



## *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

November, 2018

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13

**Location:** Buffalo Airport, in the meeting room of the Arrival/Departure Building

**Time:** 7 pm. General Meeting plus Election of Officers for 2019/2020

**NOTE:** Carmel Apples and Hot Apple Cider served after the meeting  
**“Come for the meeting, stay for the goodies.”**

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Be sure to mark your calendar for our “Chapter 878 Christmas Party” at 6 PM on December 8, at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko’s Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo.

See: <http://huikkosbowl.com/bar-grill/>.

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

An old epitaph states: “*What I gave, I have; What I spent, I had; What I kept, I lost*”.

November begins another holiday season with the approaching Thanksgiving festivities. It’s in this same spirit that Betty and I impart an expression of gratitude to all who’ve made our aviation experience so wonderful.

You have generously given of your time and talents. Your volunteerism will be felt for many years to come.

We thank you for your volunteer efforts, both on the ground and in the sky. Thank you for being an EAA member. We truly have a “good thing going” at Chapter 878.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President



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

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



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

Nov.	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting
	27	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Dec.	1	Tree of Hope toy collection, 9 am to 1 pm, Maple Lake Airport
	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

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.eaachapter.org/](http://www.878.eaachapter.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.

- **CHAPTER MEMBERS ASKED FOR INPUT ON QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN**  
by Alyssa Arends, Maple Lake Fly-In Planning Committee Member

(Ed. Note: This item was originally published in the October newsletter, with a request for members to bring their anonymous responses to the October meeting for collection in a "Suggestion Box." Alyssa was unable to attend the October meeting, so responses were not collected. She requests that members now bring their responses to the November meeting, or respond to her via email if you are comfortable with your response not being anonymous.)

A recent email was sent to all chapter members asking for a response on their perception of the 2018 Maple Lake Fly-In. This questionnaire was developed by the Fly-In Committee so we might evaluate the direction and future of the Maple Lake fly-in.

If you have not yet already responded, please take a few minutes to do so. We're looking for input about your opinions on the value of the fly-in to the chapter, how do we get more volunteer support, what changes would you like to see made, what would you like to see added, etc., etc. Do you think the fly-in is a positive contribution to the chapter, or is it more work than it's worth? Is the September date OK, or would we get better attendance if it was some other time?

Please be honest in your evaluation.

The email noted that responses can be anonymous, if you wish. For those persons, a Suggestion Box will be available at our November 13<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting for anonymous collection of responses. If you're OK with responding via email, please send your response to: [alyssa.arends@yahoo.com](mailto:alyssa.arends@yahoo.com).

If you didn't get the email (sent by Wayne Flury on October 4 to all chapter members) or lost it, please let me know and I'll send you an email with the questionnaire attached.

Thank you!

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

Laura Hermann did a wonderful job of setting up and coordinating the tour of the KFCM Tower last month. Note that a tour of MSP Center in Farmington is on tap for December.

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

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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- **ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2019/2020 TO BE HELD AT THIS NOVEMBER MEETING**

One of the agenda items for our November meeting will be the election of officers for the next two years.

This is your opportunity to participate in the organization and operation of EAA Chapter 878 in a leadership role. Greg Thomes has stated that he is willing to be our chapter president for another term, but all other positions are currently open for the nomination and vote process.

All chapters need support and commitment from the membership. Please consider this opportunity carefully and make a commitment to volunteer.

If there is a position for which you would like to become involved, contact current President Greg Thomes at [greg@thomesinsurance.com](mailto:greg@thomesinsurance.com), or (763) 443-7039 to discuss.

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- **OTHER CHAPTER 878 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

If a chapter officer position isn't in the cards for you, consider volunteering for one of several short-term or minimal effort opportunities. This may be something such as recording and maintaining an inventory of chapter assets, applying for grants to the chapter, helping youth explore educational opportunities at EAA, being the chapter publicist, writing our chapter history, outreach specialist for chapter fly-in displays, special chapter meeting programs outreach, and many more. If you're interested, contact Wayne Flury, 763-670-6021, or [wflury@outlook.com](mailto:wflury@outlook.com).

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- **NEW CHAPTER 878 MEMBERS**

Two chapter meeting guests became chapter members at the conclusion of the October meeting. They are:

- Ron Edmonson of Maple Lake
- Chris Reese of Hanover

Please welcome these new members to EAA Chapter 878! Our chapter continues to grow!

Help make our chapter grow even more by asking someone to join us.

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- **DECEMBER "CHAPTER 878 CHRISTMAS PARTY"**

Please mark your calendar for next month's meeting!!

Our December meeting will be the chapter's annual "Chapter 878 Christmas Party" and will be held on Saturday, December 8, at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo. We'll begin with a social hour (with cash bar) at 6 PM and followed by dinner at 7 PM, ordering from a limited menu. It's open to members, spouses, significant others, and invited guests.

We'll have an awards program to recognize chapter leaders and contributors, plus a guest speaker.

Though December is always a busy social season, the chapter leaders hope that everyone can fit this into your schedule. It's a great opportunity for members to get to know each other better in a relaxed and informal setting (and for spouses or significant others to finally meet those people they normally only hear about!).

For info on Bison Creek, see: <http://huikkosbowl.com/bar-grill/>.

- **CHILI FEED FLY-IN FOR 2019??**

Should the chapter host another Chili Feed Fly-In this winter? Last winter we hosted the first-ever Chapter 878 Chili Feed Fly-In on February 10, 2018 (in place of our regularly scheduled February meeting date) and made approximately \$500.

Expect this question to be on the meeting agenda for November.

If we want to have another Chili Feed Fly-In, we are already at the edge of the timeframe for getting out publicity for the event.

If we decide to do this again, and we maintain last year's timing, the event this year would be on February 9. If we waited one month for warmer (?) weather, it would be March 9.

The event last year was a relatively low workload event, but we need the membership to support and approve it.

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- **IS CHAPTER 878 AN "ACTIVE" CHAPTER?**

by Kyle Weatherly and Wayne Flury

**By Wayne:** A recent EAA ChapterGram email had an article about local chapter promotion. The article listed several things that active and successful chapters do: <https://www.eaa.org/en/eea/eea-chapters/chaptergram-articles/2018-10-15-a-sweet-16-for-your-chapter---ideas-from-a-successful-chapter>.

How do you think we compare? I think we are doing most of these things, to one degree or another.

Almost concurrently as I read the article, Kyle Weatherly copied me on an email he sent to a prospective chapter member, promoting chapter membership and listing some of the things we do (see text below). I thought it was an excellent overview of our activities. Sometimes we are just too close to see the many things we do (and I think we do most of them very well). Below is an edited version of Kyle's email. Keep these things in mind for the next opportunity you have to promote Chapter 878 to a prospective member. Note: there are more! What would you add?

**By Kyle:** I really enjoyed getting to meet you. It's amazing how fast time can fly when meeting new and interesting people with similar interests and passions.

I have copied our chapter leaders so they are aware of your potential interest in joining Chapter 878. Our next meeting will be November 13 at 7:00 pm at the Buffalo Airport A&D Building. December will be our annual Christmas party, and starting in January our meeting time will move to Saturday mornings. As was mentioned in our discussion last night, we are an active chapter and trying to become more active all the time.

Currently we are involved in the following with the Wright County Community.

- (3) Fly-ins in 2018, this is being evaluated by the chapter
  - February Chili-Feed
  - June - Pancake Breakfast (Part of Buffalo days) Includes Car Show and Mike Wiskus performs an airshow.
  - September - Pork Chop feed
- Kurt Pennuto - STEM Leader gives and aviation STEM class in Rockford
- 2019 - Scholarships - Scholarship committee will distribute scholarships in \$ 1,000.00 increments to students pursuing aviation related careers. Donations will dictate how many will be guaranteed for 2019.
- Young Eagle Program - Kurt and I co-chair the Young Eagle events which run April – September. As mentioned, we flew over 50 kids in 2018 our first year for this event.
  - We had to cancel three total events this year
  - June we had bad weather, and in August a lack of pilots.

- A Boy Scout troop event had to be cancelled as well because of low ceilings
- This would have added another 40 or so kids to this year's flying
- As I mentioned we fly kids on an individual basis as well, usually 16 and 17 year old that are considering aviation as a career. I have two of these backlogged right now.
- Eagle Flight Program - I fly about 4-6 adults a year introducing them to flight. I actually have a backlog of 4 right now just trying to find scheduling and weather to work in our favor.
- We are currently renovating a hangar at Maple Lake which will eventually become our chapter headquarters.
- We also have an RV-4 project that is in the process of being built.

In addition I mentioned there is another organization locally that would gladly welcome you into its rolls as well. This is a club, with little to no commitment, called FOBA, "Friends of the Buffalo Airport." This group meets twice a year, a cookout in May and a Christmas Party in December! Both events are well attended by the pilot community which includes many members from Crystal, Anoka, Flying Cloud, and all of the west side of the metro area.

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## • ARE YOU A NATIONAL EAA MEMBER?

Are you a member of the national EAA organization? All chapter members are encouraged to be members of EAA. Chapter membership does not include national membership.

Joining is an easy and simple thing to do: see: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Membership/Join.aspx>. Also, see: <https://www.eaa.org/eaamembership/eaamemberbenefits> 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 member, support EAA.

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## • WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THIS AIRPORT?

by Wayne Flury

I recently had my car in for service at a Buffalo dealership and, since the work was going to take a couple of hours, I requested a courtesy ride. As the driver pulled out of the garage, I told him I wanted to go to the airport (I needed to get there in time for morning coffee!). Actually, I said to the "Buffalo" airport because a couple of years ago I requested a similar ride, and when I told the driver to take me to the airport he replied that he didn't think his boss would let him go that far (to the Minneapolis airport)!

As he drove, he asked me, "What's the purpose of this airport?" He didn't know much about aviation, but we talked about general aviation and what that meant. I explained that there were many kinds of users at the Buffalo airport as well as business entities there, and I gave him a thumbnail sketch of the different aircraft and owners based at the Buffalo airport. He wondered if he could charter an airplane at the Buffalo airport to take him and friends to Fargo, ND and we discussed the cost and time for a charter for that distance, versus the cost and time for driving, as well as other things. And, of course, he asked if any jets used this airport.

My point of writing this is to remind everyone that you never know when someone will ask you about your local airport (Buffalo, Maple Lake, Winsted, etc., etc.). While we don't need to have a memorized speech ready to deliver, we should be prepared to make a comprehensive case for the "purpose" of our airport. In this case, the young man was genuinely interested in the airport and wanted to know more about it. I could have been approached by someone who opposes the airport.

As members of the general aviation community, I think we all have a deep appreciation for our airport, the services it provides, and the businesses it supports. In a small community such as Buffalo (or Maple Lake) and the surrounding area, I also believe we tend to think that everyone else within these communities

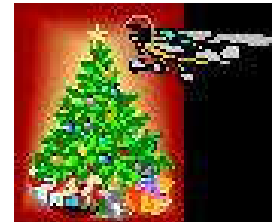
knows about the airport, generally supports it, and thinks about it in the same way as we do. My experience with this young man is an example that this isn't always true. To many folks, the airport, if they think about it at all, is something that is just "there." Their perception of the airport may be positive, negative or non-existent. They may be able to appreciate the value of a Target or a Walmart or a construction company or a gravel mining operation to the overall benefit of the general community, but the value of an airport may be beyond their understanding. This is an educational opportunity for us all, and in reality is one of the reasons we invite the public to our fly-ins.

As we entered the airport drive, Doug Portmann was in his TBM, ready for taxi, and we discussed what an airplane with a turboprop engine was. Later that morning when I returned to the auto dealership I saw the young man who had given me a ride. He told me that after he dropped me off, he waited in the parking lot so he could watch Doug take off. While I may not have set this young man on the path to becoming a pilot, I do believe that I left him with knowledge about and appreciation for the Buffalo airport. And that's a good and valuable thing.

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- **TREE OF HOPE**  
by Elaine Morrow

Ed.Note: The *Tree of Hope* toy collection and distribution program has been strongly supported by Chapter 878 and members of Chapter 878 since shortly after it began. For more information about the *Tree of Hope*, see the flyer included on the last page of this newsletter, or go to the *Tree of Hope* website at : <http://www.holidaytreeofhope.org/>.



Could you spare an hour or more to help with the annual Tree of Hope effort at Maple Lake Airport on Saturday, December 1?

Advertised hours are from 9 AM to 1 PM for the main effort, but we need help an hour before and after for setup of tables, posting of signs, setting up the registration, food, and labeling areas, etc., and cleanup after. Right at the start we will have assembly work of putting stationery, pens, lights, and back scratchers into plastic bags and labeling them – 200 packs total. Plus we have a number of boxes of toys ready for labeling, as we went to the Toys 'R Us business closing sales this summer!

We are also looking for drivers to deliver bags of toys to various locations.

Heat will be turned on the day before in the hangar and FBO, and coffee will be on, so we appreciate any help you can give.

In addition to the 40 hospitals and all Minnesota Ronald McDonald Houses, we will also donate toys to St. Joseph's Children's Home and the Family Homeless Shelter in St. Paul.

Chapter 878 member Glenn Weibel will again set up his radio equipment on the field to provide traffic advisories to arriving aircraft (which, if rumor is correct, may include *Rudolph 1* from the North Pole!).

Contact Elaine Morrow at cell 952-913-2356 and/or email [pilotelaine@aol.com](mailto:pilotelaine@aol.com) if you have questions or to volunteer. Thank you!

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- **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, YOUNG EAGLES, EAGLE FLIGHTS and HEADSET DONATIONS**  
by Kyle Weatherly

Ed. Note: Kyle will be unable to attend our November meeting due to work commitments, but sent a couple of emails with info about some exciting things that are happening. Here's a portion of his communications:

Chapter 878 Scholarship Program:

I have made contact with Annandale Schools and am expecting to be contacted by counselors in the near future. The superintendent from the schools has passed on my information to the Middle School and High School counselors so I can come in and discuss the scholarship and YE program with them.

I have a new lead into St. Michael, turns out I know a guy that knows the person running the aviation program there. I hope to be in there in the next couple of weeks.

I have spoken with DC schools and have already had a meeting with the staff at DC about the scholarship. I have a meeting setup with Buffalo for the 12th. I will then concentrate on Rockford, Delano, and Howard Lake - Waverly - Winsted. I should have all meetings done by the end of the year as planned.

I intend to participate in the informational webinar on Tuesday, November 13, for the new Ray Aviation Scholarship Fund. This webinar will discuss the chapter requirements, scholar requirements, the application process, the progress reporting process, and much more. As noted in our October meeting minutes, the Ray Foundation made a \$1 million donation to EAA to be used for scholarships. These scholarships will be distributed via chapters.

**Ed. Note: See a separate item in this newsletter regarding a request for donations to our scholarship program, and a challenge from Kyle.**

#### Young Eagles Program:

I have applied for our 2017 YE credits from EAA (total of \$100.00) and we should receive that money about the 1st of the year. I still have one YE to fly, but have to wait for a nice weekend day now, since it is dark when I get done with work!

#### Eagle Flights:

I flew people last week, and is very interested in joining the chapter. I believe he will be at the meeting on Tuesday. Wayne has contacted both of these young men already to include them on the newsletter and chapter member email list (Eagle Flight participants are given a complimentary 6 month membership).

#### Young Eagle Headset Donations:

We've had a great response on our request of earlier this year for donations of headsets to be used by Young Eagle pilots (if they didn't personally have enough headsets for each seat of their airplane). I just received 4 more headsets from a donor. Three are noise cancelling headsets and one is a Bose X. They are a little used, but all very nice headsets. We may want to think about possibly putting some of the donated items up for resale – to generate funds for the chapter. This should be discussed at the meeting, but I think it will be the best use for some of the donated items we receive.

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### ● **SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS REQUESTED / CHALLENGE ISSUED TO CHAPTER MEMBERS** by Kyle Weatherly, Scholarship Committee Leader

Donations are needed for our Chapter 878 scholarship program. Are the members of Chapter 878 willing to donate to this as part of their year-end giving?

Here is a challenge I propose – **I will personally match the combined chapter member donations up to \$250.00 this year.** That will get us 1/2 of the first scholarship.

Remember, if we raise \$ 2,000.00 we 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).



## ● 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.

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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

**The world, and the way it would be if I ran it:**

Any political candidate who runs negative political attack ads on TV to benefit his or her campaign, or allows them to be run by PACs, would have a deduction from his or her final vote count, equal to one vote per each TV ad appearance multiplied by the Nielsen audience measurement numbers for each station on which the ads are run.

I'm Wayne Flury, and I approved this cartoon.

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A "twofer" this month!

- **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



If Obi-Wan Kenobi had been a deer hunter.

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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!**

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