



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

January, 2019

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

Date: Saturday, January 12

Location: Buffalo Airport – Arrival / Departure Building

Time: 9:15 am

General meeting with discussion of plans for chapter fly-in activities in 2019 (Chili Feed Fly-In, Buffalo Fly-In, Maple Lake Fly-In) as well as chapter meeting programs, Young Eagle flights, Eagle Flights, chapter hangar upgrades and improvements, Chapter 878 scholarship program implementation, fly-outs, chapter member project reviews and support, Ray Foundation scholarship application, chapter assets inventory and upgrades, encouraging membership to take advantage of local aviation events, encourage attendance at AirVenture Oshkosh, plus perhaps some things that haven't even been thought of yet!

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

Happy 2019 to all!

The early part of any new year is-similar-to a *pre-flight check list*. What is it that we need to do to reach our “end-goal”? As we go through a *pre-flight check list* in our planes...the end goal is to get air-born. And then there is of course a landing destination in our flight plan.

So-too it is with EAA 878. Our *pre-flight check list* includes much to accomplish in 2019. We've opened-up many exciting endeavors and it will take everyone's focused efforts to reach these goals. Please step-aboard again this year to be involved with our great team!

And for you personally: my hope is that you have a *pre-flight check list* which includes much flying, flight training where necessary, great fellowship, and maybe even finishing that home-built plane project. Let's monitor our progress as we fly through another year!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President



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

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



www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/

● **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019**

- Jan. 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting (note: Saturday morning meeting)
- 22 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Feb. 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting (note: Saturday morning meeting)
- 26 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Mar. 9 2nd Annual Chapter 878 Chili Feed, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo, 11 – 2. Note: this will take the place of our regularly scheduled March meeting
- 26 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/, 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.

● **CHAPTER 878 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE!**
by Wayne Flury, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Your dues to the chapter for 2019 become due this month. Your ongoing membership in the chapter is dependent upon maintaining a current “dues-paid” status. And, your chapter depends upon your continued support of it through your dues.

As established in our chapter bylaws, “Payment of dues shall be made to the Chapter Treasurer and shall be payable January 1 of each year for the period of January 1 through December 31.”

Note: if you joined the chapter during this past year, please check with our Chapter Treasurer Henry Williams regarding your status. Persons joining late in the year and paying the yearly dues have generally been considered to be “Paid” for the following year.

Annual dues for EAA Chapter 878 are:

- \$10 for members up to 35 years of age
- \$25 for members age 35 and over
- \$35 for a family membership

Payments may be made by:

- Check, payable to EAA Chapter 878
- Cash (please put it in an envelope with your name, or attach your name to the cash)

Give your dues directly to Treasurer Henry Williams at a meeting, or mail your dues to:

EAA Chapter 878 Treasurer
Henry Williams
1129 Dague Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Notes:

1. Chapter 878 dues are separate from your national EAA dues
2. Chapter 878 dues are in addition to any IMC dues (IMC dues payable separately)
3. IMC members should check with Dave Wendt about your IMC dues

● **WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS**
by Wayne Flury

In response to one of my recent AvBits emails in which I passed along an article recommended by Kyle Weatherly about winter flying, <https://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/101/4195-full.html?ET=avweb:e4195:576674a:&st=email#231852> one of our IMC 878 members, Wolfgang Greiner, responded with a “Thank you” and a note that he hadn’t known about this website. That got me to thinking that there may be other members who either don’t know about the many various aviation websites, or just haven’t searched for them.

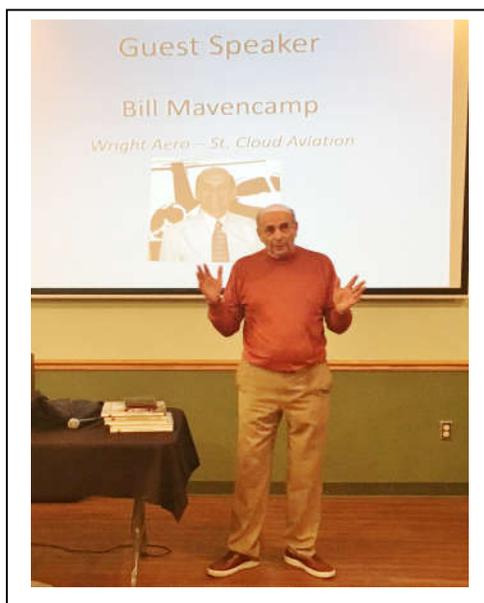
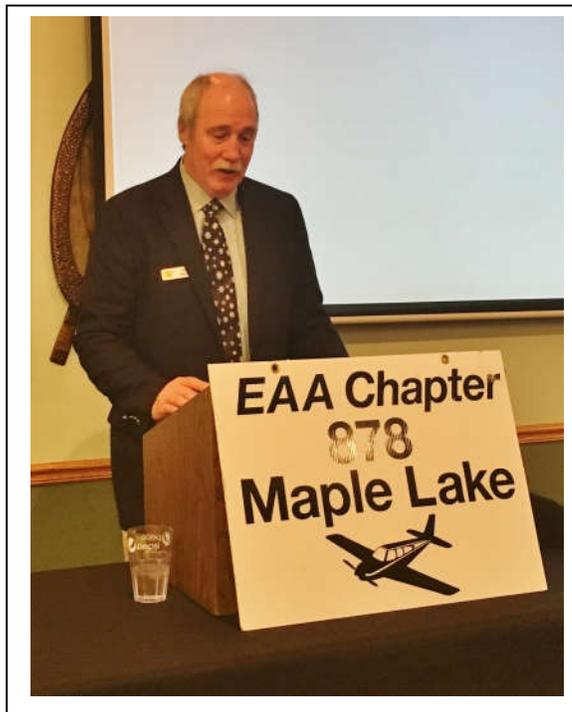
I told Wolfgang that I would ask for input from the membership about each person’s favorite “go-to” website for news and info about aviation. So, in addition to “AvWeb,” what sites do you like or recommend. Let me know and I’ll pass them along.

As a starter, I recommend and encourage everyone to sign up for the various newsletters from EAA. Simply go to: <https://www.eaa.org/en/ea/news-and-publications> and pick-and-choose to your heart’s delight. One of my “gotta see who’s talking about what” is <http://eaaforums.org/forum.php>. Here you can find info about almost anything connected with EAA. Some will educate you, some will help you with a project, and some just might make you shake your head! Enjoy.

● **EAA CHAPTER 878 CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 8, 2018**
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

In lieu of our regular meeting for December, an EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party was held at Huikko’s Entertainment Center in Buffalo on Saturday evening, December 8. A total of 31 chapter members, spouses and family enjoyed a social hour and meal followed by an after-dinner presentation from our guest speaker, a Chapter 878 founding members and a Maple Lake aviation legend, Bill Mavencamp. Presentations of Chapter 878 awards and other recognitions of service concluded the evening.

EAA Chapter 878 President Greg Thomes (see photo to the right) addressed the gathering with general



opening remarks and an overview of the past year. He thanked the members for their

outstanding contributions to the chapter and to all of aviation.

Our guest speaker, Bill Mavencamp (see photo to the left) was introduced by Greg. Bill spoke about his life in aviation, beginning with some great stories about learning to fly from the family farm airstrip. As with any pilot who has had a long and varied career, there were many stories told, but yet many more that could still be told.

Our 2019 meetings will begin on January 12 with our “winter-months” switch to Saturday mornings.



**EAA Chapter 878
2018 Service Awards**

All presented by Chapter 878 President Greg Thomes to: (from Upper Left, continuing clockwise)

Elaine Morrow – Chapter Recognition Award

Laura Herrmann – Chapter Recognition Award

Chris Glaeser – Chapter Recognition Award

Fred Jude – Chapter Recognition Award

Pete Radintz - Chapter Vice-President

Dick Burns – Chapter Treasurer

Wayne Flury – Most Valued Pilot Award / Chapter Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Matt Thomes – Presidential Prerogative Award

Kyle Weatherly – 2018 Chapter 878 Most Valued Pilot Award

Note: See Page 4 for a complete list of award recipients, a description of the awards and their basis.

Some recipients not present or photographed.

Recognition Awards Notes from the notebook of Greg Thomes:

- **New Member of the Year: Alyssa Arends.** Not even a licensed pilot! Assisted in many areas to make our chapter run more efficiently. Attended virtually all meetings & events during past 24 months. An active member of the Chili Feed committee. Assists in much of the paperwork for the YE program. One of the “work-horses” that helped in the garage sales held last spring & summer.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Elaine Morrow.** Recognition given to an individual that has been around for a very long time. Main organizer for the Tree of Hope, a project that benefits hundreds of kids this time of year:
 - 117 volunteers signed in
 - 216 bags of toys (5400 toys)
 - Delivered to 40 hospitals, 5 Ronald McDonald houses, 3 sheltersVery involved in the 99s. Our Chapter website editor.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Laura Herrmann.** Always willing to help out. Does many tasks to educate us in proper aviation procedures. Coordinates many of the liaison efforts between Chapter 878 and our IMC affiliate. One of the safest pilots we have.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Chris Glaeser.** Became involved with the chapter through IMC. Has stepped up in a huge way in assisting in proper training techniques for pilots. Part of an EAA committee developing flight test guidelines. Former test pilot and airline captain. Recently purchased an RV-7. Is our Chapter 878 Flight Advisor.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Lloyd Melvie.** A true gentleman in all of his endeavors. Assists in our events and is one of the last to leave – always asking what he can do to help. Personally funded his son’s band to play at the 2018 Chili Feed.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Fred Jude.** Continues to do many things “behind the scenes” around the Maple Lake airport. Continues to work on his homebuilt project. Helps out whenever he can. Coordinates our chapter hangar remodeling project.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Barb Zabel.** Isn’t a pilot but has been the backbone of many of this year’s projects. Oversees many of the smaller details (she makes me look good!). Recognizes contributors to our 501(c)(3) chapter status via donation letters. Chaired several garage sales and raised over \$1000 for our chapter.
- **Chapter Recognition Award: Kurt Pennuto.** This pilot has a diverse background in aviation, and he shares his knowledge with many youngsters and adults. He works actively with STEM programs in our local schools. He is active in an organization working to save airports in rural and majestic areas of our country – the Recreational Aviation Foundation. He chaired another amazing Maple Lake Fly-In, again covering 2 days.
- **Chapter Vice-President: Pete Radintz.** This pilot has been slowed down a little bit with medical issues, but he still works diligently for the welfare of Chapter 878. He took on a more active role with the pancake breakfast this year. He continues to fill in for the president when schedules require and allow.
- **Chapter Treasurer: DickBurns.** This pilot has been an officer of our chapter for many years. He took over as chapter treasurer in 2007. He has provided 12 years of financial recordkeeping, check writing, dues collection, and general knowledge of our Chapter 878 history. He has had nearly perfect attendance at meetings, has volunteered at our fly-in pork chop dinners, pancake breakfasts, and was instrumental in starting the first annual chili feed.

- **Most Valued Pilot Award / Chapter Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Wayne Flury.** This pilot continues to make progress on his airplane building project. Attends all projects and works until the final hour on everything. Knows more people in aviation than the rest of us collectively. Announces at Sun-n-Fun and AirVenture. Received a 30-year plaque this year as a volunteer at Oshkosh. Is the editor/publisher/main contributor of an “award winning” chapter newsletter. Our very own secretary and my main mentor.
- **Presidential Prerogative Award: Allen Zabel.** This pilot began taking youngsters flying with Young Eagles this year. He is another person that does so much behind the scenes. Oversaw much of the garage sale progress. Always “has my back” with the comings and goings at the Maple Lake airport. Best possible hangar partner anyone could ask for.
- **Presidential Prerogative Award: Matt Thomes.** This young man flew and camped with me for several nights this year at Oshkosh. Is kind and compassionate to others. Getting great marks in school, and can tell you anything you need to know about the Civil War. He’s my wing man and hopefully a future pilot, and he’s my grandson.
- **2018 Chapter 878 Most Valued Pilot Award: Kyle Weatherly.** This pilot has endless enthusiasm for aviation. Always assisting in chapter events. Really increased the chapter work and visibility in the Young Eagles program. He regularly takes rusty pilots and people interested in aviation out of introductory rides. He is getting the Chapter 878 scholarship program off-and-running, and is matching what others contribute (up to \$250 cumulative) to this worthy cause. Has served a number of years on the Buffalo Airport Commission. He is our “Friends of the Buffalo Airport” liaison.
- **“Atta-Boy” Awards: Recognition given by Greg Thomes to Harold Greseth, Dave Swanson, Henry Williams, Dale Bodine, Colt Kinney, Boyd Emmel, and Tom Rammel.** These individuals were present and assisting at nearly every event. Going forward they will be the backbone of our chapter.
- **Chapter President: Greg Thomes.** Received an award certificate and EAA Chapter President’s lapel pin. (Ed. Note: but he didn’t write any notes about himself!!).

- **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; i.e., our chapter.

Be a national member, support EAA.

● **TREE OF HOPE HAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY**

by Elaine Morrow
President, Tree of Hope, Inc.

Despite weather resulting in a 22% reduction of volunteers and no planes flying in, the Tree of Hope was a huge success with a 13.3% increase in bags of gifts/toys donated to 40 hospitals, 5 Ronald McDonald Houses, and three shelters.

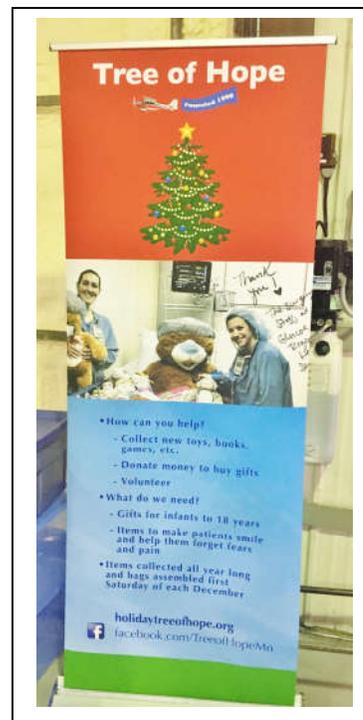
See statistics below:

- Volunteers:** **2018:** 117 (-22%) and no Santa
 2017: 150 volunteers plus Santa

- Bags of Gifts/Toys** -- 25 toys per bag:
 2018: 216.9 (+13.3% and over 5,400 toys!)
 2017: 191.4 +. **2016:** 109.4 bags +

- Locations:** **2018:** 40 Hospitals, 5 Ronald McDonald Houses,
 and 3 Shelters (+8%).
 2017: 39 hospitals, 5 Ronald McDonald Houses
 (+12%).
 2016: 39 Hospitals

- Planes Flying in:** **2018:** None, due to weather.
 2017: 20
 2016: 27



Thanks to all of you for your huge support and effort!

An especially big thank you to Bob & Char Shadduck for letting us use the facility for such a big event, and particularly for the heat so it was comfortable for all the volunteers!

And thanks to Fred Jude for opening the hangar for all our deliveries and setup.

Many thanks to all EAA 878 Chapter members for the time and expense of setup on Friday, takedown on Saturday, particularly hauling and moving all the tables and chairs!



- **IMC CLUB**
by Dave Wendt, Coordinator – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

NOTE: our January 22 program will be presented by Ambyr Peterson is titled “IFR Trivia”

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.



Ed. Note: All pilots are encouraged to check out the meetings of the IMC/EAA 878 group. You need not be an instrument rated pilot to attend...just need to be interested in upgrading your knowledge base. And, you might find you have more in common with this group of pilots than you think!

- **2ND ANNUAL CHAPTER 878 CHILI FEED FLY-IN SCHEDULED**

Our “Chili Feed Fly-In Committee” has set the date of our 2nd Annual event for Saturday, March 9 at West Metro Aviation on the Maple Lake airport. See the fly-in poster included with this newsletter. This was a fun event last year, and a good fund-raiser for us.

Please put this on your schedule, plan to attend, plan to volunteer your help as you can, and spread the word by putting up a copy of the fly-in poster as you travel or attend other aviation events.

The Chili Feed Committee currently consists of Laura Herrmann, Dick Burns and Alyssa Arends.

The event has been listed on the following “Calendars of Events:”

MN Department of Aeronautics, (aeroinfo.dot@state.mn.us)

EAA website, (<https://www.eaa.org/ea>)

Social Flight, (<http://www.socialflight.com/>)

Flyins.com, (<http://flyins.com/>)

MN Flyer, (charlotte@mnflyer.com)

Midwest Flyer, (<https://midwestflyer.com/>)

- **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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● **OSHKOSH B'GOSH**
by Matthew D. Thomes

Ed. Note: Matt Thomes flew with his grandfather, Greg, to AirVenture Oshkosh 2018, tent-camped in Camp Scholler (Greg's Cessna Cardinal was relegated to Appleton for the week), hung out with the Announcer's Stand group where Greg was working with me, and generally just wandered around the convention site enjoying his first-ever visit. Before he returned home, I asked if he would write an article for the chapter newsletter about his experiences. Actually, I asked if any of his teachers would be expecting a "What I did last summer" report (do teachers even do that anymore?!). Here's his take on the event. Matt is 13 years old, lives in Brainerd, MN and is in the 7th grade this year at Forestview Middle School.

My three days I was in Oshkosh I had so much fun! My grandpa and I flew out on Sunday morning to Oshkosh. We landed at Wisconsin Rapids, filled up on gas and had lunch. We stayed there for 15-20 minutes and then took off. We were flying for 30 mins, then Oshkosh air control tower came on and redirected us to Appleton.



When we got there we Ubered to Oshkosh. When we got there, Wayne took us to the campgrounds where we put our stuff where the tent was going to be. Then he took us to the Announcers booth and that's where we got the golf cart which was our wheels for the week. Then my grandpa and I went to where all of our stuff was and pitched the tent. For dinner we had BBQ chicken and chips with water.



Pipistrel ALPHA Trainer

Monday morning my grandpa and I took the golf cart to the Announcers Stand and walked around where all the planes and the experimental planes were. I fell in love with a plane from the UK. It is called...Pipistrel ALPHA Trainer and you can solo fly it when you are 16 years old.

I also met Alan Eustace (Ed. Note: holder of the world record for the highest-altitude free fall jump)



Alan Eustace

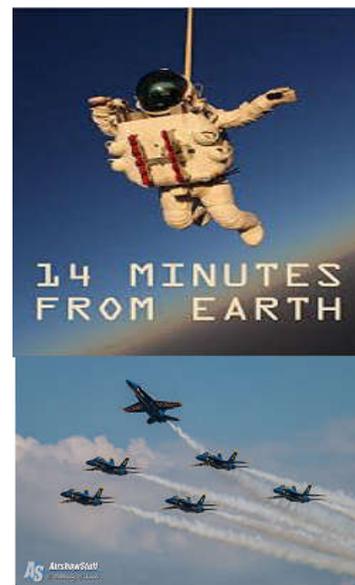
and he gave me a mission badge. He also is working for a company promoting something called the BlackFly. There was a demo of it in VR with a four minute time limit. It took awhile for it to start up but eventually I got in the air, and there was a hover mode too.



BlackFly, a new Personal Aerial Vehicle

Then we went back to the announcers stand to watch the air show. The air show was so good – there were so many planes to watch (and a lot of smoke!). We also went to the museum to see really cool

planes and old ones too. My grandpa bought me a new hat and I got a FAwi toy.



On Tuesday morning we woke up and I flew commercial home where my Aunt picked me up and took me home.

The End

● **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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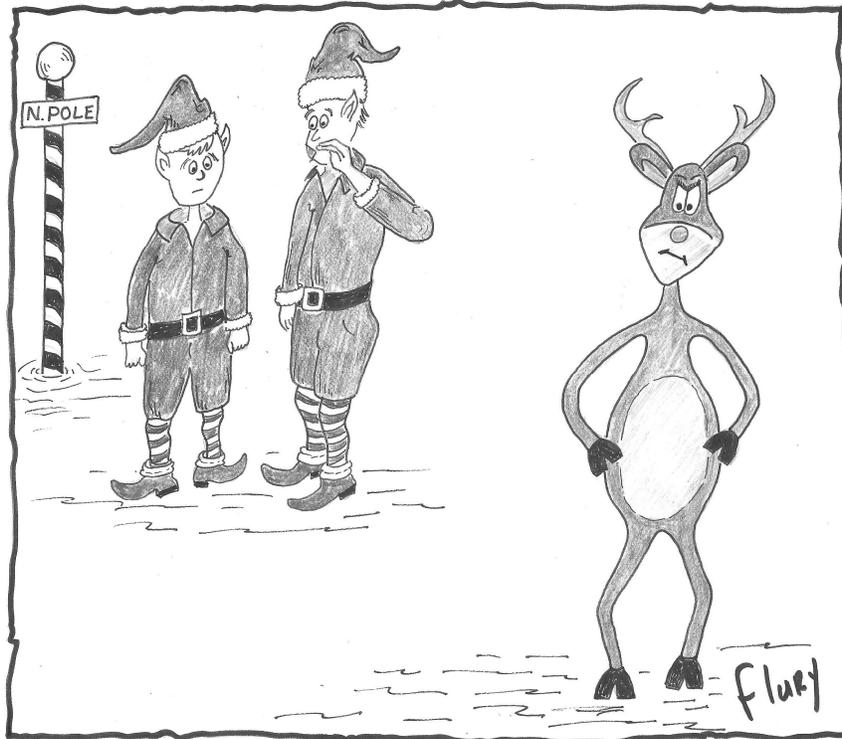
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EAA Chapter 878 Advocates: All Members

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



"Rudolph is really pissed! He just found out that Santa signed a lease on a self-guided sleigh for next year."

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