



# 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.*

34 Years.....1986 – 2020

December 2020

- **EAA CHAPTER 878**

**Info:** Chapter 878 gathering for December is  **canceled**.

EAA Chapter 878 has traditionally held a December social gathering with members, family and friends to celebrate not only the holiday season but also the achievements of our chapter and members over the past year.

We had planned to hold such an event again this year on December 11(albeit likely to have been scaled back in attendance). But, due to the “Dial-Back” restrictions now in place for Covid-19 mitigation, our hosting facility (as well as all others) is unable to have in-person service until sometime after that date.

Events in 2021 will be considered and planned as conditions allow. Look for info to follow in future newsletters.



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

Season’s Greetings 878!

The old informal USPS motto, “Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night...” certainly applies to one of our longest standing chapter functions. Never has a month gone by, for over 30 years, that an EAA chapter newsletter has failed to appear in your hands.

We dedicate this issue of *The Maple Lake Flyer* to outgoing chapter newsletter editor Wayne Flury.

Wayne, your commitment and professionalism has been the glue holding-together this band of pilots. While we look forward to Ray Svobodny as the incoming scribe, we also recognize that these are huge shoes to fill.

Thank you Wayne for your efforts. And, we look forward to seeing the Sonex flying over KMGG/KCFE soon!

Merry Christmas everyone!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



**Remember to regularly check our chapter’s website and Facebook page:**

<https://chapters.eaa.org/ea878> (Note: the QR code here will take you to our website))

<https://www.facebook.com/ea878>



● **UPCOMING CHAPTER 878 AVIATION PLANNED EVENTS – 2021**

Note: all events subject to any restrictions that may be in place at the time.

Jan	9	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo airport
	26	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Feb	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo airport
	23	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Mar	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo airport
	23	IMC / EAA878 meeting

Note: this list generally will not include the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are well publicized on other sites dedicated to that purpose. For other event information, see our EAA Chapter 878 website [www.878.eaachapter.org/](http://www.878.eaachapter.org/), and websites such as <https://www.eaa.org/ea>, <https://www.aopa.org/community/events>, [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com), and <http://www.flyins.com>. Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.

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● **CHAPTER DUES FOR 2021**

Membership dues for EAA Chapter 878 for 2021 become due in January. Your ongoing membership in the chapter is dependent upon maintaining a current “dues-paid” status. And, your chapter depends upon the continued support of all its members by prompt payment of 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 Chapter Treasurer Henry Williams regarding your status. Persons joining late in the year and paying the yearly dues amount 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 (put it in an envelope with your name, or securely attach your name to the cash)
- And, now the chapter has the ability to accept credit card payments!!!!

Please pay 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: Chapter 878 dues are separate from and not the same as your national EAA dues

- **CITY OF MAPLE LAKE TO CONDUCT “TOUR” OF HANGARS**  
by Greg Thomes, Chapter 878 President

See an attachment to this newsletter which is an article from last week’s Maple Lake Messenger. I think it might be good for all hangar owners in Maple Lake to see. And, also it indirectly affects what the chapter envisions for new hanger space.

As noted in the article, the City Council and Mayor held a discussion about the lack of hangar space available for rent at the Maple Lake Airport. But it was noted by Mayor Todd Borell that, while the current hangars on the field may be full, in many cases they are not in compliance with their lease agreement and are instead being used as non-aviation related storage units.

The “hangar tour” is expected to be conducted in the spring.

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- **CHAPTER 878 OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2021/2022 POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY GATHERING**  
**Volunteer Opportunities Within Your Chapter**  
by Wayne Flury, Current Secretary

Due to low membership attendance at our November gathering, at which we would normally have held election of officers for 2021/2022, the election was postponed until our January get-together (or our next opportunity).

Offices to be filled by election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Eligibility is simple: you must be a chapter member and 18 years or older.

If you are interested in a chapter leadership position, prepare to have someone enter your name into nomination, or contact our current president, Greg Thomes.

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**A Note from Wayne Flury:** I need a volunteer to replace me as Chapter 878 Secretary.

I have been chapter secretary since January 2001 (a total of twenty years by the end of 2020). This is long enough! I believe all organizations are best served by having a variety of representative persons in the leadership positions. This shares the chapter responsibilities and knowledge amongst the membership, and helps to prevent burnout.

**Secretary:** duties as outlined in the Chapter 878 Bylaws:

- (a.) keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors;
- (b.) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law;
- (c.) be custodian of the corporate records of the Chapter; and
- (d.) perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Note: While not strictly addressed in the Bylaws, the Secretary also takes minutes of each general chapter meeting and distributes them to the membership. Our current chapter membership size and organization has not justified a separate “Board of Directors” meeting (by consensus the general meeting and Board of Directors meeting are considered equivalent) so there is only one meeting per month at which minutes are required.

Contact Wayne at 763-670-6021 or [wflury@outlook.com](mailto:wflury@outlook.com) for questions or more info.

● **MEET ANOTHER ANGEL FLIGHT PILOT WHO IS ALSO A CHAPTER 878 MEMBER**

**Humanitarian Flights Are Humbling Experiences**

by John Lacey – EAA Chapter 878 Member and Angel Flight Volunteer

(Editor’s Note: In the November issue of the Maple Lake Flyer (<https://chapters.eaa.org/-/media/51D4A6C325B041C097E2C7267F872955.ashx>), I told a story about John Honour, a Chapter 878 member and also a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight. At the end of that story I attached a note that there might be other chapter members (particularly within the IMC/878 Club association) who were also Angel Flight pilots and of which I was unaware. I encouraged responses and input from any such members regarding their experiences with this amazing organization.

The following is a response to that request from Chapter 878 member John Lacey. For more information about Angel Flight, see: <https://angelflightcentral.org/>, or just ask John.

Yes Wayne, there are about 50 pilots in MN connected to Angel Flight Central (AFC), 37 in the twin cities area, and I am one of them. In addition, EAA 878 members Ambyr Peterson and Stuart Simek are volunteer pilots for AFC as well

AFC is one of 9 Angel Flight agencies that cover the US through the Air Charity Network. AFC is headquartered in Kansas City at the downtown airport and directs the operations for 10 upper mid-west states.

As John Honour mentioned for your article, we pilots select the missions we would like to fly and, after AFC assigns the mission to us, it is our responsibility to contact the passenger and any other connecting pilots, schedule the flight, fly it safely, and make a brief report of the completed mission reporting the flight time and approximate cost. John mentioned the GO / NO-GO decision that has to be made by the pilot; in my experience there never been any second guessing of a decision to cancel the mission if we determine that it cannot be done safely.

My path to the AFC started several years ago at a social dinner event where the discussion got around to “What would you like to do that you have not done?” I had no hesitation: “I would like to fly humanitarian missions.” I can’t recall if I had even started taking flying lessons or not (at age 60), but fast forward 19 years, shortly after my wife died, I contacted AFC in January 2018 to volunteer.

Since that time I have conducted 50 missions; sometimes it is youth passengers to or from Moose Lake (for several days at a camp by One Heartland which AFC supports), or transport of blood samples, but mostly passengers between medical centers and their home (or a staging location where another mission pilot connects with us). From the flying aspect, the missions include one or two passengers (on rare occasions 3) with a total weight from 180 to 490 pounds, up to 300 NM (on rare occasions further). When there are multiple legs and the weight/range requirements are suitable, I have combined two missions, flying them non-stop. For Angel Flights, as John Honour points out, AFC has the normal IFR flying requirements and, in addition, they require 500 hours total time (250 with a Commercial rating), PIC currency, time in type and model (25 hours single or 50 hours twin), and for old geezers like me (over 80) a copilot less than 80 years old.



EAA Chapter 878 and IMC Club member John Lacey with his Cirrus SR-22, and proud daughter Michelle.



John was recognized as the 2019 New Pilot of the Year for the Angel Flight Central region

Why do I do this? As mentioned above, it has been a desire of mine for some time. I often say that it takes five factors to fly these missions:

1. The desire to help others
2. The ability to fly a plane

3. The reliable access to a suitable plane
4. The time to devote to the process (it is not just the flight time)
5. The financial resources (a typical mission is about 5 hours on the Hobbs and there is no reimbursement)

When these are all present in a person, if it is not used, what a waste! In my case, I have been blessed with all of the above – how can I not do it?

As I became more active in this work, I decided that I could do it better if I had my own plane. In July 2019 I got N194CM and have been enjoying (and agonizing on some occasions) the “Cirrus Life.” Like the comment John Honour attributed to Gordy Lewis, I rationalize my ownership of a plane to the conduct of Angel

John Lacey – “When these (factors) are all present in a person, if it is not used, what a waste!”

Flights. If it were not for that commitment, I doubt that I would opt for ownership. Flying clubs are really a great way to satisfy the DISEASE OF FLIGHT (that is how I refer to it on occasion).

I also flew once with Gordy, what an inspiration! As I recall, he took flying lessons at age 67 and only recently retired in early 2019, I think that was at age 92, with over 300 missions for AFC.

I have been humbled by the stories of the passengers. The tests / surgeries / treatments they have received and the positive attitude that they retain is remarkable. And they are so appreciative of our service – it is very heartwarming. So often I hear: “This would not be possible without the service of Angel Flight and the volunteer pilots.”

Ed. Note: John more recently provided a link to a YouTube video along with this note: “Please pardon my pride in what I do. This is the annual fund raiser for Angel Flight Central and this year, it had to go virtual. If you have 40 minutes, it gives some examples of the work they do. [WINE FLIGHT 2020 - YouTube.](#)”

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings: Normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM



**No meeting in December**

Next meeting will be January 26, 2021

**Special Meeting Location Information Until Social Gatherings Are Allowed**  
– meetings will be a “virtual” event, utilizing the “Zoom” meeting app.  
  
Download this app if you do not yet have it. Expect more info later regarding a meeting sign-in code.

**ATTENTION:** All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are you interested in joining IMC/EAA 878 Club? Cost is \$25.00 (EAA Chapter 878 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 about IMC club and program content each month, please contact Dave at [DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com](mailto:DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com), or 612-272-4600.

- **SATURDAY MORNING FAA WEBINARS**

By Laura Herrmann

Many of you know that I coordinate a series of “FAA Saturday Morning Webinars.” Note: these are currently (and for the foreseeable future) on-line webinars and not in-person seminars.

Attached with this newsletter is a flyer for your information and reference. Please save it and regularly check our list of programs.

The following will guide you through the steps to access the list of webinars.

Go to: <https://faasafety.gov/>

1. Position the mouse pointer on the “Activities, Courses, Seminars & Webinars” (in the bar at the top of the page) and then click on “Seminars & Webinars” from a drop-down menu
2. This brings you to a page with a box titled “Search Seminars & Webinars”
3. Note that there are “parameter boxes” by which to focus or narrow your search. Some are: Zip Code/Miles; State; Region; and Airport.
4. To get a list of all webinars & seminars in our area, use the “Region” drop-down list, click on “**GL15 (Minneapolis)**” and then click on “Search”

Hope to “see” you there!

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- **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

by Wayne Flury, Outgoing Chapter 878 Newsletter Editor

This issue of *The Maple Lake Flyer* is the last on which my name will appear as the “editor.”

I gave story details as to when and how I became the Chapter 878 newsletter editor in the October 2020 issue. If you’re interested in that, here’s the link to that newsletter: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea878/-/media/31AC67C4EB5640FCA1B790A686BF6EBC.ashx>. The story is on Page 5.

The shorter story is that I have invested almost 29 years as a newsletter editor. In that time I have been privileged to be an integral part of the development and growth of the chapter. I believe that currently we are as strong, or stronger, than we have ever been. We have programs and opportunities that would have been unthinkable some years ago.

Unquestionably there have been trying times along with the good times, but that’s part of life. And, it’s certainly part of the chapter “family” that we have become.

Our strength today is due to the involvement and dedication and ingenuity and cooperation of leaders and general members alike.

Our future will become stronger as we continue to grow and define our goals and objectives, and as we use the combined assets of our membership.

I may be stepping back somewhat from chapter leadership, but I’m not going away. I’ll continue to offer my support and opinions and perspective of chapter operations as I can, or as is requested.

I have done as much as I possibly can for the newsletter, and now Ray will take it to the next level.

I encourage all of our members, if you haven’t already done so, to offer your expertise in business management, operations, training, development, flight training and instruction, aircraft mechanic information and guidance, and so on.

We have many talents that can be tapped, and our future is limited only by the utilization of those talents. That utilization will be apparent to others who are not yet active chapter members, and will draw them to be associated or more involved with our group. Growth begets growth.

● **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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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 or other chapter activities. Our December meeting is usually 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?

11-25-2020

# CITY COUNCIL WILL TOUR AIRPORT HANGERS



Due to unavailable or lack of hangar space at the airport, the city council will visit the hangars to discuss the issue.

Photo by [unclear]

**By Katie Friedman**  
*Correspondent*

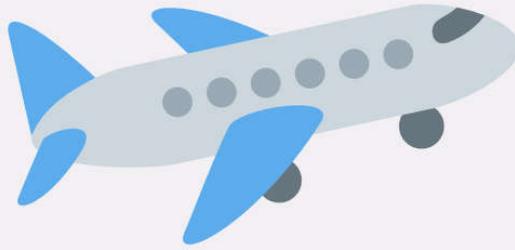
At their most recent meeting, Tuesday, November 17, Maple Lake City Council members discussed a current lack of available hangar rental space at the airport and the attendant issue of hangars being used for purposes other than aviation.

“The hangars are full,” said Mayor Todd Borell. “But they’re not full of airplanes like they’re supposed to be,” adding that many are being used for general storage including boats and other large items.

According to the airport’s lease agreement, ninety percent of hangar space is designated for the storage of a flying machine, the remainder of which is allowed for aviation-related storage. Borell suggested that just as the council makes an annual tour of the city to spot nuisance violations, a similar walk-through of hangars might be equally fruitful.

City Attorney Dave Anderson said that inspection rights are included in the agreement as long as 24 hours’ advance notice is provided. Borell replied that any inspections would likely not take place before the spring, and that in the interest of giving hangar users ample time to clean their spaces, notice of at least one month will be given if possible.

This article is from the 11/25/2020 issue of the Maple Lake Messenger.



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