



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

January, 2020

• EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT AND MEETING INFO

Date: Saturday, January 11

(Note: In 2003 the chapter voted on and approved a shift away from Tuesday evening meetings (or Wednesday evenings at that time) to Saturday morning meetings for the months of January, February, March and April. This has been our tradition since then, with the goal of sparing members from traveling in the dark during some of our coldest weather).

Location: Buffalo Airport, Arrival / Departure Building

Time: 9:15 am

Enticements: Coffee, hot chocolate and sticky buns (because, you know, it's dangerous to go "cold turkey" on the holiday goodies! However, now I'm hungry for a turkey sandwich!).

• FLIGHT TO SUCCESS by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

It's always fun to walk through the doors of our hangar...so many memories. As a pilot goes through the various stages of his/her life, we evolve and learn. At what stage in flying are you? Is the thrill of flying still there with you? What memories are you making...and will be making in 2020?

Country western singer Toby Keith once wrote and sang a song entitled "Don't let the old man in." I truly think that this can apply to our pilot groups. Do the memories, when you walk through the doors of your hangar, evoke anticipation of your next flight?

As a younger pilot, I needed no reason at all to pull the Cardinal out of the hangar and fly around. This was probably the first stage of my piloting life. Has something changed in my life now? Some way, somehow, I need to rekindle that passion to fly. At what stage in my flying experiences am I now?

Toby's song pleads "Don't let the old man in." I won't. I can't. Check out the song. And keep the "younger-you" pushing forward in 2020.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



Remember to regularly check our chapter's website:

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



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2020**

Jan	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised. Note: change to Saturday morning meetings for the winter!
	28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Feb	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised.
	15	Chapter 878 Fly-In Chili Feed. Buffalo Airport. 11 am to 2 pm
	25	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Mar	14	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised.
	24	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Apr	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting. Time and location to be advised.
	24 – 25	Minnesota Pilots Association, Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG) at Buffalo Airport
	28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm

- **CHAPTER 878 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020 ARE NOW DUE!**
by Wayne Flury, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Your dues to the chapter for 2020 become due this month. 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 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
- Ask about a “Lifetime” 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:

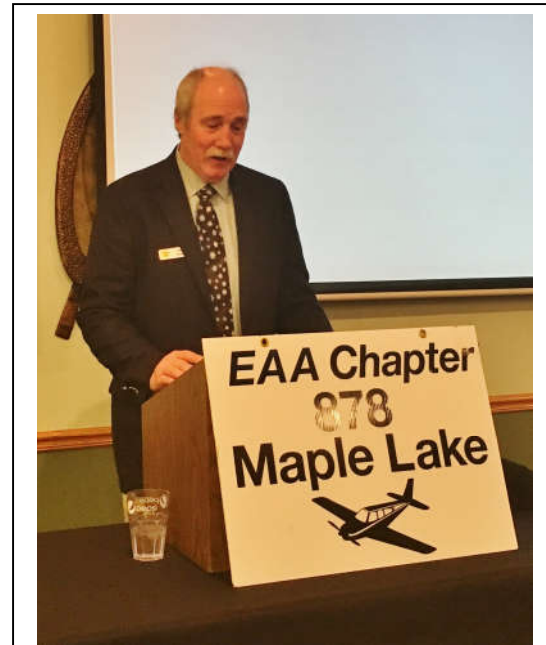
1. Chapter 878 dues are separate from and not the same as your national EAA dues
2. Chapter 878 dues are in addition to any IMC dues (IMC dues payable separately)
3. IMC members should check with Dave Wendt about your IMC dues

● **EAA CHAPTER 878 “CHAPTER 878 HOLIDAY PARTY and YEAR-END AWARDS”– December 14, 2019**
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

Note: This summary serves as the “minutes” of our December social event.

Our EAA Chapter 878 “Holiday Party and Year-End Awards” gathering was Saturday evening, December 14 at Huikko’s Entertainment Center in Buffalo. After a social hour, Chapter President Greg Thomes addressed the gathering with general opening remarks and an overview of the past year, including our “highs” (many member achievements, chapter fly-ins and other activities, and our outreach to aviation students through our scholarship program and our Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient) as well as our “lows” (remembering Carla Bond, wife of chapter member Tim Bond, who passed away this summer). He thanked the members for their outstanding contributions to the chapter and to all of aviation.

44 chapter members, spouses, family and guests then enjoyed a meal and after-dinner presentation from our guest speaker, Laura Herrmann, a Chapter 878 and IMC 878 member. In Laura’s presentation, titled *Tundra Tires Rule*, she shared the experiences of her June 2019 trip to Alaska where she flew in the Alaskan bush and also around Mt. Denali (previously Mount McKinley).



EAA Chapter 878 President Greg Thomes



Guest speaker program presentation by Laura Herrmann

Laura has been a Chapter 878 member for 5 years, arriving via our association with the IMC Club. She began flying in her 30’s after receiving a Valentine’s gift of a Discover Flight, and now has 1200 hours of PIC, many in her personal Cessna 182 which she has owned since 2002.

Laura is a nurse anesthetist at Phillips Eye Institute, plus has her own business teaching life support training for anesthesia providers for animals. She coordinates an FAA Safety Team program and was recognized as Minnesota’s FAA Safety Team Representative of the Year in 2019. Her goal is to fly into all 50 US states, and currently has only two left on that list (and planning to get those this summer!).

Laura regularly provides the use of her time and aircraft for animal rescue flights, and so far has flown 200 dogs, one cat and two goats! She and her 5 year old pit bull make therapy dog visits to a memory care center in Eden Prairie. In the meantime, Laura is also the committee coordinator for our Chapter 878 Winter Chili Feed.

Presentations of Chapter 878 awards and other recognitions of service concluded the evening.

Greg noted that our 2020 regular chapter meetings will begin on January 11 when we switch to our “winter-months” schedule of Saturday mornings.



EAA Chapter 878 2019 Service Awards

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

Dick Borrell – Chapter
“Atta-Boy” Award

Amy Weatherly – New
Chapter Member of the
Year

Jazmin Spreiter – Ray
Aviation Scholarship
Recipient

Elaine Morrow – Chapter
Service Award

Pete Radintz - Chapter
Vice-President

Henry Williams – Chapter
Treasurer and Most Valued
Pilot

Wayne Flury – Chapter
Secretary, Newsletter
Editor & Most Valued Pilot

Kyle Weatherly – Most
Valued Pilot Award

Boyd Emmel – Most Valued
Pilot Award

See a list beginning on
next page for the full
account of award
recipients, a description of
the awards and their basis.

Note: Some award
recipients not present.



The following are notes from Greg Thomes' notebook which he used during the Awards Recognition portion of our program:

- **"Atta-Boy" Awards:**

This award is a "Couldn't Do It Without You" recognition to individuals who have been at many or most of our chapter events and activities, adding value to our EAA chapter. We trust they will continue sharing their talents with us.

Dick Borrell - Dick has represented Chapter 878 at several IMC Club meetings and undertook the time consuming task of assisting in updating the chapter's bylaws. Also, he has a tendency to pick flying weather to pilot his airplane in very difficult conditions!

Craig Fordahl - Craig is that smiling face that seems to say, "I'm just glad to be here!" He is always asking if there is anything he can do. He and his wife recently donated kitchen equipment to the chapter that will make our pancake breakfasts go smoother.

- **New Member of the Year:**

Amy Weatherly – this award goes to someone who isn't even a pilot (and I'm not even sure if she enjoys flying with her husband!). Her behind-the-scenes work with Young Eagles has the registration process running smoothly. She also keeps tabs of schedules and the family while Kyle travels extensively for his job.

- **Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship Recipient:**

Jazmin Spreiter – the chapter was very honored to be one of fewer than 100 chapters in the US to have a Ray Scholarship recipient. Jazmin has spent the last 9 months in-and-out of airplanes, and in-and-out of Oshkosh. She is presently on the cusp of obtaining her Private Pilot license.

- **Chapter Service Awards:**

Elaine Morrow – Elaine is recognized for her service as our chapter web editor, and is commended for keeping our website up-to-date. Most updates are posted the date after our meetings – sort of an "Ask and you shall receive" type of service!

Elaine is also commended for the energy and dedication she puts into the Tree of Hope. Though not a Chapter 878 committee or function, she encourages all chapter members to become a part of this very important holiday celebration which has become a tradition for many members.

Dave Wendt – Dave is recognized for his work as the IMC coordinator for EAA Chapter 878, and he has also recently taken on the position of Chapter Manager of non-profit programs.

- **Chapter Officers:**

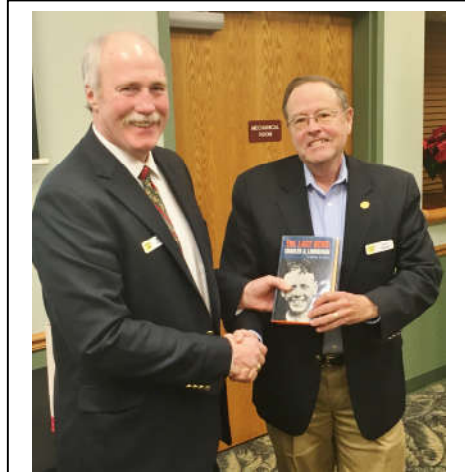
Vice-President – Pete Radintz. This pilot is the best "wing man" a president could ever want! He has filled in for me at various times during the year, is always engaged in chapter activities, and keeps an eye out so the president doesn't get blind-sided!

Treasurer – Henry Williams. Also a "**Most Valued Pilot.**" I can't count how many times Henry has topped by my office and taken a huge amount of work off my plate! He has been involved in virtually all of our projects and seems to come up with solutions to those last minute issues and he is becoming more involved in chapter remote control airplane projects. He coordinates all of our financial records and has a nice checkbook balance! Henry also mails out thank-you letters to those contributing to the chapter under our 501(c)(3) status.

Secretary – Wayne Flury. Also **Newsletter Editor** and a “**Most Valued Pilot.**” Wayne has been Chapter Secretary since 2001 and is also the “glue that holds our chapter together” (Sec. Note: this is an EAA description for a Newsletter editor) since 1986 (Sec. Note: actually since 1988, with a break from 1996 to 2000, and from then to the present). If he can recall something from his own memory, he can certainly provide valuable information from his archive of past chapter newsletters and minutes. He’s also always making sure I don’t get blind-sided by potential issues, he attends almost all projects and makes sure that no “leaf is left unturned,” many times being the last person to leave a venue, and he seems to know more people in aviation than all of us put together. He’s also my mentor.

Chapter President – Greg Thomes. He received from EAA an award certificate and Chapter President’s lapel pin. (Sec. Note: but he didn’t write any notes about himself!).

Following the conclusion of the evening’s awards, Chris Glaeser approached Greg and presented him a copy of the book, *The Last Hero: Charles A. Lindbergh* by Walter S. Ross as a personal “Thank You” for his appreciation of Greg’s leadership of the chapter.



Chapter President Greg Thomes and Chris Glaeser

- **Chapter “Most Valued Pilot” Awards:**

Henry Williams – See notes under “Chapter Officers.”

Wayne Flury – See notes “Chapter Officers.”

Kyle Weatherly – Kyle has so many great ideas for our chapter that it’s hard to keep track of everything he promotes! I hear him often on the radio as he flies in and out of Buffalo and surrounding airports. Under his guidance the chapter provided more than 100 Young Eagles flights this year, and he also provides rides to interested adults through the Eagle Flights program. He loves kids and has adopted the STEM program offered to local schools. Kyle has put great effort and decisions into our Chapter Scholarship Program, so much so that I call 2019 the “Year of the Scholarship.” Under his guidance, chapter members came forward in a huge way to raise and contribute funds. The scholarship committee put much effort into nominating and selecting chapter scholarship winners. The fruits of our scholarship selections should be felt with the next set of “Generation Z” pilots and mechanics. Kyle also found time to assist in a huge way at the Tree of Hope program. We love his positive attitude and infectious laugh!

Boyd Emmel – Boyd has taken a huge step forward in his Chapter 878 activities. He’s another member with a love of the younger generation and it shows in his demeanor with kids. He attended AirVenture Oshkosh this year and is guiding our Ray Scholar recipient through the ropes. I just love his thoroughness and compassion for the rest of our scholarship winners.

- **Presidential Prerogative Award and “Co-Pilot Extraordinaire:”**

Betty Thomes – Greg recognized his wife Betty in appreciation for her behind the scenes support in so many ways.

Note: Greg made the assumption that there HAD to be mistletoe someplace in the building, but my finger on the shutter of my iPhone did not sync well with the husbandly kiss that Greg gave to Betty!!!



- **Chapter “Most Valuable Pilot (MVP) 2019” Award:**

Chris Glaeser – Chris logs many hours in his RV-7. He has an enthusiasm for aviation that further ignites the enthusiasm of other chapter members. He serves as our Flight Advisor, adding a new element to our meeting structure. As I peer around the meeting room, all members are engaged in his training and his insights into flying. He regularly attends AirVenture Oshkosh and has added valuable council into the safety aspects at Oshkosh as a member of the EAA’s Flight Safety Committee. He was part of the group that wrote the recently published EAA Flight Test Manual, and some of his insights have been published in Sport Aviation magazine. He too knows countless others in the aviation field. He is a former airline captain and has flown over the complete globe in both the military and with the Republic/Northwest/Delta airline chain. He became involved with the chapter through the IMC Club. He and his wife Karen have their home in Plymouth, but have a summer retreat near Annandale.



Greg Thomes with Chapter 878’s 2019 Most Valuable Pilot (MVP) Chris Glaeser

- **TAKE A KID TO AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2020 FOR FREE**

You may already know that Boeing has entered into a two-year agreement to provide financial support to EAA to allow youth 18 and under FREE admission to AirVenture Oshkosh.

So, make plans now to take your sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, friend’s kids, etc. to Oshkosh for the experience of a lifetime.

Caution: the offer DOES NOT cover the cost of the food they’ll eat, so plan your wallet contents accordingly!

<https://eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/12-05-2019-EAA-Offers-Young-People-Free-AirVenture-Admission-With-Boeing-Support>

- **3rd ANNUAL CHILI FEED FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN FEBRUARY 15 at BUFFALO**
by Laura Herrmann, Chili Feed Fly-In Committee Chairperson

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020
Buffalo Airport (KCFE)
Buffalo, MN

Proceeds benefit the chapter scholarship fund. Suggested donation is \$5. For further information or to enter a pot of chili in the cookout, contact Laura Herrmann at ljherrmann@yahoo.com.

Ed. Note: The above info is from the MnDOT "Events" website. Watch your email in the next week or so for a Chili Fly-In poster. Discussion of menu, volunteers needed, work assignments, etc. to be part of the January Chapter 878 meeting.

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

I recommend our members register for Radek Wyrzykowski's webinar describing EAA/IMC's newly introduced "EAA Proficiency365." Radek previewed this program when he visited us at Thunderbird Aviation for our November 2019 meeting.



Note: Radek is EAA's Manager of Flight Proficiency.

Registration for this Wednesday, January 22, 2020 event which starts at 19:00 CST is now available on the website: www.faasafety.gov.

Course Description: Improve your flying, proficiency, and safety with EAA Proficiency365™ - an exclusive benefits that can help you stay active in year-round activity utilizing flight simulators to advance your flying proficiency, improve your safety and keep your pilot certificate current without a need for a biannual flight review. Learn how to use EAA SkillScore™ Tracker to measure your progress. Select number: EA6196968

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings are open to all. All interested pilots (IFR & VFR), are invited to attend. Are you interested in joining? Cost is \$37.00 total dues per year. 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.

- **VOLUNTEER TO BE THE HEAD OF OUR MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN COMMITTEE FOR 2020**

By consensus vote of the chapter we did not have a 2019 fly-in at Maple Lake, breaking a string of 32 consecutive years of Maple Lake fly-ins. But the hope was to reorganize, plan, and hold an event in 2020.

A 2020 fly-In will need planning and organizational skills from the entire chapter as we reset our priorities, energy and focus. We'll need input on possible activities, displays, events, and food serving options.

Please examine what draws you to a fly-in, and how we can channel that attraction into our own event. You can be the leader to bring a fly-in back to Maple Lake.

The first Maple Lake fly-in was held on September 13, 1987 (only one year after EAA Chapter 878 was formed). It featured a pork chop dinner (something unusual at fly-ins at the time) prepared by the Wright County Pork Producers. It was sponsored by EAA Chapter 878, the Maple Lake Commercial Club, the Maple Lake Flyers, and the Maple Lake Jaycees.

- **CHAPTER MEMBERS FLY**
by Chris Glaeser and Greg Thomes

(Ed. Note #1: Here are photos of a flight by Chapter 878 members Chris and Greg in Chris's RV-7A on December 22. They were flying loose formation with a friend of Chris's, Warren Starkebaum in his RV-7. Both Warren and Chris base their aircraft at Crystal (KMIC). The air-to-air photos were taken just north of Brainerd. Photos by Greg and Warren.).



Chris Glaeser (left) and Greg Thomes as they prepare to commit some winter aviation in Chris's RV-7A.



Peeling off to explore the lake country!



Warren Starkebaum's RV-7 over one of the 10,000 lakes!



Northern Minnesota winter beauty under Chris's RV-7A

Ed. Note #2: Let's try to make **CHAPTER MEMBERS FLY** a regular section of the newsletter. The next time you go to a fly-in, or just for a trip around the patch, take a photo and let the rest of us know what you're doing. Heck, even if you just push the airplane out to wash it, take a photo and sent it to me!

Caution: if you plan to do air-to-air photography (or any type of formation flying), be sure to pre-brief to agree on altitudes, speeds, frequencies, positions, "break-it-off" contingencies, etc. For those nice "fill-the-frame" shots such as the one above, use a camera with a telephoto lens. Be safe!

- **CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT UPDATE**
by Kyle Weatherly, Scholarship Committee Coordinator

I received a message from Dakota Bullivant, one of our EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship recipients, just before Thanksgiving. The following is that message to me (and to the entire chapter). Dakota is attending UND. It's great to hear from our students and to know we have had some element of contribution toward their life goals.

Dear Kyle,

I thought I would email you before leaving for Thanksgiving on how things are going for me. In the few months I've been flying, I have already improved a lot. I have had two solo flights and a cross country now. I've gained a total of 29.1 hours and 1.9 of those are as the PIC. The weather has been rough, but I've still been making flights. My next lesson will be my first night flight. I've gotten a bit more used to things here now and I'm not nearly as stressed as I was. My grades are great and AFROTC has been a great experience so far.

I do plan on coming home for Thanksgiving, and I'm hoping I won't get caught in that snowstorm we're supposed to get. If you're around and the weather permits, maybe we could go for a flight? Let me know what you think.

Sincerely,

Dakota Bullivant

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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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- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



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And, just because I think this cartoon is very perceptive, here's a classic from *Calvin and Hobbes*, a favorite of mine, created by Bill Watterson.

Calvin's pessimism is balanced by Hobbes' objectivity!