



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

September, 2020

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, September 8

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

Meeting Time: Light meal provided – at 6:30 PM

Meeting to follow, approximately 7 PM

- Notes:**
- The courtesy of distancing, a facemask, and hand sanitizing is appropriate upon your personal comfort level and respect for others
 - As with any other activity, a personal “Risk Assessment” should guide you. If you don’t feel well, have been exposed to COVID-19, or think you may have, please stay home and join us another time



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

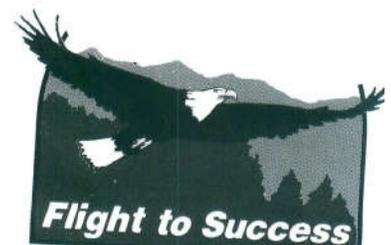
Just like a fresh coat of paint! I think all of us are looking for ways to get out of the cocoon that has wrapped around us in 2020. Fellowship in aviation offers this renewal feeling.

Whether you’re taking a GA flight to a remote, socially distancing family event, or attending one of our informative EAA meetings, brush on the fresh colors of what are left of this year.

Those of us involved in EAA have the means to keep some sort of normalcy.

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>



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2020**

Sep	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Maple Lake airport, hosted by Joe Simmon
	22	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Oct	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, at Buffalo airport
	17 & 18	(check for event confirmation) Swap Meet and Air Show at Buffalo. Swap meet and air show by West Metro; food service by Chapter 878
	27	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Nov	10	Location TBD
	24	IMC / EAA878 meeting
Dec	12	Holiday party and Awards Banquet

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/, and websites such as <https://www.eaa.org/ea>, <https://www.aopa.org/community/events>, www.socialflight.com, and <http://www.flyins.com>. Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.

- **HELP SUPPORT EAA CHAPTER 878 AS YOU SHOP**
If you're an Amazon shopper, consider using AmazonSmile

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice – please designate EAA Chapter 878!

- **KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFO UPDATED WITH OUR CHAPTER 878 DATABASE MANAGER**
by Wayne Flury

Ray Svobodny is now our Chapter 878 Database Manager. He will periodically be sending a current roster to all chapter members.

The chapter member roster is an ever-changing document as members join, depart, move, change email addresses, etc. Please help Ray by providing him with any changes to your information or filling in any blanks in our current info.

Ray will be soliciting input as he updates the roster and incorporates it into a database. The database concept he is developing will allow us to customize correspondence and will also be a permanent location for information about our members.

Contact Ray at: raysvobodny@gmail.com or 612-327-4232.

- **WANTED – PHOTOS OF YOU AND YOUR AIRPLANE**
by Elaine Morrow, Chapter Webmaster

Help me make our website a place of chapter recognition and interest.

Please send me a photo of your airplane (and you) which I will include on our Chapter 878 website. This includes aircraft projects too! Send to: pilotelaine@aol.com or call me at 952-913-2356 with any questions.

- **CHRIS GLAESER REQUESTING CHAPTER MEMBER AIRCRAFT AND PROJECT INFO**

Chris Glaeser (as our chapter Flight Advisor) is still looking to get information from all chapter members about aircraft owned, or projects working on, His focus is to have a list so that if he gets a call from someone asking if he knows anything about RV aircraft or float planes, etc., he has a source of reference.

If you haven't yet responded to Chris, please contact him with your info (a photo may also be nice) with complete data on your airplane, including engine and prop.

His contact info is: 952-239-4081, or chris.glaeser@gmail.com.

- **FALL 2020 CHAPTER FUNDRAISING EVENT REVIEW**

The chapter committee for planning a fall fundraising event will be meeting on September 8 (same night as the regular chapter meeting) to review and evaluate its feasibility. An event being billed as an *Aviation Swap Meet and Airshow* to be held on October 17 & 18 is currently proposed and advertised. This committee is composed of Greg Thomes, Laura Herrmann, Henry Williams, and Boyd Emmel, Wayne Flury and Mike Wiskus.

However, there are still a number of issues to be worked out, primarily in regard to COVID-19 and how we would meet the state mandates for safety and social distancing. The City of Buffalo will require a detailed plan for this. Other concerns are the current late date and the time available now to finish planning and preparation, as well as the ability of the chapter to muster enough volunteer help to make it successful.

- **CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2021/2022 DUE IN NOVEMBER**

Volunteer Opportunities for You

by Wayne Flury, Current Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Per our Chapter 878 bylaws, election of officers is to be conducted at an annual meeting (a regular meeting in the election year held prior to November 30). Terms of the offices are two years. Our last election was in November 2018, making our next election due in November 2020, with the new terms running from January 2021 to December 2022.

The Chapter 878 offices to be filled by election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Eligibility is simple: must be a chapter member and 18 years or older.

If you have an interest in taking a leadership position, please contact our current President, Greg Thomes.

Wayne Flury Note – you could be our next Secretary and/or Newsletter Editor: I am soliciting volunteers to replace me as Secretary (an elected office) and Newsletter Editor (a volunteer position).

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.

Newsletter Editor: Do you have experience, or a desire to gain experience, as a writer, editor, or organizer? If so, you could be the next Newsletter Editor for EAA Chapter 878. There are no specific duties outlined for Newsletter Editor. It's a communications vehicle for the chapter, and allows you great flexibility in performing the duties of keeping our members informed.

It's time for a transition in this position to a new person with new ideas, new energy, new vitality, and new dreams. You will help move Chapter 878 forward as we continue to grow and evolve.

The newsletter could be continued in its current presentation, style and layout, or you could reinvent it into a new communication vehicle that expresses your own individuality, connects to the membership, and takes advantage of other technology formats.

Contact me at 763-670-6021 or wflury@outlook.com to volunteer or to get more info. The Secretary and Newsletter Editor positions are very complementary, and have been handled by the same person (me) for many years. This does not mean that the two jobs must remain linked.

- **EAA WEBINAR TO FEATURE CHAPTER MEMBER CHRIS GLASER AS A PRESENTER**

by Chris Glaeser, Chapter 878 Flight Advisor

I'm giving an EAA webinar on Sept 22 as one of the 4 presenters on Takeoff Engine failures. This webinar is intended to compliment the 4 Sport Aviation magazine articles this year on this subject. I hear we have 1,800 people signed up already.....!!

The primary presenter, Rick Marshall, is creating a new planning tool for engine failures on takeoff that shows most certified aircraft have no chance of making it..... he's based at KFCM!

If you're interested, register for this webinar at: <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars> (note: this link takes you to the Webinars page of the EAA website, and it has all the webinars for September and October).

- **MEET LEAH PINONIEMI – one of the world's newest Private Pilots**
by Wayne Flury

This year 2020 has been one of struggles and sorrow. But yet we still hear stories of achievement and fulfillment that give us hope for the future. This is just one of those stories...

Leah Pinoniemi is a young lady who discovered a passion for aviation and invested a significant amount of effort into learning to fly. If you are a pilot, you know about accelerated stalls. If you're a student, you know about the availability of accelerated learning programs. Leah jumped into flight training and took the concept of accelerated flight training to a whole new level.

You may have previously seen Leah's name in regard to EAA Chapter 878's scholarship program. She is one of four student applicants who graduated from a Wright County high school (three were selected by our chapter) and received a scholarship to assist her in an aviation related educational program.

No one in Leah's family is a pilot, so her introduction to general aviation didn't come until she was a Young Eagle participant in May 2019, riding with chapter member Chris Glaeser in his RV-7A. In September there was another Young Eagle experience with chapter friend Bruce Topp. Leah took things further with a Discovery Flight at Inflight Pilot Training at Flying Cloud airport in October, and then had another Young Eagle flight with Kyle Weatherly, one of our chapter Young Eagle Coordinators.

Things got serious on May 11 2020 when she started flight lessons at Inflight. She didn't solo until July 23, but took (and passed) her Private Pilot checkride on August 6...just a few days more than 12 weeks after beginning lessons. Accelerated training? Oh YEAH!!

I asked Leah what her thoughts were when she first took the airplane controls from the left-hand seat on her Discovery Flight. Her answer shouldn't surprise anyone! "I was like Wow! I'm in control – how crazy! I had so many questions in my head...I wanted to know everything. I was so excited and motivated to become a pilot!"



Leah's first solo on July 23, 2020



August 6, 2020, new Private Pilot Leah and her instructor Sara Weidler (Leah also flew a few times with Chapter 878 / IMC member Ambyr Peterson)

Leah continued: “I had a part time job all summer. I nannied 3 days a week and I would study and read while my kids were napping. I would fly after work and on my off days. In the beginning of my training I would do one flight a day, then go home to continue my online ground lessons. Once I was done with the Sporty’s (Ed. Note: Leah, as an EAA Student Member, had free access to Sporty’s *Learn to Fly Course*), I started to do 2 lessons a day. and then sometimes I would squeak in a third lesson.”

With this degree of determination, you might expect the next goal or step on the aviation ladder to be a big one. It is. Leah explains, “I wanted to go to Mankato State University for a Commercial Pilot study program, but it isn’t possible for me this year, unfortunately. The expenses have delayed me. I will be working to afford

my own flight training on the side now and I hope to become a flight instructor! I loved coaching gymnastics and now I can’t wait until I can share more of my passions with others someday! Once I have enough hours my dream is to go into the airlines.”

While her academic career (and the chapter scholarship) might currently be on hold, I think Chapter 878 can be very proud of Leah’s achievements and fully expect her to be successful on whatever path she chooses to take. With young members in our society such as Leah, the trials of 2020 will be overcome.

It’s interesting to consider the value of more than one Young Eagles experience, particularly for older participants. Leah had three YE introductions, from three different pilots, all flying different airplanes. If she had been limited to just one experience, would the connection have been made? Perhaps, but the benefit of the second and third ride, certainly in this case, was made. And I’d bet that she becomes a Young Eagle pilot in the future! Keep an eye on this young lady – she’s going places!

Author’s Comment: Leah’s story is not a typical pilot training program, and is certainly an achievement worthy of a virtual “high five” from the entire chapter. Leah has now joined a special group of people! Welcome!! But it’s also important to keep in mind that whether Leah, you or I needed 12 weeks or 12 years to reach our aviation goal is not the point. Earning a Private Pilot license (or any other life goal) is a challenge subject to our individual circumstances. Keep at it, keep aiming for that prize. And if that prize happens to be a flight rating, you may eventually find yourself taking training from Leah!

- **NOTE THE “COLORIZED” CHAPTER 878 LOGO IN THE NEWSLETTER HEADER**
by Wayne Flury, Newsletter Editor

Did you notice the little splash of color in the header on the first page of this newsletter?

I was looking for a volunteer to do some graphics work on the Chapter 878 logo used in the header of the newsletter (and other communications). Then I realized that the company we use for our chapter nametags already had something that I might be able to use. They agreed to provide me with both a JPG and a PDF format of the artwork they use on our nametags (at no additional cost, since we already paid them for the setup work back when we started using this company for our nametags).

I’ll distribute a copy of those files to anyone who needs them. Contact me.

I did have someone respond and offer an alternative logo design. If there is any feeling that a “modernized” chapter logo should be considered, let me know.

- **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 – September 22



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, or 612-272-4600.

- **TREE OF HOPE TOY COLLECTION PROGRAM MOVES TO NEW COLLECTION FORMAT**
Putting Smiles on Hospitalized Children’s Faces Over the Holidays!
by Ray Svobodny, Tree of Hope Director and Webmaster

i want to let you know of our 31st year of providing gifts for hospitalized children during the holidays. Due to COVID-19, our event is mostly online this year, with a goal of raising \$65,000 to provide 6,500 toys to hospitalized children.

The Tree of Hope organization believes Chapter 878 will be interested in helping this wonderful charity.

We are seeking Walmart, Target, and Amazon eGift Cards and/or donations through PayPal. We will then purchase and drop ship presents to each of our facilities for delivery to individual hospitalized children.

Last year, over 6,000 gifts were given to many thankful children, parents, and surrounding health care professionals. The Tree of Hope is the only organization consistently supplying toys to sick children.

Help us raise \$65,000 to put a smile on the face of a hospitalized child over the holidays!

And please help get the word out...

For more information on how you can participate or donate, please see the website at <http://holidaytreeofhope.org/>, the flyer attached with this newsletter, or contact Ray Svobodny at raysvobodny@gmail.com or 612-327-4232.

Ed. Note: Chapter 878 has a long history of participation and involvement with the Tree of Hope, and it’s good to see that this toy collection program has found a way to move forward even through the current restrictions. Please support the program as you can.

● **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 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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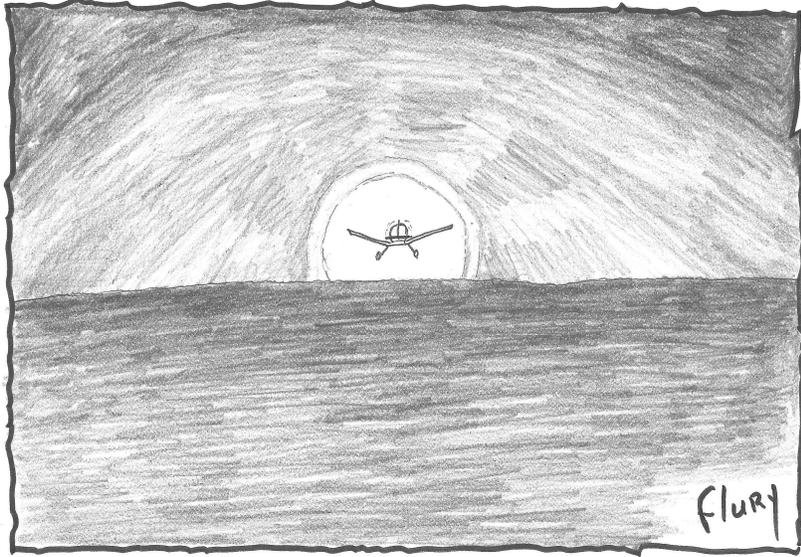
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EAA Chapter 878 Advocates: All Members

Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



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