



# 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

December, 2018

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

**Date:** Saturday, December 8

**Location:** Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo  
For info on Bison Creek, see: <http://huikkosbowl.com/bar-grill/>  
For directions, see info on Page 2

**Time:** 6 pm: Social Hour (cash bar)  
7 pm: Dinner (individual order from limited menu)  
After Dinner: Awards Presentations and Guest Speaker, Bill Mavencamp

For those who may not know Bill Mavencamp: Bill is currently the Owner/President of St. Cloud Aviation. In January 1982, Bill and his wife Bonnie started a flight school and charter company, called Wright Aero Inc., at the Maple Lake airport. In 1988 Bill, along with Bob Shaddock, acquired St Cloud Aviation. He was awarded "Flight Instructor of the Year" by the FAA the same year. Currently, Bill has approximately 36,000 flight hours! Bill and Bonnie were instrumental in forming EAA Chapter 878 in 1986, and are founding members.

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

For some reason...Good Ol' St. Nick has always been one of my favorite characters in life. Maybe it's in the spirit of his holiday 'giving' that handing out gifts truly excites me. St. Nick would hand-out awards to all good EAA men & women/boys & girls.

While checking out EAA 878's (2018) accomplishments, there are many of you deserving our praises. A revamped Young Eagles program is one of this past year's highlights. A chili feed fund raiser was initiated. And, a huge number of you attended Air Venture!

So, what better way to recognize our accomplishments than to have a party? Come to our X-Mass holiday party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. I'll be playing my super hero St. Nick...handing out those awards for a "job well done". May YOUR holidays be merry and bright!

And, here's hoping your skies are bright and breezes light.

Greg Thomes, President



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

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



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

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2018/19**

- Dec. 1 Tree of Hope toy collection, 9 am to 1 pm, Maple Lake
- 8 EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party, Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko’s Bowling and Entertainment Center), Buffalo
- 11 IMC / EAA878 – Tentative – tour of MSP Center in Farmington. More info to follow.
- Jan. 12 EAA Chapter 878 meeting (note: Saturday morning meeting)
- 22 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Feb. 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting (note: Saturday morning meeting)
- 26 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Mar. 9 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chapter 878 Chili Feed, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo
- 26 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 our EAA Chapter 878 website, [www.878.eachapter.org/](http://www.878.eachapter.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.

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- **DECEMBER “CHAPTER 878 CHRISTMAS PARTY” MEETING**

Come and join with your fellow Chapter 878 members on December 8 to relax and enjoy the company of friends (or get to know each other better) as we celebrate our growth and achievements of the past year.

As noted on the first page, we’ll gather at the Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko’s Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo. A “social hour” begins at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be at 7:00, with our programs to follow. For info on Bison Creek, see: <http://huikkosbowl.com/bar-grill/>.

**How To Get There** (if you haven’t been to Bison Creek/Huikko’s before): In Buffalo, from the intersection of Highways 55 and 25, go north approximately 2 blocks to 14<sup>th</sup> St. NE and turn left. Huikko’s is on west side of Highway 25.

Driveway to the parking lot is on north side of the facility, between Hair Design Salon and Klatt True Value Hardware. Yes, it’s weird!

Enter dining facility from the parking lot on the west side of building.

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- **CHAPTER POSITIONS STILL OPEN**  
by Greg Thomes

As previously noted in the newsletter, the possibility of adding two new volunteer positions is open: *Culinary Officer* and *Beverage Coordinator*. During the summer months we’ve enjoyed a light meal before our chapter meetings. This meal helps to entice members to attend and it’s a good social time for members. Persons interested in volunteering for these two positions (or one combined position) is asked to step forward. It’s an easy way to be more involved in the chapter and reduces the workload of the president!

**Culinary Officer:** Assist the Chapter President in organizing and offering a light meal at certain chapter meetings held from April to November. Any food purchased will be reimbursed by the chapter. Members at large will be encouraged to provide a “dish to share” to make the meal task easier. The light meal may be suspended for “Saturday morning winter meetings” or at other meetings as deemed necessary.

**Beverage Coordinator:** Assist the Chapter President in providing beverages and refreshments at chapter meetings and functions. This includes water, soda, coffee, etc. No alcoholic beverages will be provided by the chapter at chapter events. Any beverages purchased will be reimbursed by the chapter.

**Note:** A “donation bucket” for food and beverages will be available for member contributions to help defray expenses.

- **DICK BURNS COMPLETING 12 YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHAPTER 878 TREASURER**

by Wayne Flury

Dick Burns became the Chapter 878 Treasurer in January, 2007 and will now pass those duties on to a new treasurer in January, 2019. That's twelve years of financial recordkeeping, administration, check writing, dues collection, payments to sundry accounts, overview and recordkeeping of our fundraising efforts, perfect attendance (as well as I can remember) at a myriad of meetings, and was a general repository of knowledge about Chapter 878 history! It's my opinion that the officer of treasurer is second only to that of president in terms of complexity, stress and time commitment.

He served under four different presidents (two presidents in his cycle each served two consecutive terms), was a volunteer at our fly-in pork chop dinners, pancake breakfasts, and a chili feed, plus contributed freely to anything else when asked.

While the checkbook and associated duties may now be in different hands, I'm guessing that Dick's dedication to the chapter will continue unabated as long as he wishes and is able.

Please join me in extending a sincere thanks to Dick for service given.

Beginning in January, 2019 our new chapter treasurer will be Henry Williams.

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- **TREE OF HOPE**

By the time you are reading this, the Tree of Hope toy collection will be underway or completed (if the weather holds!). This is an aviation related alternative to the many other toy collections programs, and is unique in that it provides toys only to hospitals and other medical facilities. Elaine Morrow had previously provided a list of approximately 40 hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses that the Tree of Hope (TOH) delivers to. It's sad there is such a great need, but the TOH is one way we can all help.

Hope to see you there and start this holiday season in the spirit of giving and helping.

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- **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS CHALLENGE ISSUED TO CHAPTER MEMBERS**

by Kyle Weatherly, Scholarship Committee Leader

Donations are needed and being accepted for our EAA Chapter 878 scholarship program. Our goal is to raise money to fund a \$1000 scholarship to be given to an applicant graduating from any Wright County High School in 2019. Are the members of Chapter 878 willing to donate to this as part of their year-end giving or their charitable giving for next year?

Here is my donation challenge:

This will get us 1/2 of the first scholarship and, if we raise \$ 2,000.00, we will give 2 scholarships, etc.

For any questions about donating to the EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Program, or questions about the scholarship itself, contact Kyle at 612-759-5227 or [k.weatherly@live.com](mailto:k.weatherly@live.com).

Make me dig into my wallet!!

Kyle Weatherly's Donation Challenge:  
Chapter 878 Aviation Scholarship

**I will personally match the combined  
chapter member donations up to  
\$250.00 this year.**

- **NATIONAL EAA MEMBERSHIP**  
by Wayne Flury

Are you a member of the national EAA organization? EAA expects, and Chapter 878 encourages, all chapter members to be members of the national EAA. Chapter 878 membership does not include national EAA membership.

Joining EAA is an easy and simple thing to do: see: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Membership/Join.aspx>. Also, see: <https://www.eaa.org/eea/eea-membership/eea-member-benefits> for the benefits of EAA membership.

Organizations are only as strong as their members. We ask and expect a lot from the national EAA, but they need the support of everyone who is on the receiving end; i.e., our chapter.

Be a national member, support EAA.

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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

NOTE: IMC Club in December will be on December 11, and is tentatively a tour of MSP Center in Farmington.

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)

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.

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- **WEBSITES, BLOGS, NEWSLETTERS, etc.**  
by Wayne Flury

Do you have a favorite website, blog, newsletter, email alert, etc. that you turn to on a regular basis to get updated on the news and developments in aviation? Is there one that gives you a good return for the time you spend reading it?

If so, please send me an email with the link. I'll compile these and publish the list in a future newsletter

Send to: [wflury@outlook.com](mailto:wflury@outlook.com)

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- **BUFFALO AIRPORT CHRISTMAS PARTY, December 14**

See the attachment at the end of this newsletter for the 2018 FOBA (Friends of the Buffalo Airport) party. All are welcome!

You will have a good time, see old friends, make new friends, and have all you care to eat!

● **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.

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. Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

**Current Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	Greg Thomes	763-443-7039	greg@thomesinsurance.com
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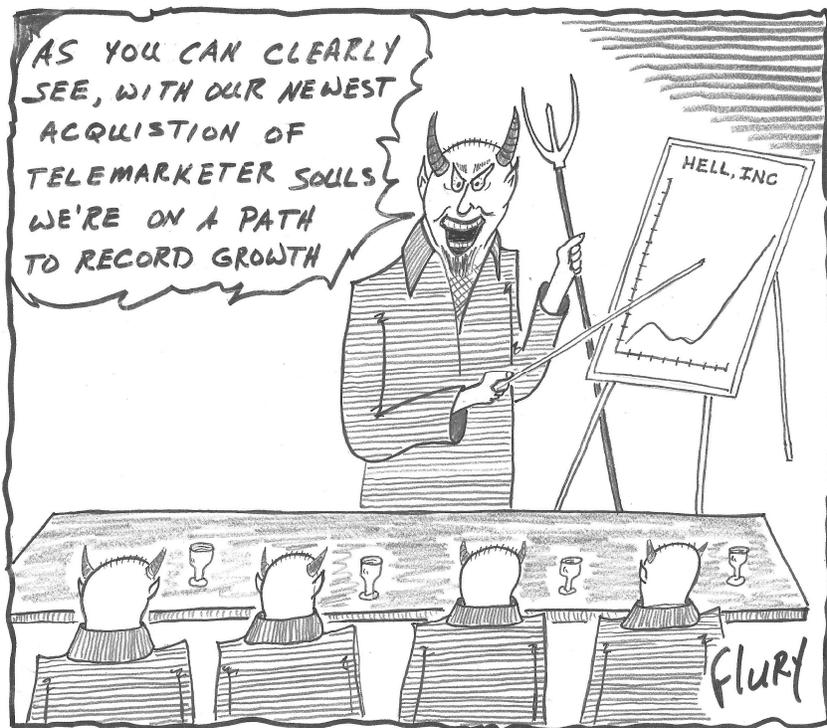
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**EAA Chapter 878 Advocates:** All Members

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

The list of volunteer leaders for EAA Chapter 878 continues to grow! Thank you!

● THE FUNNIES  
by Wayne Flury



What we all hope is true.

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[www.holidaytreeofhope.org](http://www.holidaytreeofhope.org)

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn>

Watch *Life of a Toy* video: <https://youtu.be/NspaUUtC01w>

Read about us in the *Minnesota Flyer* magazine – Oct and Nov Issues.

<b>Tree of Hope Date</b>	<b>Saturday – December 1, 2018</b>
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
<b>Snow Date</b>	Sunday
<b>Collection Site</b>	Maple Lake Municipal Airport, Minnesota (7 miles west of Buffalo, MN)

**WHAT IS THE TREE OF HOPE?** Since 1990, the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to over 39 Minnesota hospitals and five Ronald McDonald houses by the aviation community, including EAA chapters, Flying Clubs, Minnesota 99s, Zuhrah Shrine Flyers, WAI, and MN Pilots Association, businesses, and the general public. It started when we found other toy collections did NOT give to hospitals at holiday time, and often the families could not afford presents with the financial costs of seriously ill children. All expenses are covered by the coordinators and volunteers, so 100% of the donations go to gifts for hospitalized children.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Collect unwrapped new toys, games, books, gift cards, etc.
- Donate money to purchase gifts—100% of donations goes to gifts for the children
- Volunteer to help collect, package, and deliver the toys!

Monetary donations can be made **all year long** by check, made out to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (address below). Donations can also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope web site via the *Donate* button.

**WHAT DO WE NEED?** Gifts for children—infants to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital—a toy, game, craft items, books, jewelry, and gift cards are appreciated for teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person’s face is welcome, helping them temporarily forget their fears and pain.

**WHEN AND WHERE?** Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake, Minnesota, Airport on the first Saturday of December to see volunteers in action – or volunteer yourself – labeling and packaging the gifts for over 39 hospitals and 5 Ronald McDonald houses. Refreshments provided!

If there is no collection box near you, gift donations can be dropped at the Maple Lake Airport, or call one of the contacts below to make arrangements for pickup. **Donations are accepted all year long!**

<b>Tree of Hope Contacts</b>	
<p><b>Elaine Morrow</b> (Minnesota Chapter 99s)            E-mail: <a href="mailto:pilotelaine@aol.com">pilotelaine@aol.com</a>            H: 763-777-9276      Cell: 952-913-2356            1172 Willowbrook Circle, Delano, MN 55328</p>	<p><b>Howie &amp; Deb Klier</b> (Zuhrah Shrine Flyers)            E-mail: <a href="mailto:n6870j@aol.com">n6870j@aol.com</a>            H: 952-898-5735      Cell: 612-802-8441</p>



## *Buffalo Airport Christmas Party*

*Sponsored by Friends of Buffalo Airport  
In memory of Loren Schiebe & Andy Brallier*

*Date: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: Social 5:00 p.m.*

*Dinner 6:00 p.m.*

*Location: Sue Brallier's hangar, Buffalo Airport*

*For many years Loren and Andy invited the aviation community to their hangars for a celebration of the holidays. Though they are no longer with us, Friends of Buffalo Airport (FOBA) invites you to continue the spirit of their hospitality by joining us to enjoy good food, good friends and good aviation stories. All pilots, their spouses and friends are welcome.*

*FOBA will provide pulled pork, pulled beef, buns, soft drinks, coffee, plates and eating utensils. A donation box will be at the entrance to help FOBA with the cost of the party.*

*Please bring a pot luck item to add to the food table. You may bring your own personal beverage.*