

# The Maple Lake Flyer

February 2025

**"More than anything else the sensation is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost, if you can conceive of such a combination."**

**- Wilbur Wright**





# EAA Chapter 878

Advancing Joy Through Flying Since 1986  
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## EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter

### Celebrating 39 Years

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#### Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date:	February 8, 2025
Location:	Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
Meeting Time:	Board Meeting 8:00 am – 9:30 am; Regular Meeting 9:30 am – 11:00 am
Notes:	Mike Wiskus, tentatively planned, to give a tour & talk on the Bamboo Bomber.



Have you paid your dues yet?

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Help EAA Chapter 878 by paying your dues.  
Payment by either check or credit card is easy!



## Presidents Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

How is January almost over – OK maybe we are only ½ way but honestly the older I get the more I wish January and February to move very quickly.

### Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- February 8, 2025, Buffalo A&D Building:
  - Board Meeting 8:00 am – 9:30 am
  - Regular Meeting 9:30 am – 11:00 am
  - Mike Wiskus is tentatively planned to give us a tour and talk on the Bamboo Bomber he currently has in his stable in Buffalo.

### Hangar Project Status Update:

- We need to do some modifications to increase the fire rating of the classroom per regulations. During the board meeting in January, it was decided to hold off until March April before taking on the modifications.
- I was in the hangar yesterday 1/17/2025 and all looks good even with the extreme cold weather all lighting is working fine as well as no problems with the sitting heating system.

[Read more >](#) 2 min read



## Vice-Presidents Airspace

by Wayne Flury

### February Meeting Program Presentation

What's a "Bamboo Bomber?"

Though not an official name for this airplane, the Cessna AT-17 "Bobcat" (a military version of the Cessna T-50, Cessna's first twin-engine airplane) was nicknamed Bamboo Bomber by the pilots who flew them due to the use of spruce spars, spruce and plywood ribs, and plywood wing leading edges and wing tips. The fuselage is tubular steel and covered with fabric.



Also known initially as the AT-8 (for multi-engine training) and as the UC-78 (for transport service), over 5400 of these airplanes were produced from 1939 to 1944 but were declared obsolete by the military in 1949.

If you ever watched the early 1950s (1951 – 62) TV show "Sky King"... [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



## Treasurer Airspace

by Greg Thomes

Greetings from the guy with the check book! In 2025, we'll need to boost up our liquid assets. Please put the following dates on your calendars...because we could really use your help in raising money:

\*G.M.A.G: May 16-17. You're help between 10:00-6 PM is needed.

\*Buffalo Days Fly-in/Car Show: June 8th. 7:30 to 12:00 Noon.

May your skies be bright and breezes light. Greg



## Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

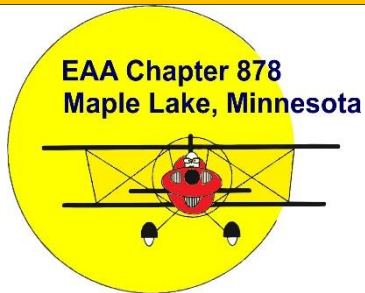
### Young Eagle events:

Young Eagles events will start back up in April.

Greg and I had the opportunity to meet a future young eagle yesterday at our hangar. This 15-year-old is very excited and had an ear to ear smile looking over the planes, plane, plane parts, and just being in a hangar. I think we are all looking forward to a successful Young Eagle season.

### Build and Fly –

- Build and Fly Is completed for the year – We will be discussing the Build and Fly format for Summery 2025 during at our February 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... [Read more > 1 min read](#)



## Ray Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

Part of the Ray Aviation Scholarship requirements is chapter participation. Nolan has been attending all of our events and also providing additional chapter help.

Nolan Update:

- Nolan has sent me updates on his progress as you all know, if you are living up here the weather has been terrible for flying. The low-lying fog over Nolan's winter break from schools was especially disappointing. He and his instructor got skunked most of the time they wanted to fly.
- Even with that Nolan has been studying for his written test and has shown me his test preparation progress scoring high 80 and low 90's on the practice tests.
- I anticipate that he will be taking his written and solo in the month of February if we have some decent luck with weather going forward. [Read more > 1-1/2 min read](#)



## Vim & Vigor Airspace

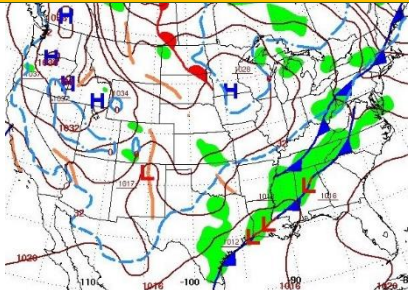
by Thomas Hurwitz, M.D.

At AirVenture 2024, during a seminar dealing with the “older” pilot, one of the recommendations was to remedy cataracts early in order to maintain optimal vision. Thus, even with mild, early cataracts before



serious visual impairment, proactive therapy can aid maintenance of vision and continuing flying. So, with a bit of trepidation and Oshkosh-mediated motivation, I headed into the operating room. Eye 1 surgery resulted in an incomplete procedure when a piece of the cataract descended further into the eye and required another surgery to retrieve and extract it before insertion of a new intraocular lens.

This complication may occur only once in 1,000 or more cases. After several weeks recovery, that eye is nearing 20/20 acuity. Eye 2 entailed about 15 minutes of cataract extraction and placement of the new lens. The usual experience and quite boring! On post operative day 5, vision in that eye is already remarkable. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



## Weather Manners

by Boldmethod

### Quiz: 6 Questions To See How Much You Know About Aviation Weather



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## Pilot Tips

by Boldmethod

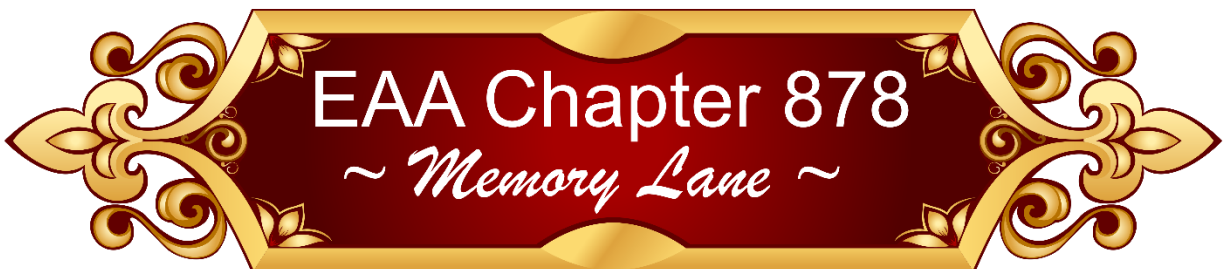
Quiz: How Much Do You Know About These 6 V-Speeds?



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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.



## KFCM Saturday Morning & Pro-Tips Webinars (Wings Credit Given)

### Saturday Morning Webinars (0900-1000 CT)

- February 1: Unpack the Six-Pack
- February 8: From the Surface to 10,000' – Minneapolis Approach
- February 16: Build Your Own Home Sim
- February 22: EAGLE Project

Schedule of topics: [FAASafety.gov](https://www.faa.gov/safety)

Questions? [Laura Herrmann](#)

New to Wings? [Wings account setup](#)





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 >](#)

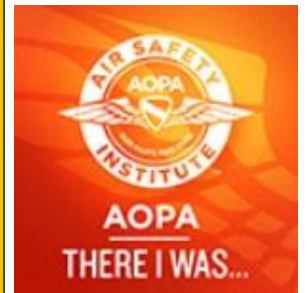
### **EAA Proficiency365**

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## Aviation Podcasts

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## Aviation Webinars

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## Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

Feb	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	26	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Mar	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
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Apr	12	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	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](#), and [FunPlacesToFly](#). Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.



## Editors Airspace by Ray Svobodny

The EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter is published monthly, 1-week prior to monthly Chapter meetings.

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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