



# 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

May, 2018

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. (all times below somewhat approximate!)**

Yes, we have now changed to our “summer months” meeting schedule – the evening of the second TUESDAY of the month. Start times for our summer meetings may vary due to ancillary events of the day, such as having a pre-meeting picnic with burgers and other tasty treats.

**Location: Buffalo Airport, at the Arrival / Departure Building**

**Program and Schedule: 6:00 p.m. Burgers and More. Burgers provided by the chapter  
Please bring one food item to share**

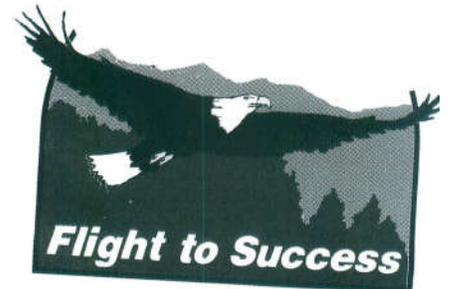
**6:45 p.m. General chapter meeting**

**7:30 p.m. Visit the Fisher Tiger Moth project being built by Steve Waddell. Project located in the hangar on the corner south of the West Metro hangar.**

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

While attending a recent EAA Chapter Leader’s seminar, a “Top-10” list was presented of healthy EAA chapter meetings. Maybe you would like to grade Chapter 878 after perusing this list:

1. Stay Positive
2. Foster a welcoming environment.
3. Chapter activity usually equals chapter success.
4. Continually ‘market’ your chapter to others.
5. Recognize volunteers.
6. Keep meetings moving along and concise.
7. Develop a strategic plan and monitor it regularly.
8. Become a 501(c)(3).
9. Utilize the chapter resources tab on the EAA web site.
10. Keep accurate & up-to-date information on our web site and Facebook.



Thanks to all of you for making EAA Chapter 878 successful. And, may your skies always be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President

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

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



[www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/](http://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/)

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● **GARAGE SALE REPORT**  
**by Barb Zabel**

The Chapter 878 Spring Garage Sale was held April 19-21 at the Maple Lake Airport in the hangar of Allen and Barb Zabel and Greg Thomes.

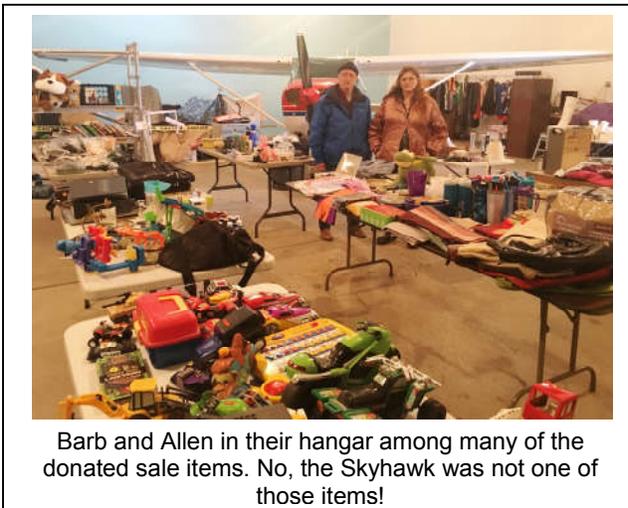
We had excellent response to my request for donations. To everyone who donated items, THANK YOU!!

The total of the sale for this weekend is \$853.65, though not everything was sold. I missed my goal of \$1000, but not by much! I will be keeping some items and continuing to try to sell them. All proceeds go to the chapter.

I had fun, but it was also exhausting! Even so, we may even try another sale later this year! Keep cleaning out your house and making donations to the chapter!



Making good use of our chapter owned mobile sign trailers!



Barb and Allen in their hangar among many of the donated sale items. No, the Skyhawk was not one of those items!



Toys, toys and more!

● **BUFFALO PANCAKE BREAKFAST FLY-IN, JUNE 10**

See the fly-in poster included with this newsletter for our 2018 Buffalo Fly-In Pancake Breakfast hosted by EAA Chapter 878.

As noted on the poster, this is much, much more than just the pancake breakfast. There is also a great car show and the afternoon wraps up with an air show performance by Mike Wiskus in the Lucas Oil Pitts Special. For those who have been part of this before, you know it is a great package deal of entertainment! If you haven't been to the Buffalo fly-in before, make this the year to change that!

The pancake breakfast is a great fund raiser for the chapter. Or, at least it is when we don't get nasty weather moving through all morning as we did last year! Keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

As with any chapter fund raising event, whether it is this pancake breakfast, or our pork chop dinner, or our recent chili feed, the key to success is having support of the chapter membership in the form of volunteer contributions of your time. Please plan to help as you are able. Set up will be on Saturday, June 9 at approximately 1:00 p.m. We'll have two work shifts available on Sunday. Contact Greg Thomes to volunteer for an assignment area.

The Buffalo fly-in is listed on the following websites:

- ✓ MN Department of Aeronautics, [aeroinfo.dot@state.mn.us](mailto:aeroinfo.dot@state.mn.us)
- ✓ EAA, <https://www.eaa.org>
- ✓ Social Flight, <http://socialflight.com>
- ✓ Flyins.com, <http://Flyins.com>
- ✓ Midwest Flyer, <http://midwestflyer.com/>
- ✓ Minnesota Pilots Association, <https://www.mnpilots.org/>
- ✓ Minnesota Flyer magazine, and at <http://www.mnflyer.com/section/events>

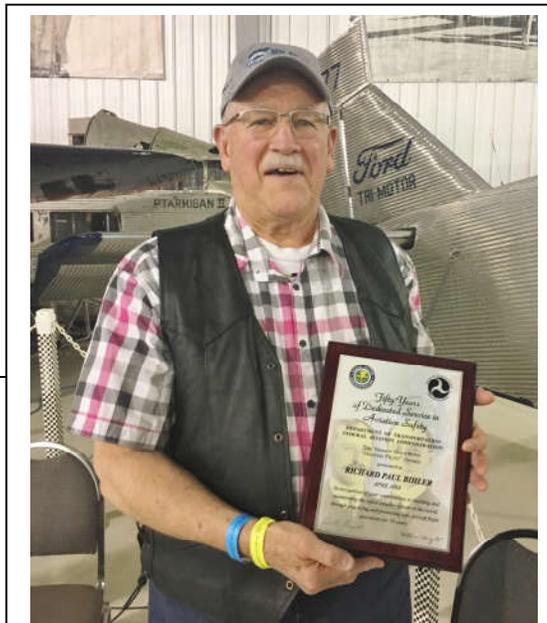
Help to pass the word. Hang up a poster during your travels and talk it up among your friends.

● **RICHARD BIHLER – MASTER PILOT**

At the recently held Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering, sponsored by the Minnesota Pilots Association, IMC/878 Chapter Member Richard Bihler was honored with the presentation of an FAA “Master Pilot” award.

As noted in the FAA website: “The Wright Brothers **Master Pilot Award** is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 61. This award is named after the Wright Brothers, the first US pilots, to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as “Master Pilots”.

Congratulations Richard!



Richard Bihler, Master Pilot

Photo, left: Richard participated in a post-award question and answer session, moderated by FAA representative Kevin Morris.

- **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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- **YOUNG EAGLES FLIGHTS ON SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED**  
by Kyle Weatherly, Young Eagles Co-Coordinator

(Ed. Note: Kyle Weatherly and Kurt Pennuto have agreed to take over the chapter Young Eagles leadership position, joining together to add both of their personalities and passion to this youth aviation program.)

Please consider volunteering your time in any capacity you feel comfortable. If you can help with Young Eagles flights, please contact me at: 612-965-1610 or [k.weatherly@live.com](mailto:k.weatherly@live.com). Kurt's contact is: 612-209-3478 or [kpenn\\_41@charter.net](mailto:kpenn_41@charter.net).

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- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2018**

- May 8 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 6:00 pm, at Buffalo Airport, A/D Building
- 12 Young Eagles flights
- 22 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- June 9 Young Eagles flights
- 10 Buffalo Fly-in / Chapter 878 Pancake Breakfast
- 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm
- 26 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- July 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm
- 14 Young Eagles flights
- 23-29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
- 24 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Aug 11 Young Eagles flights
- 14 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm
- 28 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Sep 8,9 EAA Chapter 878 Fly-in at Maple Lake (32<sup>nd</sup> Annual!!). Saturday night camp-out; Sunday Pork Chop Dinner (noon)
- 11 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm
- 25 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 the 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.

- **TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO THE CHAPTER**

by Wayne Flury

If you purchase something for the chapter (that is, it becomes property of the chapter and is not just something you bring occasionally for the chapter to use at an event), you may claim this purchase as a tax-deductible donation to the chapter.

REMEMBER – EAA Chapter 878 is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations you make to the chapter may be tax deductible. Check with your tax preparer for more detail! Help the chapter and help your tax situation at the same time!!

Contact our Chapter Manager of Non-Profit Programs, Barb Zabel, at 763-360-6286 or [zabe\\_73@hotmail.com](mailto:zabe_73@hotmail.com) for more info about contributions and to receive a receipt for your donation.

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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's IMC/EAA 878 Club meeting will feature a presentation about planning for and executing the Final Approach. The presenter will be Chris Glaeser, a member of the IMC/EAA 878 Club, an EAA Life Member, and an airline and military experienced pilot



NOTE: 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)

IMC Pilots Strive to be IFR Professionals – Always: Current, Competent, Proficient  
Trusting: Judgment, Decisions, Curiosity

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 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.

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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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



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**BUFFALO**

# FLY-IN

**Breakfast &  
Car Show**

**JUNE 10,  
2018**



- **CARS**
- **AIRPLANES**
- **AEROBATICS**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Serving 7:30am-12pm

Hosted by:

**West  
Metro  
Aviation**

Sponsored by:

EAA Chapter 878  
Maple Lake, Minnesota



Free meal for PIC  
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