



The Maple Lake Flyer

A newsletter of EAA Chapter 878, Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation communities of Maple Lake, Buffalo, and surrounding areas of Minnesota.

34 Years.....1986 – 2020

October, 2020



• EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 13

Location: Buffalo Airport, in the Arrival / Departure building

Meeting Time: Light meal provided – at 6:30 PM

- gumbo provided by Henry Williams (contains no seafood)
- cornbread provided by Laura Herrmann

If you would like to bring something that pairs well with gumbo and cornbread, please feel free to do so!!

Meeting to follow, approximately 7 PM

- Notes:**
- The courtesy of distancing as possible, a facemask, and hand sanitizing is appropriate upon the conditions, circumstances, and your personal comfort level
 - As with any other activity, a personal “Risk Assessment” should guide you. If you don’t feel well, have been exposed to COVID-19, or think you may have, please stay home and join us another time

• FLIGHT TO SUCCESS by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

I’m so thankful to the chapter for all of the well-wishes following Mom’s death. She loved flying with me and went up...quite often in the right seat.

I’ve flown several times since her passing. It’s probably not strange, but I can still feel her presence, even better at 6000 feet.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



Remember to regularly check our chapter’s website and Facebook page:

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea878> (Note: the QR code here will take you to our website)

<https://www.facebook.com/ea878>



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2020**

Oct	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Buffalo airport
	27	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Nov	10	Location TBD
	24	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Dec	12	Holiday party and Awards Banquet (??)

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 www.878.eaachapter.org/, and websites such as <https://www.eaa.org/ea>, <https://www.aopa.org/community/events>, www.socialflight.com, and <http://www.flyins.com>. Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.

- **A QUESTION – SHOULD WE HAVE A DECEMBER “CHRISTMAS PARTY / SOCIAL EVENT?”**
by Wayne Flury

Our December meeting has traditionally been a time to gather with members and family to share in a seasonal social celebration, plus to recognize the participation and achievements of our members over the past year.

We presently have a room reserved for a Chapter 878 gathering at Huikko's in Buffalo on Friday, December 11 (the facility is booked on Saturday, our usual date to gather, for another large event) and we have a tentative special speaker presentation.

Given the on-going COVID conditions, please be prepared to discuss at our October meeting if you are comfortable in gathering together, and would you attend this December event?

While we have held chapter meetings this summer, they have been in relatively large spaces (hangars) with the doors open and a chance to social distance (the October meeting will be more confined). An event at Huikko's (or any other site) would present a much greater concentration of ourselves and other groups of people, though we can debate whether the contact exposure risk is any greater than trips to Cub, Target, or other restaurants.

The chapter needs to know if enough people would attend to justify holding the event, and so we can assure Huikko's a return on their expenses to provide the facility to us.

- **HELP SUPPORT EAA CHAPTER 878 AS YOU SHOP**
If you're an Amazon shopper, consider using AmazonSmile

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice – please designate EAA Chapter 878!

- **KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFO UPDATED WITH OUR CHAPTER 878 DATABASE MANAGER**
by Wayne Flury

Ray Svobodny is now our Chapter 878 Database Manager. He will periodically be sending a current roster to all chapter members.

The chapter member roster is an ever-changing document as members join, depart, move, change email addresses, etc. Please help Ray by providing him with any changes to your information or filling in any blanks in our current info.

Ray will be soliciting input as he updates the roster and incorporates it into a database. The database concept he is developing will allow us to customize correspondence and will also be a permanent location for information about our members.

Contact Ray at: raysvobodny@gmail.com or 612-327-4232.

- **CHAPTER 878 FLIGHT CLUB PROPOSAL**

by Dick Borrell

I have a proposal to the chapter to get a "flight club" going. The following is some information for you in advance of our October 13th meeting.

Basically, I'd put my Cessna 172I into a 5 year lease to "The Club." The Club would collect \$80/hr wet for use of the aircraft with \$10/hr going as a donation to EAA 878 general fund. \$35/hr would go towards fuel and \$35/hr would go to me for lease payment.

See the attachment to this newsletter. It is a proposal, and I think one that will "put us on the map" for Club Rental Cost!

I didn't say it in the proposal, but to join "The Club" I think you should have to be a regular dues paying member of 878 and to remain in The Club must be a member in good standing (current with dues).

And, if all goes well and we are all satisfied I may be willing to put the 172 in my will to the chapter!

I hope you'll receive this proposal in the spirit of aviation that it is intended.

- **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 me at 952-913-2356 with any questions.

- **CHRIS GLAESER REQUESTING CHAPTER MEMBER AIRCRAFT AND PROJECT INFO**

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.

- **EAA WEBINAR REPORT**

by Ray Svobodny, Chapter Database Manager

In case you missed it....Chris Glaeser gave permission to share the great EAA testimonial they gave his team for the recent "So You Think You Can Make a 180 Back on Takeoff? An In-Depth Look at Engine Failure Options" webinar.

As noted by the EAA Webinar Moderator: "Congratulations to all the presenters: Rick, Charlie, Chris and Terry! Your webinar last evening was great; we ended up with 1191 people attend, which is an all-time attendance record for the EAA weekly webinar series. Attendees rated it excellent with a score of 4.73/5.0. On a side note, your webinar was the 600th EAA webinar since the start in 2010."

Chris responded with, "Pretty cool! Lots of work and great ideas from Rick Marshall."

Here's the link to the online video, <https://www.eaa.org/videos/6193816644001>.

- **CHAPTER 878 OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2021/2022 DUE IN NOVEMBER**

Volunteer Opportunities for You

by Wayne Flury, Current Secretary

Per our Chapter 878 bylaws, election of officers is to be conducted at an annual meeting (a regular meeting in the election year held prior to November 30). Terms of offices are two years. Our last election was in November 2018, making and our next election due in November 2020, with the terms running from January 2021 to December 2022.

The Chapter 878 offices to be filled by election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Eligibility is simple: must be a chapter member and 18 years or older.

If you are interested in a chapter leadership position, please contact our current President, Greg Thomes.

Wayne Flury Note – you can be our next EAA Chapter 878 Secretary: I am soliciting a volunteer to replace me as Secretary (one of the elected offices).

I have been the chapter secretary since January 2001 (twenty years by the end of 2020). As I have noted in the “Meet Your New Newsletter Editor” article, I believe the chapter is best served by having a variety of persons in the various leadership positions. This shares the chapter responsibilities among the membership and helps to prevent burnout.

Vote me out!!!

Secretary: duties as outlined in the Chapter 878 Bylaws:

- (a.) keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors;
- (b.) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law;
- (c.) be custodian of the corporate records of the Chapter; and
- (d.) perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Note: While not strictly addressed in the Bylaws, the Secretary also takes minutes of each general chapter meeting and distributes them to the membership. Our current chapter membership size has not to this time justified a separate “Board of Directors” meeting (by consensus the general meeting and Board of Directors meeting are considered equivalent) so there is only one meeting per month at which minutes are required.

Contact me at 763-670-6021 or wflury@outlook.com to get more info.

- **FACEBOOK**

by Coordinator Jon Niska

If you have a Facebook account, please “Like” the Chapter 878 Facebook page and help to spread the outreach of the chapter through this version of social media. See: <https://www.facebook.com/ea878>).

We had a great response to my post on Facebook about the proposed Swap Meet and Fly-In, which shows the value of a well-managed account. It reached 3,200 people, and 75 people directly responded to it by saying they were either interested in going, or actually going.

Contact Jon at 218-290-0112 or j_nisk@hotmail.com to provide info for posting.

- **MEET YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

by Wayne Flury, Current Newsletter Editor

Effective January 1, 2021 our new EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter Editor will be Ray Svobodny.

Ray came to Chapter 878 via the IMC Club and quickly became an involved and engaged member, participating in Young Eagles flight events and volunteering to be the Chapter Database Manager. Now he has responded to a search for my replacement as Newsletter Editor. He is also very involved with the Tree of Hope program, and each time I talk to him I find out more about his other aviation activities.

Ray will most certainly bring new ideas, new energy, and a new vitality to the newsletter. In simplest form, a newsletter is a communications tool, intended to connect the membership. Ray has firmly expressed his intent to fill that responsibility. Under Ray's guidance the newsletter will quite likely take on a new form or appearance as he expresses his individuality.

Please give Ray your full support. Together we will all move our EAA Chapter 878 forward as we continue to grow and evolve.

And, my "Thank You" to our chapter members...

I want to thank everyone who has supported me as newsletter editor over the years. It has allowed me to become more involved in the chapter, the local aviation community, and the entire EAA community. I have personally benefited greatly, and I hope that in some small way each of you have as well.

I have served as Newsletter Editor of EAA Chapter 878 for a long time...and in all honesty, too long. I began in July 1988 and, except for three other persons who served as editors in 1997 through August of 2000, have continued in that capacity...almost 29 years.

In August 1986 I read a notice in the Wright County Journal-Press newspaper, calling for persons who were interested in forming a new EAA chapter to attend a meeting at Wright Aero on the Maple Lake airport. I went to that organizational meeting and thus became a charter member of what would become EAA Chapter 878. At that time, all of the chapter officers were responsible for input to a monthly "Maple Lake Flyer" newsletter which Bonnie Mavencamp would type and mail (in addition to her real job as the business manager of Wright Aero). Before the start of the June 1988 meeting I approached the chapter president, Glen Morrow, and volunteered to take over the publication of the monthly newsletter for the chapter...if the rest of the chapter members approved. Glen gave me one of those "looks" of his and assured me that the rest of the members would approve! So with the publication of the July 1988 newsletter, my journey as a chapter newsletter editor began.

I would not have served this long if I hadn't enjoyed the work. But, it has been a load and I wouldn't recommend anyone in the future stay in this, or any other, position for such a length of time. There is a benefit to continuity, but every organization also needs a variety of leaders on a regular basis. And, each leadership position should be shared so that the "tribal knowledge" is not centered upon one person.

The end of the year will also see the conclusion of my "AvBits" emails. I had recognized there were times when information needed to be distributed to the membership more punctually than via the monthly newsletter, as well as things that were interesting but not necessarily newsletter material. I believe those emails served that purpose (and I thought the name was catchy enough to assure it would be noticed in your inbox). Ray will determine what works best for him as a communicator to the chapter.

And as a last note, you will find there is no cartoon with this newsletter. That contribution of mine is also ending. My first cartoon ("The Funnies") appeared in August 1989, and the final one was last month. That's approaching 350 original works, though occasionally I did use a "re-run" when I ran into a time crunch. I enjoyed creating them, but this too was becoming a load. It was strictly a personal contribution to add some character and uniqueness to the newsletter, and I hope you found a least a couple that caused you to smile.

Now I should be able to find more time to get work done on the Sonex! See you at the airport.

- **IMC CLUB**
by Dave Wendt, Coordinator – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM
This month – October 27



Special Meeting Location Information Until Social Gatherings Are Allowed
– meetings will be a “virtual” event, utilizing the “Zoom” meeting app.

Download this app if you do not yet have it. Expect more info later regarding a meeting sign-in code.

ATTENTION: All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are you interested in joining IMC/EAA 878 Club?
Cost is \$25.00 (EAA Chapter 878 dues) per year. All meetings are free and open to all IFR and VFR pilots. Our Mission and Purpose is to become BOTH current and proficient pilots!

For more information about IMC club and program content each month, please contact Dave at DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com, or 612-272-4600.

- **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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Note: the “Classified Ads” section of this newsletter is a place to list your notices for Help Wanted, For Sale, For Trade, etc., etc. Items listed should be generally aviation related. Listings are no charge to chapter members. Non-members may take advantage of this service by contacting the Newsletter Editor for costs and conditions.
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FOR SALE...Power Tow Bar

I had to sell my airplane but still have a power tow bar I used with it (currently with a Cessna bracket on it). The engine has been gone through and it runs great. I could bring it to next meeting.

I would let it go for \$300.

Contact Glenn Weibel at kiddlehoper@gmail.com, or 651-270-0879.

- **TREE OF HOPE TOY COLLECTION PROGRAM MOVES TO NEW COLLECTION FORMAT**
Putting Smiles on Hospitalized Children’s Faces Over the Holidays!
by Ray Svobodny, Tree of Hope Director and Webmaster

i want to let you know that this is the 30th year of Tree of Hope providing gifts for hospitalized children during the holidays. Last year, over 6,000 gifts were given to many thankful children, parents, and surrounding health care professionals. The Tree of Hope is the only organization consistently supplying toys to sick children.

This year, due to COVID-19, our event is primarily online with a goal of raising \$65,000 to provide 6,500 toys to hospitalized children. **Our deadline is December 1st!**

We are seeking Walmart, Target, and Amazon eGift Cards and/or donations through PayPal. We will then purchase and drop ship presents to each of our facilities for delivery to individual hospitalized children.

Help us raise \$65,000 to put a smile on the face of a hospitalized child over the holidays!

And please help get the word out...

For more information on how you can participate or donate, please see the website at <http://holidaytreeofhope.org/2020-campaign>, the flyer attached with this newsletter, or contact Ray Svobodny at raysvobodny@gmail.com or 612-327-4232.

- **UPDATE FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT RYAN PARK**

Here's a note from Ryan Park, one of our 2020 Chapter 878 scholarship recipients:

To all in the EAA Chapter 878,

Thank you all again for the opportunity and everything you've done to help me on my path to success. I began my flight training and groundschool at MNSU and all is going well so far. I can't wait to continue on my path. In this letter, you'll find my verification of enrollment. If there's anything you need besides this, contact me at 763-688-4419. If not, please send the scholarship to the same address on the envelope.

Thanks again,
RYAN PARK

● EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO

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Send "change of address" information, email address and phone number changes to: Chapter Database Manager.

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Chapter meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet on the second Saturday morning). Meeting location and time may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program or other chapter activities. Our December meeting is usually a family social event held at a local event center, with date, time and place to be determined annually.

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.

Current Officers:

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EAA Chapter 878 Advocates: All Members

Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?



**Help put a smile on the face of a
hospitalized child over the holidays!**



We need eGift Cards for infants to 18 years of age!

Target

Walmart

Amazon

PayPal



100% goes toward gifts for sick children!

Email to Sec-Treas@HolidayTreeOfHope.org

HELP! We need to raise \$65,000!

Thanks to sponsors & volunteers, 100% of your donations go to the kids!

Serving:

- 37 Minnesota hospitals,
- 2 Wisconsin hospitals,
- 1 North Dakota hospital,
- 2 Catholic Charities child shelters,
- 5 Ronald McDonald Houses

HELP...we need 6,500 gifts!

Become a sponsor!

Since 1990, Tree of Hope collects and distributes
gifts to children in hospitals during the holidays!

For more information visit

HolidayTreeOfHope.org/2020-Campaign



EAA 878 Flight Club Proposal

Following proposal is submitted by member Dick Borrell for a 5year lease of his 1968 Cessna 172I, N46201for use as the EAA 878 Flight Club aircraft and revenue generator for the chapter.

I. ADMINISTRATION: EAA 878 Executive Committee would either Administer The Club or setup a Committee to manage the day to day operations, scheduling, maintenance, training and finances of The Club. This group would be known as The Club Administration.

II. MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the EAA 878 Flight Club, would be limited to [30]

III. INITIATION FEE: Initiation Fee of \$1,000 would be paid upon acceptance by administration into The Club. Funds would be held in a separate account for use by The Club Administration. If a member resigns from The Club 50% of their initiation fee would be returned if they request it in writing.

IV. MONTHLY FEE: Each member will pay a monthly Administration Fee of \$25 to cover the costs of Insurance, Annual Inspection, Scheduling, Legal, Maintenance and Administration. At the option of the member they may pay in one lump sum a year's worth of fees for \$275, one month free!

V. USAGE FEE: The aircraft usage fee shall be \$80/Hobbs hour wet, rounded to the nearest 1/10hr. Calculated as follows:

- A. Fuel at \$4.38/gal and 8 gal/hr burn rate = \$35/hr
- B. EAA 878 \$10/hr with stipulation that if average fuel costs exceed \$4.38/gal in any calander month the \$10/hr rate will be adjusted downward.
- C. Lease payment to Dick Borrell (the lessor) \$35/hr, paid from The Club funds.

VI. COST SHARING WITH LEASOR:

- A. Annual Inspection. 100% paid for by The Club (N46201 comes with fresh annual)
- B. The Leasor pays the monthly Administration Fee \$25 or annually \$250.
- C. The Leasor pays only \$35/hr for his use of this aircraft (fuel only).
- D. Upgrades: The following Proposed upgrades would be cost shared as follows only upon a majority vote of the members and approval by The Club Administration:
 - 1. Avionics would be shared 50% by The Club and 50% by the Leasor.
 - 2. Auto Pilot would be shared 75% by The Club and 25% by the Leasor.
 - 3. Paint would be shared 90% by The Club and 10% by the Leasor.
 - 4. Engine Overhaul would be shared 25% by The Club and 75% by the Leasor.

NOTE: The Leasor maintains ownership of N46201 and must give 1 year notice to terminate this lease. If Leasor terminates this lease all members get FULL refunds of their initiation fee. If this lease is terminated by the Leasor any upgrades will be prorated any paid back to The Club for the time of use vs time of lease.

VII. AIRCRAFT BASE AND TRAINING: The Club would be based at KMGG in a hangar. There is currently one Flight Instructor at KMGG, Donald Hanson, CFI who we may certify as our checkout and trainer pilot and Karsten Nordby, CFII from Glencoe/Hutchinson is also willing to instruct in our 172I. It is my wish that we use the aircraft for Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot, Currency, Fun and Cross Country flying. Clearly more "legal detail" will need to be done to set up this club, but this gives us a framework to start from.

Submitted for Consideration on October 13th, 2020
By Dick Borrell, EAA Member