



# 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

May, 2019

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14

**Location:** Maple Lake Airport in the Thomes/Zabel hangar  
(east end of front row of hangars parallel to the runway)

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM (we're back to Tuesday night meetings for the summer!)

**Pre-Meeting Meal:** Brats to be grilled and served at 6:30, with meeting to follow  
Come hungry!!

**Note:** → Please bring a dish to share  
Soft drinks, water and condiments provided by chapter

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

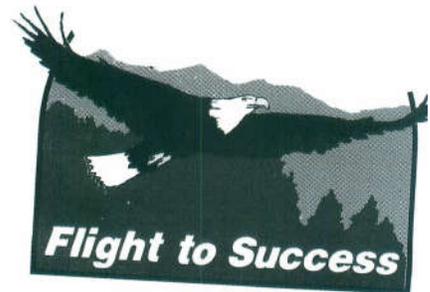
In less than a month, we'll be honoring D-Day's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 was the day Allied landings on the beaches of Normandy France began 'Operation Overlord'...the start of the liberation of German occupied Western Europe.

Future issues of EAA's Sport Aviation magazine will be highlighting D-Day's historic accomplishments. And, we'll get a closer look at the airplanes and flight crews used in WW II's European-theatre. You won't want to miss this tribute and the recognition planned for 2019's AirVenture ceremonies.

Speaking of which, receiving EAA's Sport Aviation magazine is one of the many benefits of being a member of the national organization. If you're receiving this newsletter, and have paid your Chapter #878 dues, you are already of member in good standing of our local group. Don't miss out on the great benefits of being a national EAA member too!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President



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

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



● **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019**

- May 11 Young Eagle flight event, Chapter 878, at Buffalo Airport
- 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm, Maple Lake Airport (Note: back to Tuesday evening meetings for the summer!)
- 28 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- June 8 Young Eagle flight event, Chapter 878, at Buffalo Airport
- 9 Chapter 878 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast and Wright County Car Club Car Show at Buffalo Airport
- 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm
- 25 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- July 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm, at Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building
- 23 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Aug 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm, at Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building
- 27 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Sep 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm, at Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building
- 24 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm

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 our EAA Chapter 878 website, [www.878.eeachapter.org/](http://www.878.eeachapter.org/), and 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.

● **YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS PREPARE FOR ANOTHER YEAR**

by Kyle Weatherly, Chapter 878 Young Eagles Co-Coordinator

Chapter 878 Young Eagle Co-Coordinators, Kyle Weatherly and Kurt Pennuto, have a May 11 Young Eagles flight experience ready to go. The planned event in April had to be cancelled due to poor weather (keeping fingers crossed for May!). There are several youth already lined up, and some pilots. More pilots and ground personnel, and probably more youth, can always be utilized.

If you would like to assist, or have some kids that would like to fly, contact Kyle at 612-759-5227 or [k.weatherly@live.com](mailto:k.weatherly@live.com); or Kurt at 612-209-3478 or [kpenn\\_41@charter.net](mailto:kpenn_41@charter.net).

Also Note: Don't wait for a regularly scheduled Young Eagle event to take a kid flying! This can be done ANYTIME! Just be sure you have completed the Youth Protection Policy training, get a registration form (see Kyle or Kurt), and go fly. These are the times when you can really take the time to enjoy the flight and not worry about getting back down so you can take another load.

● **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER TO BE OUR CHAPTER 878 “FACEBOOK LEADER”**

by Wayne Flury

Our previous Facebook Leader, Alyssa Arends, advised that she needed to step away from this and other roles in which she has served Chapter 878. Therefore, there is currently no Facebook page being maintained for Chapter 878. I have removed the Facebook link that is normally found on the first page of the newsletter. Chapter 878 leadership is looking for a person to step forward to be our new “social media” leader.

If this appeals to you as a way to be a volunteer to the chapter, contact any of the chapter leaders. See everyone's contact info on Page 9 of this newsletter in the *EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO* section.

● **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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- **CHAPTER 878 RAY FOUNDATION SCHOLAR PROGRESS**  
by Boyd Emmel, Chapter 878 Ray Aviation Scholarship Program Coordinator

Ed. Note: Boyd Emmel has volunteered to be the Chapter 878 Coordinator for the Ray Foundation Scholarship program. As such, he will be responsible to help select a scholarship candidate, monitor their progress, be the point of contact with EAA, mentor the candidate, and submit progress reports to EAA. Note: this scholarship program is separate and distinct from the Chapter 878 Scholarship Program.

Chapter 878 has already been approved for submittal of a candidate for the scholarship and we have identified our candidate – Chapter 878 member Jazmin Spreiter. Jazmin was present for our April meeting and other members were encouraged to get to know her.

The committee met after last month's general chapter meeting and agreed to forward Jazmin's name to EAA for review and approval.

Jazmin has told me she completed her application through the EAA website. I imagine it will be a few days before we'll hear something. At least one of the last steps has been taken! Next I need to review the application and "OK" it for official submission. I hope to have more information for the chapter at our May meeting.

The Ray Foundation Scholarship is funded by the Ray Foundation of Naples, Florida. James Ray was a lifetime EAA member dedicated to aviation and youth. Among other things, this foundation previously provided the financing for the Air Academy Lodge on the EAA grounds at Oshkosh, and now the Ray Foundation has provided \$1 million to EAA to fund the Ray Aviation Scholarships. Approved chapters and candidates are eligible for a scholarship worth up to \$10,000 for flight training.

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- **RECREATIONAL AVIATION FOUNDATION (RAF) WORK PARTY SCHEDULED**  
by Kurt Pennuto, EAA Chapter 878 Member and RAF MN State Liaison

The Recreational Aviation Foundation is holding a work party on June 1-2 at Bowstring Airport (9Y0). Work will begin at 8 am on Saturday. The goal of the weekend will be to add two campsites to the airfield. Underwing camping is available for the work party. Tools and equipment will be provided. Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast will also be provided.

I invite any Chapter 878 members who are interested in the RAF to join us on those dates for some work, fellowship, and to learn more about the RAF.

Drive or fly in. If you are flying in, visit Airfield Guide for information about Bowstring Airport.

To RSVP, email MN State Liaison Kurt Pennuto at: [kpennuto@theraf.org](mailto:kpennuto@theraf.org) or text: 612-209-3478.

Please indicate if you plan to fly or drive in. Your RSVP is needed for food planning as well.

For more info on the Recreational Aviation Foundation, see: <https://theraf.org/>.

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- **CHANGE OF CHAPTER 878 NON-PROFIT MANAGER VOLUNTEER**  
by Wayne Flury, Secretary

Barb Zabel notified Chapter 878 leadership that she needs to step back from her current level of involvement in chapter activities and will be unable to continue to Manager of Chapter Non-Profit Programs. Our Chapter Treasurer, Henry Williams, has volunteered to accept those duties in addition to his treasurer role. Among other things, Henry will keep records of all donations to the chapter and be responsible for sending letters of recognition to all donors.

Please extend your thanks to Barb for his service, and welcome Henry into this new responsibility.

- **MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION 2019 “GREAT MINNESOTA AVIATION GATHERING” (GMAG)**  
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

The traffic pattern at Buffalo Airport was a BUSY place on Friday, April 26, as more than 60 aircraft and their pilots arrived for the first ever GMAG event to be held at Buffalo. Ground vehicle traffic was also very high. Saturday was a different story as the weather did a 180! However, drive-in attendance remained good and interest in the event on both days was strong.

This was a showcase opportunity for the Buffalo Airport, the City of Buffalo (and also EAA Chapter 878!) and I believe it was well received. Changing the venue of an event always creates some concern, and perhaps some hesitation by actual or potential attendees, but you wouldn’t have known it by the numbers of people who filled the West Metro hangars and other hangars used for presentation space on both days. I hope you had the chance to attend at least one of the days.

Some chapter members participated by volunteering for set-up of the hangars, car and aircraft parking on both days, EAA chapters booth staffing, and general “hosting” of visitors (where can I find an ATM? Where is a good place to eat? Are there any hangars available at Buffalo or Maple Lake? Etc., etc.).

Be sure to check <https://www.mnpilots.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/MNPILOTS> for official reports of the event, including estimated attendance. The Minnesota Pilots Association already is planning come back to Buffalo next year.



Ramp area in front of West Metro (yes, Ray’s Stearman DID get special treatment!)



Ramp sign

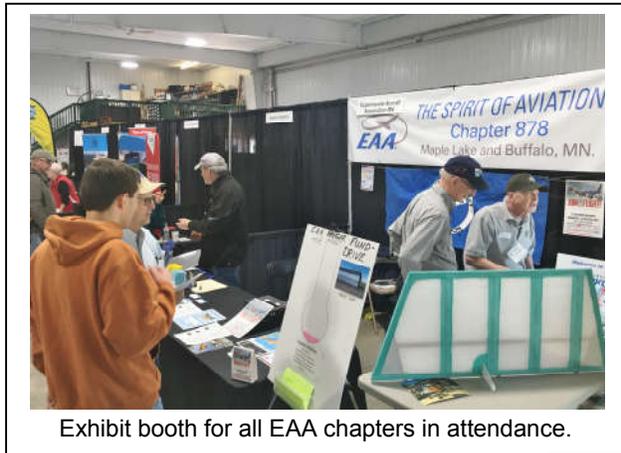


Exhibit booth for all EAA chapters in attendance.



Silent auction items.



Elaine Morrow and the Tree of Hope exhibit.



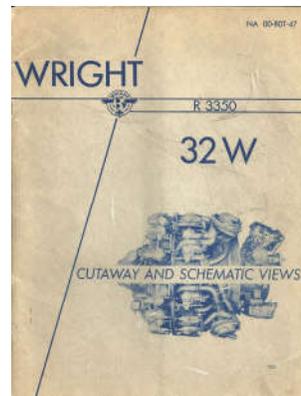
Chapter member Bill Mavencamp (left) received an FAA “Master Pilot” award. 50 years of active flying with no accidents (in 35,000 hours of time!!).

- **WRIGHT ENGINE MANUAL DONATED TO COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE MINNESOTA WING**  
by Wayne Flury

A manual published by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation, number NA 00-80T-47, *Cutaway and Schematic Views* of a Wright R-3350-32W engine has been donated in the name of EAA Chapter 878 to the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing.

This manual had languished in the cabinet of our chapter library and, though I had offered it the last newsletter to anyone who was interested, I had no responses. I next contacted Bill Tischer of the CAF MN Wing to see if they wanted the manual, and he quickly accepted! They don't have an aircraft on which this engine would have been used, but the CAF MN Wing is an excellent repository for this somewhat historical document.

Note: recall that Wing Leader Bill Tischer is the representative who came to our March meeting last year to present the CAF MN Wing history and mission.



For more info about the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing, see: <https://www.cafmn.org/>. They are based at the South St. Paul Airport. They have several events each year, and their museum is open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It's free admission, though they appreciate any and all donations!

Note: if anyone has information about who originally donated this manual to the chapter, or where it may have come from, please let me know so that proper recognition might accompany it.

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- **NATIONAL EAA MEMBERSHIP**  
by Wayne Flury

Are you a member of the national EAA organization? EAA expects, and Chapter 878 encourages, all chapter members to be members of the national EAA. Chapter 878 membership does not include national EAA membership.

Joining EAA is an easy and simple thing to do: see: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Membership/Join.aspx>. Also, see: <https://www.eaa.org/aaa/aaa-membership/aaa-member-benefits> for the benefits of EAA membership.

Organizations are only as strong as their members. We ask and expect a lot from the national EAA, but they need the support of everyone who is on the receiving end of their work; i.e., our chapter.

Be a national member, support EAA.

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- **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 - May 21.

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.





● **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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**EAA Chapter 878 Advocates:** All Members

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! Thank you!

● **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



“Judging by the presence of this inverted cloud layer formation, I think we may be in for some unusual weather.”

Thanks (or apologies) to Chris Glaeser for inspiration on this cartoon, based upon his meteorology lesson in our meeting last month about why some clouds (mostly cumulus) have flat bottoms.

If you weren't there, or don't know why this happens, you can go to: <https://www.sciencefocus.com/planet-earth/why-are-some-clouds-flat-underneath/> for the reason. Several other sites have good explanations as well.

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**BUFFALO**

# FLY-IN

**Breakfast &  
Car Show**

SUNDAY  
**JUNE 9,  
2019**



- **CAR SHOW**
- **AIRPLANES**

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Serving 7:30am–12pm

Adults: \$8

Youth 6–12: \$5

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