



## *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 since 1986. And we're now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.**

October, 2017

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 10**

**At: Tim and Carla Bond's hangar, Maple Lake Airport**

**NOTE: Barb Zabel will be taking a photo of the group, to be used on our Facebook page. Practice your smile!!**



- **FLIGHT TO SUCCESS**  
by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

"This whole world is crazy!" We often hear this phrase when life seems up-side-down. Fresh in our minds, we're coming off the Las Vegas shooting news where nearly 60 people were shot by a man who apparently "snapped."

So, how does recalling this horrific event relate to EAA? I like to think that our pilot community is mentally sound. But, you can't always assume other pilots make mentally sound judgments.

On a recent flight back from Faribault (KFBL), I encountered another Cessna that appeared to be on a suicide mission. Had he/she "snapped?"

The point we should make here is a reminder that all pilots need to be aware of their surroundings. Even our aviation world is crazy at times. "Fly defensively" and be safe out there.

We're passing along a huge "Atta-Boy" award to Tim Bond and his crew of EAA #878 pilots for handling the Young Eagles flights on 9/30/17. Great job guys!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



**Remember to regularly check our chapter's website and Facebook accounts:**

[www.878.eaachapter.org/](http://www.878.eaachapter.org/)  
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### ● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017

Oct. 10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
24	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Nov. 14	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Dec. 9	EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party, at Huikko's in Buffalo

Note: this list generally will not detail the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are already well documented on other sites which are dedicated to that purpose. For that information, see the EAA Chapter 878 website, [www.878.eaachapter.org/](http://www.878.eaachapter.org/), other websites such as <http://www.flyins.com> and [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com), or the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and airport bulletin boards.

### ● CHAPTER 878 IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

by Barb Zabel, Facebook Leader

A new tool for communications with our members, member recruitment, and for letting the general public know who we are and what we do is now available on Facebook. Facebook has become an integral part of the internet social media, and I felt it was important for Chapter 878 to be represented there.

Please see [www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/](http://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/) and "Like" and "Share" the page. It's a "public" page, so anyone can comment or add photos, etc. If you have any questions about this Facebook page, please call me at 763-360-6286, or email at [zabe\\_73@hotmail.com](mailto:zabe_73@hotmail.com).

#### NOTE: Group Photo Scheduled for October Meeting

At our October meeting I will be taking a group picture and putting that on our Face book page, with first and last names for each person, so I would like as many people there as possible.

### ● YOUNG EAGLES FLY!!!

by Tim Bond, Young Eagles Coordinator

We were able to finally get it done! On Saturday, September 30, Mother Nature finally gave us the clear skies, but just for fun she had to also give us a little wind cross wind! All went well and the pilots got some practice with cross wind landings. We had a total of 26 Young Eagles. Our pilots were Allen Zabel, Chris Glaeser, Dick Borrell and me. Ground crew was Alyssa Arends, Barb Zabel (picture taker) and my wife, Carla, who came at the end to help with the paper work.

Note: see the chapter Facebook page for photos and videos of the event, [www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/](http://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/)

Remember, anyone can take a kid flying under the Young Eagles program at ANYTIME (as long as you have completed the EAA Youth Protection Policy) – it doesn't have to be only during an organized YE event.

● **31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL EAA CHAPTER 878 MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN PHOTO FILE**  
**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 & 10**  
**by Wayne Flury**

Below are some of my photos of the Saturday night events and the Sunday fly-in.

Newspaper coverage was by the Maple Lake Messenger and Wright County Journal-Press. If you know or meet folks from those publications, please be sure to thank them. A reporter for the Monticello Times was unable to attend, but promised to run some photos and a caption. I submitted the following to him:

"The Maple Lake airport was a very busy place on the weekend of September 9 & 10 as members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 878 hosted their annual "fly-in." Pilots and non-pilots alike, along with families, converged on the airport for a Saturday night chili feed, live blues music, a bonfire and, for the adventurous, an overnight campout among the airplanes. Sunday's 31<sup>st</sup> annual "Pork Chop Dinner" drew hungry folks from around the area. A variety of aircraft were available for viewing, information about aviation was provided, and several youngsters in the ages of 8 – 17 were registered for an upcoming "Young Eagles" airplane ride (a free introduction to flight). Next year's event will be September 8 & 9, 2018."



Friday night campfire at sunset, with blues music in the background.



Blues in the hangar by the Craig Clark band.



The crew of the North Memorial medical helicopter were kept busy answering questions.



Ray Johnson's Stearman in its "front-and-center" place of honor!



Brent Bruns of St. Joseph drew a crowd around his Gryo-Technic, Prototype #2 gyroplane.



A visitor from the North. This display by representatives of Cirrus Aircraft was an attention getter.



Folks hungry for a pork chop were satisfied!

Do you have photos from the fly-in that should be shared? Send them to Wayne Flury to be in the newsletter.

Also see our Facebook page for photos and videos!

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

NOTE: new meeting location –

Class Room at Thunderbird Aviation at Flying Cloud Airport (immediately West of the Elliott Aviation Building and our previous meeting place at Inflight Aviation)



IMC Pilots Strive to be IFR Professionals – Always: Current, Competent, Proficient  
Trusting: Judgment, Decisions, Curiosity

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ATTENTION: All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are you interested in joining IMC/EAA 878 Club? Cost is \$37.00 total 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!

Features and Benefits: Redbird and Frasca 242 equipment access. Goal: Log one approach/month. Result: always Current and Proficient.

For more information and program content each month, please contact Dave at [DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com](mailto:DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com), or 612-272-4600.

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- **TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO THE CHAPTER**  
by Wayne Flury

If you purchase something for the chapter (it becomes property of the chapter, not just something you bring occasionally for the chapter to use at an event), you may claim this as a donation to the chapter.

Scholarships – though we don't have a "Scholarship Committee" (hint, hint – is this a committee you could volunteer for), there's nothing to stop us from accumulating funds to be used for that future purpose.

REMEMBER – EAA Chapter 878 is a 501(c)(3) organization and any donations you make to the chapter are tax deductible!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Help the chapter and help your tax situation at the same time!!

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- **WINTER GET TOGETHER??**  
by Wayne Flury

At our last meeting we discussed the possibility of having a winter fund raising event. For a long time we've kicked around the idea of a chili feed. We could combine this with a program event of some kind. I've been in touch with a person who would speak about his experiences with rocket powered aircraft, motorcycles, cars and, of course, rockets! He is open to doing something with us.

Manpower is always an issue for our events, and the requirements for this would be no different. If the weather is good we would need car and aircraft parkers, food prep, serving, etc., etc.

The winter weather is, of course an issue!

What do you think?

● **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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Chapter meetings are normally held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except for the winter months of January – April when we meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday morning). Meeting location and time may vary each month, depending upon the meeting program. Our December meeting is a family social event held at a local event center, with date, time and place to be determined annually.

Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

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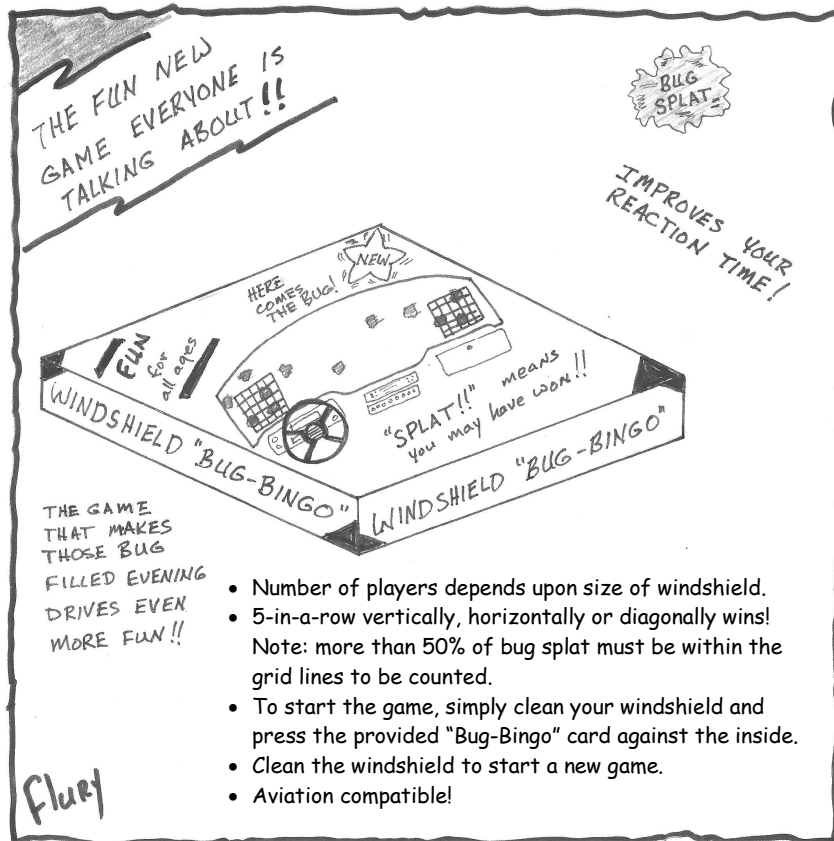
Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

The list of volunteer leaders for EAA Chapter 878 continues to grow!

Due to the increased size of this listing, my monthly cartoon has now been pushed to the next page. That's a good thing. Thank You!



• **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



A product of my imagination after many hours and miles of windshield time.

10/2017