



## *The Maple Lake Flyer*

A newsletter of EAA Chapter 878, Experimental Aircraft Association

**EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation community in Maple Lake, Buffalo and surrounding areas of Minnesota since 1986.**

February, 2016

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

### **Saturday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m. at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport**

This meeting will feature a special program presentation by George Funk, whose father and uncle started the Funk Aircraft Company in the 1930's.

We'll also have a general business chapter meeting, with agenda subjects as appropriate.

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

So, we've set some wonderful goals for 2016. Now what should we do to make these plans a reality?

This is where I wear the annual *New Member Brigade* hat. February is a great time of year to call upon those individuals who've been *fringe players*, *potential volunteers* and/or *friendly neighborhood pilots* to join EAA Chapter 878.

I ask each one of you to make a commitment this year to invite (and sign) at least one new member to our ranks. Period.

As a famous radio announcer once said: "The benefits are almost too obvious to require elaboration." But, here are a few of my thoughts:

- a) Our pilot base isn't getting any younger. We need that new blood to handle our many programs.
- b) New members also have new ideas (yes, unproven ideas...but never-the-less...new ideas).
- c) There's also an enthusiasm with new folks on-board. It's refreshing to collaborate with new faces.

One of our chapter's best members, at asking other pilots to be new members, is our very own secretary Wayne Flury. Just ask Wayne sometime how he goes-about his business of bringing new members into the club.

And, thank you for being a member of this organization! We appreciate you.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



- **MINUTES OF MEETING – January 9, 2016**  
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

January meeting of EAA Chapter 878 in the hangar of West Metro Aviation at the Buffalo Airport, with 13 members.

## **REPORTS:**

The "Secretary's Report" (photos and notes only from December, as it was our Christmas party), approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns presented for November and December. No questions. Motion to approve seconded and approved. See financial reports at the end of these minutes. Dick noted that dues for 2016 are due and requested that members provide complete name and address info (to maintain identity of those who have paid and also to update chapter roster list).

## **COMMITTEES:**

**Young Eagles:** Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Glen Morrow – has a couple of prospects for events, but otherwise no new updates.

**Chapter Website Update:** Website Coordinator Wyatt Erickson not present.

**Chapter PIC Hours:** Not recorded or tallied for 2016, due to only being 9 days into the year.

**Fly-Outs:** Kent Peterson – not present to report.

**Eagle Flights Program:** Greg Thomes noted that the chapter needs a volunteer leader for this program (Eagle Flights is a free introductory flight experience and informal mentoring program to welcome and encourage adults who want to discover flying).

No volunteer stepped forward at the meeting, item will be kept open.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Bill Mavencamp, Sr. Memorial and MN Aviation Hall of Fame Nomination:**

Per Glen Morrow, the paperwork for renaming of the Maple Lake Airport in honor of Bill Sr. is moving through the process.

### **Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport:**

No update; tabled until February.

### **Maple Lake Fly-In:**

Kurt Pennuto reviewed the Planning Committee's minutes from their last meeting. Another meeting was to be held at the conclusion of the regular chapter meeting. Minutes from future fly-in meetings will be sent to Wayne Flury for inclusion in the newsletter.

Currently planning for a 2-day event, September 9 and 10, with fly-in/camp-in beginning Saturday afternoon, with a chili feed Sat. evening. Looking to get aircraft display for Saturday. Planning for a "Hangar Hoedown" music event Sat. evening.

Sunday to be the traditional pork chop dinner fly-in with similar events and activities as previous years.

Fred Jude questioned if the chapter should be a member of the Maple Lake Chamber of Commerce, to take advantage of local promotion. Dues are \$125/year. Greg Thomes noted that he attends the C of C meetings as part of the fishing tournament and he would report on anything affecting the airport.

- Chapter Christmas Party:** Connie Erickson not present to report. Greg noted that he thought it had gone very well and was enjoyed by all.
- Tree of Hope:** Elaine Morrow was not present to report. Glen offered some perspective. Greg Thomes offered to both Elaine and Glen a "Good Job" accolade.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2016 Budget Review:** No work done yet. Greg Thomes and Dick Burns to collaborate.

**2016 Action Plan:** To develop in conjunction with the Budget. These are suggestions on things we want to accomplish or experience as a chapter in 2016.

Some items discussed are:

- ✓ Establish scholarship fund. Discussion followed about the worth of scholarships and getting people to apply. Perhaps the money from several small scholarships needs to be consolidated into one with larger value. Some organizations having trouble giving scholarships. Mike Wiskus noted that the MN Pilots Association had only one applicant.
- ✓ Boy Scout Jamboree. Greg Thomes will stay in touch with Boy Scouts about future events, similar to the one held at Buffalo this last year.
- ✓ Chapter build a plane / provide "mentor" to someone just starting a build.
- ✓ Assistance to West Metro "Yellow Cub Club" program, something Mike W. is starting this summer with a J-3 Cub as an intro to aviation for youth. It will lead to a free ride in the J-3. Mike would like help from the chapter in the form of volunteer support, publicity, etc. No financial input.
- ✓ Buffalo Fly-In. Mike W. noted it will be June 12 with a pancake breakfast and air show. Mike wants the chapter to handle the breakfast, as we have done.
- ✓ Fred Jude suggested getting a jump club to train chapter members who are interested in doing a tandem parachute jump.
- ✓ Work with STEM programs in local schools. Kurt Pennuto works with the program at the Rockford Middle School. He will check on programs at other local schools.

**Trip to Oshkosh:** Wayne Flury is waiting for response from EAA on options for a chapter visit. Several members interested in participating. Discussion turned to the Summer Work Parties and several members were interested in this as well. Wayne will switch the focus to the work party event and respond back to the chapter.

**2016 Officer Slate:** Greg Thomes polled the current officers to confirm their intent to continue their function in 2016. Greg is responding to EAA for our chapter renewal. Greg asked for a motion to ratify the officer slate; motion by Dave S., second by Glen M and all approved.

**Chapter Video Projector:** Glen Morrow and Kurt Pennuto worked together to acquire a projector for the chapter. Glen received approval from EAA to use Young Eagle credits toward this purchase. Kurt has custody of the projector for now and will review requirements for connecting to a computer. Glen paid for the projector, total cost more than YE credit amount. Kurt moved to pay Glen all costs, motion approved. Unit will be used for YE events as well as chapter programs.

## Treasurer's Report Summary:

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Nov.			
Opening Balance			\$6707.43
Income:	\$		
Total	\$	<u>0</u>	
Expenses:			
Total	\$	<u>0</u>	
Total Change:	\$	<u>0</u>	
Ending Balance			\$6707.43

Monthly Treasurer's Report by Dick Burns for Dec.			
Opening Balance			\$6707.43
Income: Dues	\$	160.00	
Total	\$	<u>160.00</u>	
Expenses: Greg Thomes (Christmas party)	\$	151.96	
Total	\$	<u>151.96</u>	
Total Change:	\$	8.04	
Ending Balance			\$6715.47

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- **CHAPTER DUES**  
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Chapter dues are due at the beginning of each calendar year. At the beginning of each year, we all decide which activities, organizations and charities we will personally support, either with our volunteer time, our financial support, or both. There are many that are worthy of our time, money and commitment. I hope that EAA Chapter 878 is close to your heart and you will find it personally important to re-invest both in the national EAA organization and our local chapter through your dues and volunteer contributions.

Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns will gladly accept your dues payment, but prefers it in the form of a check so that he has a record of who has paid (although cash WILL be accepted!). Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age and \$25 per year for age 35 and over. If you cannot attend a chapter meeting to make your dues payment, please mail to Dick at: 16233 Cty Rd 15, Wayzata, MN 55391.

Note: only current, dues paid chapter members receive the "AvBits" emails.

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- **CHAPTER NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION LIST**  
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

**A Note To All Newsletter Recipients:** I will soon be doing my annual review of the mailing list for the chapter newsletter. In addition to all current EAA Chapter 878 members (dues have been paid) and some other local chapters or aviation entities, I email the newsletter to several other people, at my discretion, hopefully to entice you to become interested in joining the chapter. I usually keep those names on the email list for at least a year.

However, for some people their interest in the chapter never rises to the level of making a commitment (paying dues to become a chapter member). Therefore, unless I get feedback that you plan to join the chapter, I'll be dropping some names from the mail list. It has been my pleasure to send you the newsletter and I hope you have enjoyed or gotten some benefit from it. Let me know of any questions or comments.

I'll concede there is no additional cost to the chapter to email a newsletter to any number of people (as compared to the good old days when I had to print and fold the newsletter, stuff the envelope, print and affix the mailing labels, put on a postage stamp and deliver them to the post office), but the newsletter IS supposed to be a benefit of chapter membership.

- **YOUNG EAGLES YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**  
By Glen Morrow, EAA Chapter 878 Young Eagles Coordinator

EAA has begun implementing what they call the "Youth Protection Plan" that requires all EAA volunteers who will be working directly with young people to participate in some on-line training, including a background check. Go to <http://www.eaa.org/youthprotection> to see the Youth Protection Plan requirements and view the youth program FAQs regarding the implementation of this policy.

If you still have questions regarding this, please contact me. It only takes 15-20 minutes to complete the on-line training.

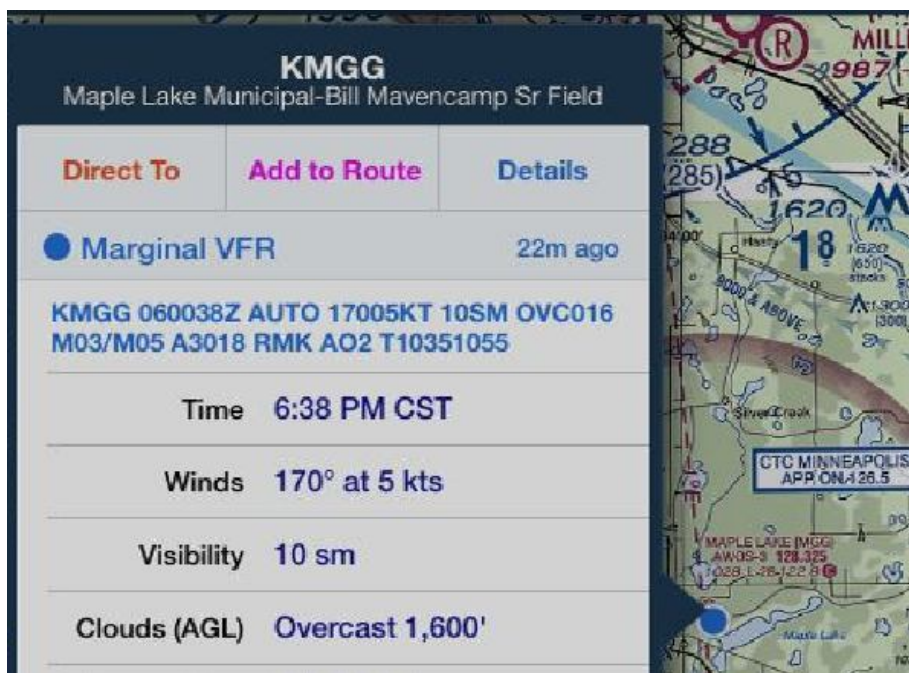
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- **MAPLE LAKE AIRPORT NOW RENAMED IN HONOR OF BILL MAVENCAMP, SR.**  
By Glen Morrow

The screen shot here (Ed.: most likely from ForeFlight) shows that the Maple Lake Airport, KMGG, is now identified as Maple Lake Municipal – Bill Mavencamp Sr Field. This screen shot was taken approximately 6:30, Friday, February 6. As of Saturday, February 6 the MnDot website has not yet been updated to this change.

A website, AirNav.com does show the new airport name, with a note that it is from FAA information effective February 4: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KMGG>. Other sites may also reflect this change.

The idea of renaming the Maple Lake Airport to honor Bill Mavencamp, Sr., an "institution" in Minnesota aviation, began at our EAA Chapter 878 meeting in February, 2015. At that time, a committee headed by Glen Morrow plus Pete Radintz and Steve Panuska was identified to begin investigation of a renaming process through the City of Maple Lake, and also to get consensus from the Mavencamp family. The family approved and the City, after Glen met with the council, began the process of requesting the



name change through the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Aeronautics and Aviation (see records of June 16, 2015 council minutes at: [http://www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7BA71242C5-0B5F-4DBF-91A5-8D1A5B252CDD%7D/uploads/CCM\\_06-16-2016.pdf](http://www.ci.maple-lake.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7BA71242C5-0B5F-4DBF-91A5-8D1A5B252CDD%7D/uploads/CCM_06-16-2016.pdf) and <http://www.maplelakemessenger.com/articles/2015/08/26/maple-lake-city-council>).

Though the bureaucratic process seemed to observers to move slowly, it did actually move and the result is a lasting tribute to Bill, Sr.

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2016**

Mar 12 Chapter meeting with FAAST program at West Metro Aviation  
Apr 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting with pancake breakfast for all chapter members and family  
Apr 29-30 Minnesota Pilots Association, 2-day convention at Golden Wings Air Museum, Anoka County Airport

Dates not set: Program presentation by a representative from the National Weather Service.  
Chapter picnic at home of a member

May 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
June 13 Buffalo Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast and Air Show by Mike Wiskus plus Lucas Oil Jump Team  
June 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
July 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
Aug 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
Sept 10, 11 Chapter 878 Fly-In, Maple Lake. Note: current plans are for 2-day event with Chili Feed and Hangar Hoedown on Sat; Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday  
Sept 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
Oct 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting  
Nov 8 EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Election of chapter officers for 2017-19. (Note: potential meeting date conflict with national election day).  
Dec 10 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party

Note: this 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. If I did try to list them, I risk the possibility of missing one or slighting someone if I fail to list their event. I will make an exception for some events.

For aviation events throughout the area, see the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and bulletin boards, plus I recommend subscribing to the free email alerts through <http://www.flyins.com> and [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com).

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- **THE EDITOR'S TWO CENTS**  
**by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor**

**An Opinion...and a promise...concerning EAA's Chapter Video Magazine**

Most of you are aware that EAA Oshkosh produces a monthly Chapter Video Magazine (CVM). The intent of EAA is that the monthly CVM is to be shown to chapter members as a part of our regular meetings. The CVM is considered by EAA to be a "premium content" vehicle by which EAA can directly communicate various messages and special features about the organization or events. I use a similar philosophy in my distribution of our "AvBits" email which is provided only to our current Chapter 878 members (dues paid).

To facilitate the CVM presentation, a website link for the monthly video is emailed by EAA to all chapter leaders (allowing these leaders to watch – and "re-watch" if we wish – the video in our home, at our convenience, all at once or in segments, as time allows). Chapter 878 has, from time to time, used these videos as a supplement to our meetings, particularly when we had no other special program presentation. We also experimented with making the CVMs available to our chapter members on a flash drive which could be checked out for personal viewing.

Personally, I have found the videos to be interesting and highly commend the EAA video staff for all the work they do to produce them.

When we have shown the CVM at a chapter meeting, response has been mixed. We've had to show it on a laptop or borrow a video projector (no longer a problem, since the chapter now owns one!). Some folks are interested in all the segments, but some are not. The result is often one where it's hard to maintain interest over the full run time of the videos (the January video runs 27 minutes) with the result that members tend to wander away to drink coffee or start their own conversations.

The email sent with the video link has verbiage stating, "Please do not share this video link," and "Please do not forward, share, or publish this information with anyone outside of your chapter." Since we have some Chapter 878 members who cannot attend monthly meetings, or choose not to attend for any number of

good and valid reasons, I followed up on a question from Greg Thomes and made contact with EAA to ask whether I could send the email link, via my restricted AvBits email mailing list, to only our chapter members.

The response, to which I will adhere, was a predictable "No!" Here's their main point: "The content is designed as a benefit of the chapters for use at their meetings. If it becomes forwarded material it defeats the intended purpose and goal of the CVM. The good news is that all the premium content contained within the CVM is eventually released online and available to everyone through [www.eaavideo.org](http://www.eaavideo.org), thus insuring that everyone is able to see the content!"

While I concur with their philosophy, I think it fails (at least as I see it relating to EAA Chapter 878) in that the information and the motivation available in the CVM does not get relayed to the very people who could most benefit from it...those people who are chapter members but do not or cannot attend monthly meetings. How else to better extend the warm arm of inclusiveness than to share the personal and timely messages of EAA leadership and volunteers with everyone, and not just those who fit into a very narrowly defined standard of chapter membership (those able or willing to attend monthly meetings)?

Additionally, in my shallow search of the EAA Video portion of the website, I have found nowhere that the typical "introduction" or the first segment on most CVM's has been archived. These introductions are usually something of current interest or importance (such as February's CVM with a discussion of the new, and somewhat controversial, Young Eagles Youth Protection Plan) or past CVM's with commentary by Jack Pelton or other EAA leadership. We need less, not more, of "preaching to the choir" by limiting exposure to these segments.

Thus ends my rant. In light of the EAA desire, I will make it a point to emphasize to all Chapter 878 members the existence and treasure trove that is the video segment of the EAA website. There are a lot of entertaining and informative videos, interviews with notable aviation personnel, building tips, and much, much more. Check it out!! Go to: [www.eaavideo.org](http://www.eaavideo.org).

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- **OSHKOSH WEEKEND WORK PARTY**  
by Wayne Flury

I had previously asked our chapter members if anyone was interested in a road trip to Oshkosh this winter for the main purpose of touring the EAA museum. Several members indicated an interest. At the January meeting discussion turned towards participating in one of the EAA Weekend Work Parties, and again there were several members indicating interest.

What is a Weekend Work Party? On the EAA website, in a Forums thread (<http://eaaforums.org/forum.php>), Michelle Farr, HR Business Partner, [mfarr@eaa.org](mailto:mfarr@eaa.org), offered an answer:

"We're looking for people who would love the insider's perspective as we prepare for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016. Spend a weekend day or two with us out and about on the grounds and you'll not only get that insider's view, you'll get to know members from other EAA chapters and be part of the set up for AirVenture! Duties vary but can include carpentry, grass cutting, painting, gardening, general maintenance, and things we probably haven't thought of yet. We have lots of projects and tasks to help prepare the grounds for AirVenture. All individuals and skill sets are welcomed."

"Lodging, food and programming are provided to those that volunteer their time to help out. Last year some of the programs that we had were B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* Final Mission Presentation, Apollo 13 Presentation and the One Week Wonder presentation. We are still confirming programming for this year."

"Work party dates for 2016 are: May 14-15, May 21-22, June 4-5, June 25-26, July 9-10 and July 16-17."

Note that AirVenture Oshkosh 2016 is scheduled for July 25 – 31.

Let me know if you're interested in a Work Party, and which weekend you would prefer, and I'll investigate the details further.



### **Alternative work party:**

As an alternative, Chapter 878 has an opportunity to participate in a slightly more aviation focused weekend event. EAA Chapter 237 from Anoka has gone to Oshkosh on a regular basis for some time and has worked on EAA's B-17, B-25, and Ford Tri-Motor, plus other ongoing projects.

Chapter 237 is planning another work party for March 4 – 6, and has issued an invitation to other local chapters to also take part. Their schedule is as follows:

- most volunteers will depart for OSH on Thursday (Mar. 3)
- some volunteers leave on Friday (Mar. 4).
- work Friday & Saturday (Mar. 4 & 5)
- Sunday (Mar. 6) a free day to explore EAA, Oshkosh, and/or head home.

We have until February 21st to make a decision. EAA will need to be notified of the numbers by then so preparations can be made. There will be plenty of work to do and no experience is necessary. Women are encouraged to participate and a separate housing facility will be available. EAA supplies free lodging and prepared meals at the Air Academy Lodge!

I'll include this info in the next newsletter, and everyone interested in participating should make that known at our next meeting (Feb. 13).

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### **• WANT TO LEARN SOMETHING? GOT A QUESTION? CHECK OUT EAA VIDEOS** by Wayne Flury

If you've got a question about a process involved with building an airplane, and can't wait until AirVenture Oshkosh to attend a workshop to ask your question, there's probably a video on the EAA website that already addresses your issue or question. From welding to sheetmetal to fabric to engines and propellers and more, there's a treasure trove of technical information available, presented by knowledgeable people in an easy-to-understand format.

If you're not a tech guy but just want to see some cool videos of air shows or fantastic aircraft restorations, or aviation history, there's all of that and much, much more. This is also where the EAA webinars are archived.

Go to [www.eaavideo.org](http://www.eaavideo.org) and check it all out!

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### **• MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION – Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering; Mark Your Calendars**

The 2016 Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering, or GMAG, which is an annual major event of the Minnesota Pilots Association, has been set for Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, at the Anoka County – Blaine Airport at Golden Wings Air Museum. Mark your calendars for this event. Last year was great and this year should prove to be even better!

See: <https://www.mnpilots.org/> for more details and information.



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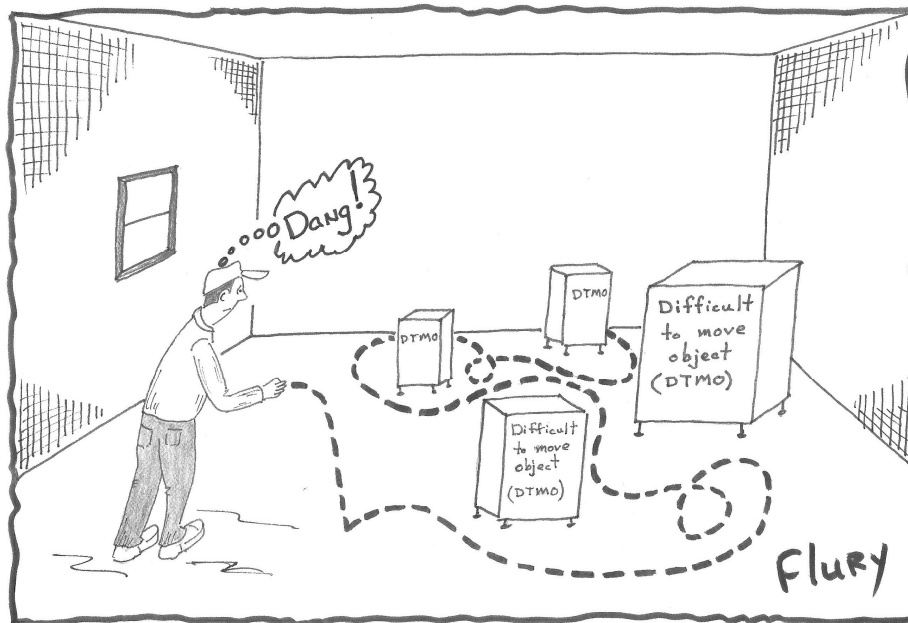
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### • THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



**Wayne's Theory of Workshop Futility:** In a workshop in which even a small percentage of floor space is taken up by difficult-to-move objects, any small, one-of-a-kind, expensive, only-one-in-stock, need-to-have-it item, when dropped, will bounce, bound, roll, leap, jump or carom off of other things toward the least obvious difficult-to-move object, and come to rest under said difficult-to-move object in the most difficult-to-see, hardest-to-reach location. The likelihood of this happening and the speed at which the item moves is directly proportional to any deadline or timetable status.

**NOTE:** This theory also seems to be applicable to household furniture.

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