Hangar Fund



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We are raising money to rebuild an old hangar to house our EAA Chapter 878 and finish building an RV-4 airplane. Please join our GoFundMe effort. Sharing with others would also be helpful.



New Flying Club Planned by Dick Borrell

Organizational Meeting Planned for 10am on 4-17-21 at Maple Lake Airport



A local non-profit air museum will be leasing this 1968 Cessna 172-I for use in a program called the Wright Flyers, a flying club based at Maple Lake MN (KMGG).

[Read more >](#) 3-1/2 min read



Flight Testing this Summer

by Steve Waddell



Here's an update on my project. I've just got my registration back and am sending in my application for airworthiness certificate. Based on conversations with the DAR, I am on my way to having the inspection done in the next month or so. If anyone has questions on these final paperwork processes, I am happy to share my experiences.





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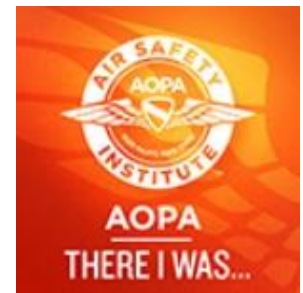
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Chapter 878 Aviation Events – 2021

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|-----|----|---|
| Apr | 13 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE |
| | 27 | IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting |
| May | 11 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting |
| | 25 | IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Zoom Meeting |
| Jun | 8 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE (may be postponed in favor of a chili feed) |
| | 22 | 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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