



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.

32 Years.....1986 – 2018

July, 2018

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING and EVENT NOTICES**

Tuesday, July 10, at the Arrival / Departure Building on the Buffalo Airport

- Cookout at 6:00 p.m., with [burgers and brats provided by the chapter](#)
- [Please bring a food item to share](#)
- General meeting and special program begins at 6:45
- Program presentation by Kyle Zins and Heather McNevin from MSP ATC

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2018**

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| July | 10 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 6:45 pm at A/D Building at Buffalo Airport. Hamburgers/Brats at 6:00; presentation following short meeting by Kyle Zins and Heather McNevin from the KMSP ATC Tower |
| | 14 | Young Eagles flights |
| | 17 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| | 23-29 | EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 |
| Aug | 11 | Young Eagles flights at Buffalo |
| | 14 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 28 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| Sep | 8,9 | EAA Chapter 878 Fly-in at Maple Lake (32 nd Annual!!). Saturday night camp-out; Sunday Pork Chop Dinner (noon) |
| | 11 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 25 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| Oct. | 9 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 13 | Young Eagles flights |
| | 23 | 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.eaachapter.org/, and other websites such as <http://www.flyins.com> and www.socialflight.com, or the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and airport bulletin boards.

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

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



www.facebook.com/EAChapter878/

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

It all started in January this past winter. My 13-year-old grandson, Matt, asked if he could go to the biggest air show in the world, Oshkosh. Well, I used the standard old “grandparent phrase” – “check with your parents.”

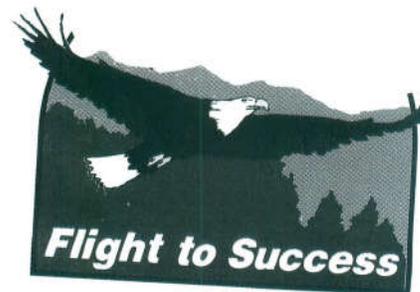
Matt, like 2,000,000 other youth, already has his “Young Eagles” wings and probably has 20 hours of flight time in our Cardinal with us.

With a little ingenuity and some help from other family members, I’m happy to announce that I will have a tent-mate this year at AirVenture. Matt really wants to see airplanes! Do you think this might satisfy his curiosity?

Hope to see all of you this month at the airport and even at Oshkosh!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President



- **CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES and CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

EAA Chapter 878 meeting minutes are distributed separately from the newsletter. To receive a copy of the minutes, please join and maintain membership in Chapter 878. To become a member, simply contact any one of the current officers (see the EAA Chapter 878 and Maple Lake Flyer section at the end of this newsletter) and request a membership application, or click on the “Membership” link on our website, www.878.eaachapter.org/. Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

- **CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

I recently sent an email to all dues-paid chapter members which included a long-awaited (and long overdue) EAA Chapter 878 membership list. This list is the current and best-information-available from our Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns regarding “dues current” status. It was sent ONLY to current chapter members and it is intended for chapter use only. The information is not to be shared with others.

Thanks to everyone who responded upon my request to provide any missing info and/or update your info. This assures our member list is accurate and complete.

A membership list is obviously a fluid document, changing as our members come and go or as our lives change with relocations, etc. With your help, this membership list will be kept current and up-to-date.

Please save the membership list so you can use it as needed to make contact with our other members.

Note: In all I have read about membership in organizations such as our chapter, whether focused on airplanes, cars, boats, books, etc., the primary reason people give as to why they are not a member of a group is that they have never been asked to join the group. Of course, the group also has to provide some degree of perceived benefit to the person.

You can help add names to our member list by asking someone to attend a chapter meeting, ask for their email address so an introductory newsletter can be sent to them, or invite them to attend one of our programs. Or, you can really go out on a limb by asking them to join the chapter.

Who do you know that could become a member of EAA Chapter 878?

- **BUFFALO FLY-IN WAS A GREAT DAY**
by Wayne Flury

Where DID all those people come from??!! Considering that on Saturday we were very concerned about the weather forecast for Sunday, we had an OUTSTANDING day of pancake serving, car showing, air showing and just general visiting and people watching!

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend and volunteer your help for the day. Events such as the pancake breakfast (or our Maple Lake pork chop dinner fly-in) can be a lot of work, but when they are financially successful, as was our breakfast this year, it makes it all very worthwhile.

It was a good day for eating, visiting, looking at cars, looking at airplanes and watching an air show with two great pilots! And it was a good day for showcasing the Buffalo airport and bringing people out to get to experience the facility.

Here are a few photos of the day. I couldn't get over to the car show area and didn't even get any photos of the visiting aircraft or the air show. We'll need to try and get an "official fly-in photographer" for next year!



Photos by Wayne Flury and
Colt Kinney





Buffalo Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, Car Show and Air Show, 2018



● **PERKS OF BUSINESS TRAVEL**

by Kyle Weatherly

Anyone who travels for work knows that, unlike what the rest of the people think, it is not a glamorous life! But, once in a while, you get to actually enjoy it. This happened to me in early June, 2018 when I found myself in different parts of California on two weeks in a row.

The first week I was in San Diego for a week of training. I had set up my schedule so I had the later part of Thursday afternoon free from classes. The training hotel was located right on the boardwalk and a short walk to the USS Midway Museum. The 2 hours I had was enough to glance at everything but not study it in depth. This carrier, built the final year of WWII, was changed into a museum in 2004 and is a great static display of what an aircraft carrier is like. The size and types of planes flown from its deck – from props to jets – what a fascinating place to visit. They have a few WWII era fighters on display, but mostly the jets that were flown from the 1950's through the 1990's. A self-guided walking tour with audio stops is available for more information as you explore.



Convair RB-36H Peacemaker



Curtiss C-46D Commando

For more information, see <https://www.midway.org/visit/plan-your-adventure/>.



"Just plane cool!"

The second week found me North East of Fresno. My customer meeting in the morning went well and was done in under 4 hours, so I had some time before my flight back to MSP. The night before, on my way to Modesto, CA, I had seen a sign that simply said Castle Air Museum. Guess where I spent the 2 extra hours I had before returning to the Fresno, CA airport that day?

This place is a true gem – everything outside on an area close to an air force base in Atwater, CA – and there is history here. The planes look like they have been parked in the elements for many years, but it

is not a graveyard by any means. I am not a military aircraft historian, but I hadn't heard of many of these planes, much less seen them in person. In the parking lot you see a former Air Force One plus a SR-71 Blackbird, and my rental car was parked facing a B-24 Liberator! This one looks like a person could get it flying with unlimited cash at their disposal. There are over 70 aircraft on display. For a list see their website: www.castleairmuseum.org.

Very infrequently, work travel has its perks!

● **NEW CHAPTER POSITIONS OPEN**

by Greg Thomes

As noted in the May meeting minutes, the possibility of adding two new volunteer position was proposed: *Culinary Officer* and *Mixologist* (a title that will probably be changed to “*Beverage Coordinator*” or something similar). During the summer months we’ve been enjoying a light meal before our chapter meeting. In addition to an interesting chapter special program presentation, this meal helps to entice members to attend and it’s a good social time for members. Anyone interested in volunteering for these positions two (or one combined position) is asked to step forward.

Culinary Officer: Assist the Chapter President in organizing and offering a light meal at certain chapter meetings held from April to November. Any food purchased will be reimbursed by the chapter. Members at large will be encouraged to provide a “dish to share” to make the meal task easier. The light meal may be suspended for “Saturday morning winter meetings” or at other meetings as deemed necessary.

Beverage Coordinator: Assist the Chapter President in providing beverages and refreshments at chapter meetings and functions. This includes water, soda, coffee, etc. No alcoholic beverages will be provided by the chapter at chapter events. Any beverages purchased will be reimbursed by the chapter.

Note: A “donation bucket” for food and beverages will be available for member contributions to help defray expenses.

● **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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● **IMC CLUB**

by Dave Wendt, Coordinator – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

Note: the July meeting (only) will be on the THIRD Tuesday to allow accommodation for the dates of AirVenture 2018, which are July 23-29.



This month’s IMC/EAA 878 Club meeting presentation is “Thunderstorms and ATC Controllers” and will be presented by Jamie Graham. Jamie is a CFII and a member of the IMC/EAA 878 Club.

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, or 612-272-4600.

- **YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS ON SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – VOLUNTEER HELP ALWAYS NEEDED**

by Kyle Weatherly, Young Eagles Co-Coordinator

(Ed. Note: Kyle Weatherly and Kurt Pennuto are Co-Coordinators of the EAA Chapter 878 Young Eagles leadership position, combining their personalities and passion to this youth aviation program.)

We have set up a schedule to conduct Young Eagles flights the second Saturday of each month. These flights will be conducted from the Buffalo Airport. However, this doesn't mean that you can't do a YE flight at ANY TIME and ANY PLACE! If you don't have the Young Eagles flight information forms, please contact either of us.

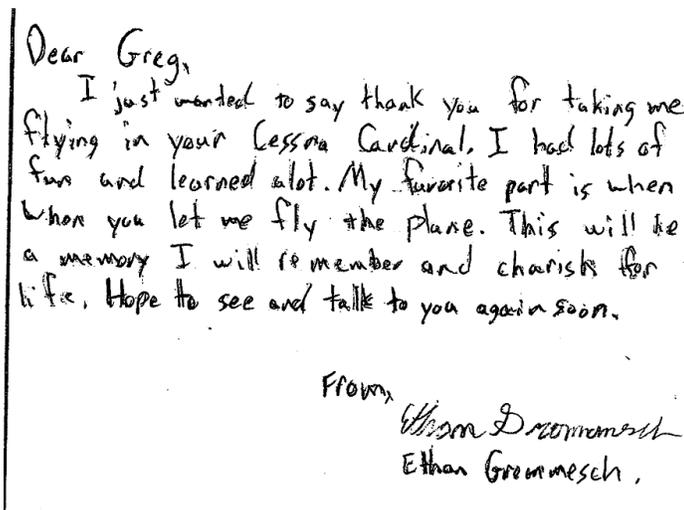
The reason we having flights at Buffalo, for now, is that our hangar isn't done. Until we have our own EAA 878 hangar done we will continue to have it at the A&D building in Buffalo. It is a good facility for this kind of meeting, chairs are always setup and it is free to non-profit organizations. It also has bathrooms!

We need pilots and ground school helpers for each session. Please consider volunteering your time in any capacity you feel comfortable. If you can help with Young Eagles flights, please contact me, Kyle, at: 612-759-5227, or k.weatherly@live.com. Kurt's contact is: 612-209-3478 or kpenn_41@charter.net.

To act either as a pilot or ground instructor for Young Eagles, you must take EAA's "Youth Protection Policy" on-line course and receive a certificate of successful completion. For more information about the Young Eagles program, and the Youth Protection Policy, see these links:

- <https://www.eaa.org/en/eaaviation-education-and-resources/eaayouth-education/eaaye-program>
- <https://www.eaa.org/en/eaaviation-education-and-resources/eaayouth-education/youth-protection-policy-and-program/youth-protection-policy>

One of the rewards of taking a kid for a Young Eagles rides (besides the big grin you'll see) is an occasional "thank-you" card or note. Here's one shared by Greg Thomes after one of his recent flights:



Dear Greg,
I just wanted to say thank you for taking me flying in your Cessna Cardinal. I had lots of fun and learned alot. My favorite part is when you let me fly the plane. This will be a memory I will remember and cherish for life. Hope to see and talk to you again soon.

From,
Ethan Grommesch

- **POSSIBLE SECOND CHAPTER HANGAR SALE**
by Barb Zabel

I am thinking of holding another chapter garage sale at our hangar at Maple Lake. It would be only for baby and kids clothes, blankets and quilts. No date yet set.

I don't want toys unless all the parts are there and they are in decent shape.

Please contact me for more info and to let me know if you may have donations for it. I will also post on our Facebook page.

Barb Zabel at: zabe_73@hotmail.com, or 763-360-6286.

● **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.

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. 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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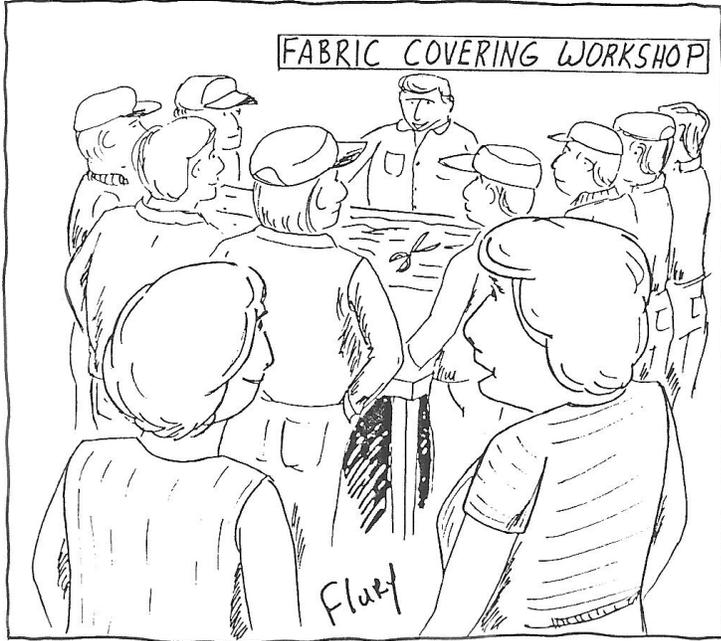
EAA Chapter 878 Advocates: All Members

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!

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

● **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



I got lazy (and behind) this month, plus I wasn't getting anything done on the Sonex project, so I dug into my files and decided to recycle this cartoon from June, 2001!

"After all of this I bet they still won't be able to sew a button back onto their shirt."

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