



# 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.*

33 Years.....1986 – 2019

October, 2019

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT AND MEETING INFO**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 8

**Location:** Maple Lake Airport, in the Thomes / Zabel hangar

**Meeting Time:** 6:30 PM  
(east end of front row of hangars parallel to the runway)

**“Treats”:** Caramel apples!!!! Get your fingers sticky with caramel, then we’ll have a meeting!

- **ABBREVIATED NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER**  
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

This is an early and abbreviated newsletter because my wife, Joyce, and I are taking about a week to travel to Ellsworth AFB, SD where our son-in-law, daughter, and two grandkids are currently stationed (it’s not just the military member who is “stationed” somewhere, it’s the whole family!).

At the end of December they will be relocating to South Africa, so this is one of our last chances to spend time with our daughter and grandkids (son-in-law is currently TDY). Hope to see some of the beauty of the Black Hills once more, perhaps help our daughter prepare for the move, watch our granddaughter play volleyball, see our grandson play football, and just generally hang out.

Since they will be in South Africa for about two years, we need to take advantage while we can (can’t just travel the 9000 miles on a spur-of-the-moment to watch a school activity!).

A “reminder” email will be sent before the meeting.

**Remember to regularly check our chapter’s website:**

<https://www.878.eaachapter.org/>

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019**

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| Oct | 8  | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:15 pm, at Maple Lake Airport in the Thomes/Zabel hangar  |
|     | 22 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm  |
| Nov | 12 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:15 pm, location to be determined   |
|     | 26 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm  |
| Dec | 7  | Tree of Hope toy collection, 9 AM to 1 PM, St. Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC), St. Cloud Aviation  |
|     | 14 | EAA Chapter 878 Holiday Social and Year End Awards; 6:00 pm Social Hour, 7:00 pm Dinner.<br>At Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko’s Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo |

- **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 22

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)



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!

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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- **YOUNG EAGLES REPORT**  
by Kyle Weatherly, Young Eagles Coordinator:

Thank you again to all those who helped at our last scheduled group Young Eagle activity on September 14<sup>th</sup>, and to others throughout the YE season. Our official number was 17 kids flown on 9/14.

One young man, age 17, went to tour the aviation program at SDSU in Brookings yesterday. He is planning on pursuing a career in aviation. I gave Jonathon a private Young Eagle ride 2 weeks ago and he is definitely interested.

One mother came into the A&D building to let us know her son was sick in the car on the way to the airport, so he didn't fly. This mother is also the 7th grade science teacher from Rockford and a friend of Kurt Pennuto's. EAA 878 has made the commitment to continue with the STEM help in aviation this year. I plan on doing this but may need backup.

I have quite a envelope of YE material to submit to the home office this week. We had a good season. I'm really not certain where the official number will end up, I think we are over 100 kids flown this year. But we had several young ones at the Cub Scout event, so I think the official numbers will be high 80's or low 90's. Last year was 64 kids.

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- **NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS**  
by Wayne Flury

Mina Carlson and John Schaefer of St. Michael have joined the chapter. Perhaps you met them if you were at our "Space Aliens" gathering. Please extend a "Welcome" at the next opportunity.

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- **CULINARY COORDINATOR**  
by Wayne Flury

We all like to come to a meeting, relax and have time to socialize with other members while enjoying a burger, brat, a plate of spaghetti, or even just a cookie (maybe with some ice cream!). Greg Thomes started the "pre-meeting meal" because he knew it was something that other chapters had success with this to improve attendance.

But, the responsibility and work of organizing this attraction to our meeting needs to be shared within the membership.

Please consider volunteering to fill this role and to relieve Greg. Any costs are reimbursed.

- **TREE OF HOPE**  
December 7, 2019 at St. Cloud Aviation, St. Cloud Airport  
by Elaine Morrow

Please mark your calendars for this upcoming holiday season activity. This year will be our 30<sup>th</sup> year of giving!

Plan to join us on Saturday, December 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM. This year the event will be held at St. Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC) at St. Cloud Aviation. That's where we will **label and bag gifts for distribution**. Toys are actually collected all year long.

For more information, including the 2019 flyer and the 2019 brochure see: <http://holidaytreeofhope.org/>. Also see our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn](https://facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn).

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- **BE THE VOLUNTEER TO HEAD THE MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN COMMITTEE FOR 2020**

By previous vote of the chapter, we did not have a 2019 fly-in at Maple Lake. This broke a string of 32 consecutive years of a fly-in at Maple Lake, but we do hope to plan for and hold a 2020 event.

The first Maple Lake fly-in was held on September 13, 1987 (only one year after EAA Chapter 878 was formed). It featured a pork chop dinner (something unusual at fly-ins at the time) prepared by the Wright County Pork Producers and was sponsored by EAA Chapter 878, the Maple Lake Commercial Club, the Maple Lake Flyers, and the Maple Lake Jaycees.

A 2020 fly-In will need planning and organizational help from the entire chapter as we reset our priorities, energy and focus. We'll need input on possible activities, displays, events, and food serving options.

Please examine what draws you to a fly-in, and how we can channel that attraction into our own event. You can be the leader that brings a fly-in back to Maple Lake.

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- **CHAPTER 878 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
by Kyle Weatherly, Scholarship Committee Coordinator

I will be updating the scholarship form in the near future and will also be contacting schools in October to meet with them again prior to their Christmas break this year.

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- **CLASSIFIED ADS**

**AIRPLANE FOR SALE:** EAA Chapter 878 member Allen Zabel has his 1978 Cessna Skyhawk 172 for sale. See the following Craig's List posting: [minneapolis.craigslist.org/csw/avo/d/maple-lake-1978-cessna-skyhawk-172/6965568559.html](https://minneapolis.craigslist.org/csw/avo/d/maple-lake-1978-cessna-skyhawk-172/6965568559.html).

It's also listed in Trade-A-Plane.

You may also contact Barb Zabel at [zabe\\_73@hotmail.com](mailto:zabe_73@hotmail.com) or 763-360-6286.

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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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- **CHAPTER 878 HANGAR PROGRESS!**

Below is a photo from Greg Thomes showing that electrical power is making its way to our hangar (and may be completed by the time you read this). This is an important additional step toward the remaking of this old hangar into something serviceable in support of our chapter. Once this is completed, work can be finished on the door and interior, including lighting and power distribution.

Thanks to our Facilities Committee for getting this work accomplished. You can expect a call for volunteer assistance as we progress to the next steps. Please be ready to respond.



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- **CONTINUING STEM EDUCATION AT ROCKFORD SCHOOLS**

by Kyle Weatherly

I've had correspondence with Corina Sarsland, the teacher Kurt had been working with at Rockford Middle School over the years. Now that Kurt has departed to Colorado, I agreed to continue participation in the STEM program as a representative from EAA Chapter 878. She told me she and the school are excited to honor Kurt by continuing this partnership. She has also registered her son for our next Young Eagles event.

This school year they have three dates on which to work with the Exploratory Program on flight – the dates are Sept 30, Jan 21 and March 2. Morning sessions run from 9:50 am to 11:45 am, and afternoon sessions are 1:53 pm to 2:45 pm (different students in each session).

I can't guarantee that I'll make all these dates myself. We should bring it up to the chapter and create an Aviation Day type of presentation based on what Kurt has started. We can develop this and promote it as another thing we can do with all the local schools.

Last year I gave presentations at Dassel/Cokato and St. Michael - maybe we can get something going in all the schools (assuming we have some people stepping up to help). I know that Tom Rammel is working with Dassel/Cokato students on aviation projects. His commitment is more than I can do at this time but schools might be interested in this one day type of program.

Let me know if you're interested in being a part of our school outreach into their STEM programs. I can give you an overview of the classroom program and help get you set up.

● **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 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.

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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