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EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter

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Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

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| Date: | April 8 2025 |
| Location: | Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE |
| Meeting Time: | Board Meeting 5:30 PM; Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM |
| Notes: | Program presentation by Mike Lavelle, Aviation Historian |



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your dues yet?

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Presidents Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- Tuesday April 8, 2025, Buffalo A&D Building:
 - Board Meeting 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Regular Meeting 7:00 pm– 8:30 pm
 - Mike Lavelle – The First Modern Airliners – Boeing 247 vs Douglas DC-2

Hangar Project Status Update:

- **HANGAR WORKDAY SET FOR MARCH 29th.**
- By the time you read this the workday will be completed hopefully it went well.
- Items to do:
 - Remove the tin on the inside of the hangar
 - Sheet the area around the big fire door
 - Hang Fire Door
 - After that the Hangar should be ready for a rough in inspection. [Read more > 2-1/2 min read](#)



Vice-Presidents Airspace

by Wayne Flury

Do you take advantage of your chapter membership and our presentations?



Beginning with April meeting we switch from our “winter meeting” dates and time to our “summer meeting” schedule.

Note: it feels so good to write summer rather than winter, knowing that a whole new banquet of events, meetings, fly-ins, air shows, and nicer weather, etc., etc. is in the wings (a little theater/aviation play on words here!), just waiting for us to be introduced.

Chapter 878’s leadership is making every effort to have interesting chapter meeting agendas. The Board of Directors meets prior to the General Meeting, allowing us to get the tedious “business stuff”

taken care of before the General Meeting, but any member is always welcome at a BOD meeting. The main purpose of separating the two meetings is to make the General Meeting [Read more > 2 min read](#)



Treasurer Airspace

by Greg Thomes

We need to give a 'shout-out' to several of our members to bring our treasury into a stable state. Through their generous contributions, we are continuing our mission of helping youth and promoting general aviation. They wish to remain anonymous. With many hangar/class-room expenses facing the chapter in the near term, our EAA 878 budget was looking very limited. Thank you to these fellows (you know who you are)!

The GMAG and Pancake breakfast ways-and-means projects alone (and our chapter dues) don't totally keep us in the 'black' financially. You-too may contribute to our chapter's 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization. Contact me for more information.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.



Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

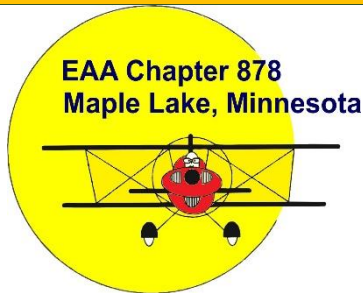
by Kyle Weatherly

Young Eagle events:

- Our first young eagle event is set for Saturday April 12, 2025.
- We currently have 23 YE's signed up and I have capped it there since there are currently only 3 pilots that have signed up to fly.
- We will be at Buffalo Airport for this event.

Build and Fly –

- Build and Fly – Tom Rammel was able to attend the February Board meeting. He has picked a plane for this year.
- The materials have been ordered for 10 remote-controlled planes.
- Build and Fly will begin July 2025, official dates have been set but I don't have them in my notes from the last meeting.



EAA 878 Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

The committee members are: Wayne Flury, Laura Hermann, Lloyd Melvie, Boyd Emmel, Jon Niska, and Kyle Weatherly.

There is one opening for the Scholarship committee. A committee member helps interview 878 and Ray Scholarship candidates.

2025 – EAA 878 Scholarship.

- The EAA 878 Scholarship has been posted to the website.
- All other scholarships have been updated with links to the most recent and available scholarships.
- The following links are available
 - EAA 878
 - FOBA – Friends of Buffalo Airport
 - AOPA
 - EAA National [Read more > 1-1/2 min read](#)



Ray Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

Part of the Ray Aviation Scholarship requirements is chapter participation. Nolan continues to attend all our events and provides additional chapter help.

Nolan Update:

- Nolan has been setting up a lot of flights with many of them cancelled due to the weather.
- Nolan gave us an update during the March chapter meeting.
 - Nolan has set his written test for the week of March 24th.
 - Nolan is nearly ready for solo, and the nice weather will help him get in the air more consistently.

2025 Ray Scholarship Application:

- Chapter 878 has been selected to administer a Ray Scholarship for 2025.
- This is an honor for 878 to have this ability but it is because we have successfully had 2 Ray Scholars, and our 3rd is well on his way to completing his PPL... [Read more > 1-1/2 min read](#)



Vim & Vigor Airspace

by Thomas Hurwitz, M.D.

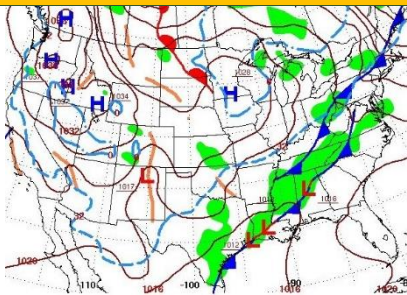
During a recent HCMC Sleep Center clinical conference, we discussed a complicated case of what was called “fatigue” by a primary care physician. Most of the discussion dealt with the distinction between fatigue and actual hypersomnia, or a failure to maintain daytime wakefulness. This brought to mind the



moment when we touch the code to enter our hangar to begin a pre-flight evaluation and pause to review the IMSAFE mnemonic. The “F-word” is actually ambiguous but relates to an important judgment about our ability to fly safely. Fatigue connotes “tiredness,” “weariness,” “exhaustion”, and “low energy” often following intense activity, muscular and cognitive. It can vary from tired legs after carrying skis and boots from the parking ramp at Vail to the gondola, or the “decision fatigue” described by Gary Reeves CFII and author (“the guy in the pink

shirt”). <https://pilotsafety.org/about-us>

He maintains that we have a finite number of competent decisions available to our brains during a given flight. For the most part, fatigue is a subjective experience but can, in some cases, be measured. For most of us, it is experienced subjectively or perhaps observed by others... [Read more > 2-1/2 min read](#)



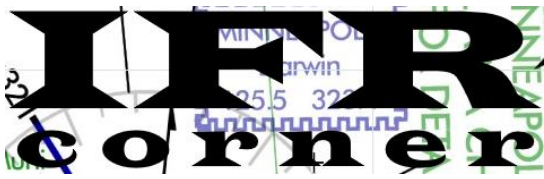
Weather Manners

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Class E Airspace Borders: How They're Marked On VFR Sectional Charts



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Memories

This Month in History



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EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Fund



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A home for our EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Center would help us consolidate meetings, conduct training sessions & finish building an RV-4 airplane.

Please join us in this fundraiser to rebuild an old hangar.

Sharing with others would also be helpful.



Notable Mention

by Chapter Leaders & Coordinators

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 952-913-2356 with any questions.

Requesting Chapter Member Aircraft and Project Info

By Chris Glaeser

Chris Glaeser (as our chapter Flight Advisor) is still looking forward to getting 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.

WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program

The objective of the WINGS Program is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, we hope to reduce the number of accidents we see each year for the same causes. As you will see, it is not a simple "Award" program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots. [Read more >](#)

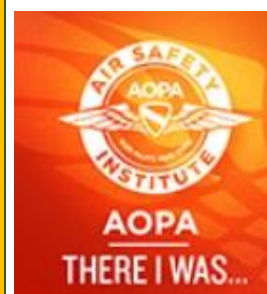
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Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

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| Apr | 8 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE |
| | 23 | IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM |
| May | 13 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE |
| | 28 | IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM |
| Jun | 10 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE |
| | 25 | IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM |

Note: this list 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](#), and websites such as [EAA](#), [AOPA](#), [Social Flight](#), [Fly-ins](#), [Midwest Airshow](#), [Fly-In and Flight Club](#) and [FunPlacesToFly](#). Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.



Editors Airspace by Ray Svobodny

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Sharing your knowledge and other news with the Newsletter is both fun and easy but please follow our simple editorial guidelines. Your articles, videos, high resolution images, and The Funnies by Wayne are welcome and needed. Our Chapter Members are particularly interested in aviation-related topics.

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If you have questions, please contact me anytime. [Ray Svobodny](#) / 612-327-4232.

BUFFALO FLY-IN

• ***BREAKFAST***

- *7:30 AM—12 noon. Hosted and served by EAA Chapter 878 in West Metro Aviation Hangar*

• ***CAR SHOW***

- *9 AM—1 PM. Hosted and held on airport grounds by Wright County Car Club*

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Buffalo Municipal Airport—KCFE
1305 County Rd 134 NE, Buffalo, MN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving 7:30 AM – 12 noon

Adults: \$10 Youth 6—12: \$5

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