



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

November, 2019

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

Date: Tuesday, November 12

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

Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Pre-Meeting Meal: The final hamburger fry of the season will be served at 6:30, with our meeting to follow! Burgers and drinks provided by the chapter. Please bring something to share with others that pairs well with hamburgers.

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

Seneca, a Roman Philosopher once wrote; "There is as much greatness of mind in acknowledging a good turn, as in doing it." In this spirit, and knowing that the Thanksgiving holiday is coming soon, I turn our praises to you...EAA Chapter 878 members!

In 2019 our Chapter 878 will be recognized as one of EAA's most 'well-rounded' chapters (doing the most to promote general aviation). From Young Eagles and scholarships, to ways-and-means projects...we have a talented and dedicated group.

Betty and I take this moment to express our gratitude for your membership and involvement in our club.

Please mark Saturday, December 14th on your calendar as the date of this year's Holiday Party and Awards ceremony. More information may be found in this publication.

Thank you one-and-all!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



Remember to regularly check our chapter's website:

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



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019 / 2020**

Nov	12	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 6:30 pm, at Maple Lake Airport in the Thomes/Zabel hangar
	26	IMC / EAA878 meeting. See newsletter for location and meeting info.
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 Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo
Jan	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised. Note: change to Saturday morning meetings for the winter!
	28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Feb	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised.
	15	Chapter 878 Fly-In Chili Feed. Buffalo Airport. 11 am to 2 pm
	25	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Mar	14	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised.
	24	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm

- **IMC CLUB**

by Dave Wendt, Coordinator – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month. This month - November 26

At 6:30 PM

Location – Thunderbird Aviation (lobby area)

Flying Cloud Airport

14091 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, 952-941-1212



Special guest and speaker for November:

At the regularly scheduled meeting of IMC/EAA 878 club on November 26, EAA staff member and the founder of IMC Clubs, Radek Wyrzykowski, will be our guest and speaker.

Due to anticipated higher attendance than normal, a sign-up procedure will be in effect through [FAASafety.gov](https://www.faa.gov/safety) (so we know how many will be attending).

If you plan to attend, look for the sign-up posting to appear on the FAA site on November 12.

For more info, contact the IMC/EAA 878 Club Coordinator, Dave Wendt at 612/272-4600, or email at DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings are open to all. All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are invited to attend. Are you interested in joining? Cost is \$37.00 total dues per year. 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, or 612-272-4600.

- **YOUNG EAGLES REPORT**

by Kyle Weatherly, Young Eagles Coordinator:

Thank you again to all those who have helped EAA Chapter 878 to introduce youth to aviation this year. See the following EAA website link to see a record of Young Eagle flights by chapter and members within the chapter: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/free-ye-flights/request-an-eaa-young-eagles-flight/search-pilot-by-chapter>.

By my account, our current 2019 tally, (including the 3 YE rides from last week not recorded yet) is 125 Young Eagles registered as flown by Chapter 878 so far in 2019.

- **TREE OF HOPE**

December 7, 2019 at St. Cloud Aviation, St. Cloud Airport
by Elaine Morrow



Please join us this holiday season on Saturday, December 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM to participate in and celebrate our 30th year of giving!

This year the event will be at St. Cloud Regional Airport (KSTC) at St. Cloud Aviation (1544 45th Avenue SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304; phone 320-253-1500). That's where we will receive, sort, label and bag gifts for distribution. Toys are actually collected all year long.

Since 1990 the Tree of Hope has collected toys and gifts which are distributed to Minnesota hospitals by the aviation community – EAA chapters, the Minnesota Chapter of The Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots), WAI, Zuhrah Flyers (Shriners), flying clubs, and community volunteers.

Children in hospitals over the holidays (or during the rest of the year) for surgery, chemotherapy, dialysis, transplants, burns, etc., are seriously ill and need whatever cheer we can provide through our donation of gifts to the hospitals which the staff can then give to the children.

Tree of Hope, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity. Items are needed for children from birth to 18 years of age. Cash gifts to Tree of Hope are appreciated as we can use that money during the year to make bulk purchases of toys and games, or to fulfill special needs.

Volunteers are needed to help with gift reception, sorting, labeling, bagging and then transportation to the various hospitals and care units.

For more information about how you can help, plus the 2019 flyer and the 2019 brochure see:

<http://holidaytreeofhope.org/>. Also see our Facebook page at: [facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn](https://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn). Call or email Elaine Morrow at 952-913-2356 or pilotelaine@aol.com.

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

By consensus vote of the chapter we did not have a 2019 fly-in at Maple Lake, breaking a string of 32 consecutive years of Maple Lake fly-ins. But, the hope was to reorganize, plan and hold an event in 2020.

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 to bring a fly-in back to Maple Lake.

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. It was sponsored by EAA Chapter 878, the Maple Lake Commercial Club, the Maple Lake Flyers, and the Maple Lake Jaycees.

- **CHAPTER MEMBER RON EDMONSON IS NOW A PRIVATE PILOT**
by Wayne Flury

One of the pleasures of stopping in at West Metro Aviation for coffee in the morning (other than drinking coffee, tasting the snacks that are usually in abundance on the table, the telling of tall tales, and the swapping of hangar flying exploits) is the chance to find out what's going on within the local community.

One such recent treat was to learn that Ron Edmonson recently passed his Private Pilot check ride and now is a full-fledged pilot. Be sure to congratulate Ron when you see him.

- **HENRY WILLIAMS' R/C AIRPLANE FACTORY**
by Wayne Flury

I visited chapter member and treasurer Henry Williams recently at his rural Buffalo home to take care of some chapter business (getting Henry set up to take over the MN Secretary of State and federal IRS reporting). I found him immersed in the honorable retirement activity of working on another RC airplane...something to keep him busy this winter, he says!

The lighting conditions were a little overwhelming for my old iPhone, but shown below are two views of Henry working on his latest project, an RC motorized glider (complete with folding propeller). He definitely has a well-equipped workshop, and examples of his work are tucked into every corner, on every shelf and at every available overhead support point.

If you're interested in RC flight, give him a call. He's a proud builder and flyer! His contact info is on page 5.



- **THE JAZ RECORD**
by Jazmin Spreiter, EAA Chapter 878 Member and
Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship Recipient

This month has been challenging for me. But flying has been good!

Trying to find days to solo this month has been a little difficult with weather and my schedule.

I took the written and unfortunately didn't pass, but I have another scheduled. I'm keeping my head up and working hard to pass it next time.

Also I've been super confident with my flying and Ambyr says I'll be check ride ready soon!



Jazmin Spreiter:

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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. 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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- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



"The weird thing is...their insurance policy doesn't include umbrella coverage."

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