



# 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

February, 2020

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT INFO**

**Date:** Saturday, February 15

**Location:** Buffalo Airport, West Metro Aviation hangar

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Feed Drive-In/Fly-In

**Note: this event takes the place of our normal February meeting.**



What is this?  
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**Serving Time:** 11:00 am to 2 pm

Our 2020 Chili Feed Fly-In (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual event) is this Saturday, February 15 at the Buffalo airport in the main hangar of West Metro Aviation.

See the fly-in poster included with this newsletter.

Proceeds will benefit the chapter scholarship fund.

**Please plan to attend and volunteer your labor as you can.**

We're planning for two shifts – 9 to 12, and 12 to 3m but if you are available all day Saturday – GREAT!

Chili and corn bread contributors are fairly well set. We have volunteers procuring drinks, condiments and service items. You can help with serving, coffee making, arranging tables, clean-up and general hospitality.

On this day, make a commitment to meet, greet and eat! Remember that this is a chapter member recruitment effort as well as an aviation social event.

For questions, or to offer your services as a volunteer, contact Laura Herrmann at 952-210-8600 or [ljherrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ljherrmann@yahoo.com), or Lloyd Melvie at 320-894-1084 or [lmelvie@gmail.com](mailto:lmelvie@gmail.com).

### SCHEDULE:

- a) 3:00 pm, Friday, February 14, move tables and chairs into West Metro, bring other items into hangar
- b) 9:00 am, Saturday, February 1, begin set-up and prep for meal service
- c) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, February 15, Welcome all visitors, eat, visit, and promote EAA and Chapter 878. Have fun!!
- d) 2:00 pm, clean up, wrap up by 3:00 pm

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

In 2020, EAA continues its quest to bring Gen-Zers into aviation and ensure a pipeline of pilots, mechanics and support personnel.

Back in my younger days, the rock band Pink Floyd had a song called *Learning to Fly*. Some of the lyrics go:

“There’s no sensation to compare with this...  
Suspended animation, a state of bliss...  
Can’t keep my mind from the circling skies...  
Tongue-tied and twisted just an earthbound misfit – I.”



We’ve all experienced the sensations that flying offers. My hat’s off to you, Chapter 878, for passing-on the “state of bliss” to our future generations! Keep up the fine job.

Hope to see all of you at the 2/15/20 chili feed in Buffalo.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg

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**Remember to regularly check our chapter’s website:**

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



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- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2020**

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| Feb | 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                               |

Note: this list generally 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 [www.878.eaachapter.org/](http://www.878.eaachapter.org/), and websites such as <https://www.eaa.org/ea>, <https://www.aopa.org/community/events>, [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com), and <http://www.flyins.com>. Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.

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- **MINNESOTA AVIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET**  
**Bill Mavencamp (Sr.) to be inducted**

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual MN Aviation Hall of Fame (MAHOF) induction banquet and awards ceremony is being held this year on April 18, in the Intercontinental Hotel at the MSP Airport.

Among other inductees this year is Bill Mavencamp (Sr.), a legendary aviator in the Maple Lake and greater area. EAA Chapter 878 supported the nomination of Bill and wrote letters of recommendation.

Bill is no longer with us, but if you knew Bill, took instruction from him, or had him as your flight test check pilot (he gave over 13,500 check rides!), you may wish to attend in his and his family’s honor. It would be great to see a large group of chapter members at the banquet.

For ticket ordering information, see: <http://www.mnaviationhalloffame.org/awards-banquet.html>.

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

Your dues to EAA Chapter 878 for 2020 become due and are requested by March 1. 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

or

EAA Chapter 878  
PO Box 169  
Maple Lake, MN 55358-0169

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
4. EAA Oshkosh requires IMC Club members to be members of an EAA chapter

● **CHAPTER 878 RECOGNITION AWARD**  
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

The logo to the right, and included on Page 1 of the newsletter, is an award of recognition recently achieved by EAA Chapter 878. The Chapter Recognition Program was put into place by EAA early last year. Chapter leadership members were advised of the program and encouraged to upgrade and promote their chapter through response and participation according to various judging criteria. Chapter 878 President Greg Thomes took the lead in submitting most of the information for our chapter, and we were recognized at the “Bronze” level.



Below is the text of an email I received recently from the EAA Chapters Office regarding our placing:

Dear Wayne,

EAA chapters are one of the most vital components in making aviation fun, affordable, and accessible at the local level. To recognize chapters that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to general aviation, EAA introduced the Chapter Recognition program.

The program, developed in partnership with your fellow chapter leaders on EAA’s Chapter Advisory Council, is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and engaged chapters. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 10), silver (8 out of 10), and gold (at least 9 out of 10).

Your chapter receives one point for meeting each of the following criteria:

- Attended a chapter leadership training session
- Growing or steady membership
- Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
- Participates in Young Eagles or Flying Start programs
- Has an EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
- Participates in EAA’s Annual Chapter Member survey
- Reads EAA *ChapterGram* regularly
- Requested EAA promotional materials or ChapterBlast email
- Hosts at least two public events each year
- Owns/leases a facility

In early 2019, your chapter received notice of the program, your baseline recognition level, and information on how to boost that level throughout the year. Additionally, we published the criteria each month in [ChapterGram](#), EAA’s electronic newsletter sent out to all chapter leaders. You can find archived newsletters at [EAA.org/ChapterGram](http://EAA.org/ChapterGram).

**YOUR 2019 CHAPTER RESULTS**

The current score for your EAA chapter is 7 out of 10, which places you in the (Bronze) percentile. Here’s your chapter’s breakdown:

Leadership Training	0
Membership	1
IMC/VMC	1
Young Eagles	1
Flight Advisor/Tech Counselor	1
Annual Survey	0
ChapterGram	1
Chapter Promotions	0
Events	1
Facility	1

EAA is here to help your chapter better understand the program and boost your chapter's recognition level. You can learn more about how scores are calculated and how to improve your chapter's recognition score by visiting <https://eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/eaa-chapter-resources/managing-your-chapter/Chapter-Recognition>. If you have additional questions, please call us at 920-426-5912 or send an email to [chapters@eaa.org](mailto:chapters@eaa.org).

Tailwinds,

John Egan, Sr. Manager, EAA Chapters

In Minnesota there are presently 28 EAA Chapters (see the "Find A Chapter" section of the EAA website, <https://www.eaa.org/eaa/eaa-chapters/find-an-eaa-chapter>). Of these, 3 are currently rated as "Gold" chapters, one is a "Silver", and 3 (including Chapter 878) are "Bronze" level chapters. No Minnesota chapters in the other EAA Divisions (Aerobatics, Ultralight, and Vintage) have a rating. The IMC Club associated with Chapter 878 is, of course, also included with a "Bronze" rating.

So, we have the satisfaction of knowing that Chapter 878 is in the top 25% of all Minnesota chapters, based upon the current recognition rating criteria.

As you can see from the listed criteria, it could be relatively easy for Chapter 878 to rise to "Silver" or "Gold" status if we wish. While there are no "perks" or other rewards payable to the chapter for achieving any of these recognition levels, it does offer us the opportunity to compare ourselves to other similar chapters.

How could you personally contribute within the established criteria? One would be to participate in the "Annual Survey." This is actually the "Chapter Member Survey" which was distributed to all Chapter 878 members by email in the 10/24/19 issue of "AvBits." It did require you to click on a "Take Survey Now" button. These surveys can be somewhat annoying, but it is a valid method for an organization to get feedback from the membership. I know that I answered the survey, and you may have also. However, the details within the EAA rating criteria required a minimum of 25% participation by chapter members in order for our chapter to receive a point for the survey! This year, expect a stronger push of encouragement for all Chapter 878 members to answer the survey.

I believe there are many other criteria areas on which we would rate very highly if they were included for consideration. For example, how many chapters have an active scholarship program; how many support local high schools in their STEM programs; how many chapters have an active aircraft build program; how many chapters have a unique website (rather than just a generic offshoot of the EAA site); how many chapters have active participation with social outreach networks such as the Tree of Hope; how many chapters actively participate with other aviation groups such as the Minnesota Pilots Association and the Friends of the Buffalo Airport?; etc., etc. While these aren't currently in the recognition criteria, I applaud each of you who participate and engage in these important components of our chapter.

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

Did you 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, and they get FREE admission to the event!

**CAUTION:** the offer DOES NOT cover the cost of the food they'll eat, so plan your wallet accordingly!

For information, see the following link. Then go to ticket ordering link at the bottom of the page.

<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>.

- **A NEW CHAPTER AIRPLANE (well, OK, it's an RC airplane, but nevertheless....!)**  
by Wayne Flury

About 3 months ago I gave Henry Williams a partially completed RC airplane kit that had been gathering dust in my basement for several years.

Note: in my defense, it wasn't even a kit that I had started to assemble...it was given to me by a son-in-law who had received it from an older cousin who had received it from someone else, etc., etc. As the family aviation junkie, it became mine.

I finally accepted that I would likely never be doing anything with the kit (got to get the Sonex completed, among other things). But I guessed Henry might be able to do something with it, or at least salvage some of the components. It had started life as a glow plug fuel engine model intended for basic RC flight training (according to Henry, it wouldn't have had very good flight characteristics), but it had an outdated radio transmitter.

At our January chapter meeting you may have seen the airplane sitting on a desk at the back of the room, but we ran short of time to introduce it to the chapter.

As the photos show, Henry rescued the balsa wood kit from its sad state of excessively applied glue (and perhaps incorrect assembly), converted it to an electric motor, added ailerons, covered it nicely, and turned it into a respectable RC airplane. It's currently registered in his name.

Henry's thought is that this might be used at chapter events to introduce kids to RC flight as part of our own version of the EAA "Build and Fly" program, or perhaps sell or auction it as a fund raiser. He has about \$80 invested in new parts and, if sold, it would require the new owner to purchase their own transmitter/controller, and apply their own registration.

Contact Henry (612-363-1803 or [hawms1@q.com](mailto:hawms1@q.com)) if you have ideas for the use of this airplane, or are interested in buying it. And, if you just want to play around with a small glow plug fuel engine, that's probably also for sale!



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- **CHAPTER 878 YOUNG EAGLES AND STEM PROGRAMS UPDATE**  
by Kyle Weatherly, STEM Coordinator and Young Eagles Co-Coordinator

Everything is fine with STEM and Young Eagles at this time...the following is an update.

A **STEM Team** has been created of chapter Volunteers:

- Tom Rammel is continuing to work with Dassel-Cokato Schools on his own as he has done for the past several years
- Laura Herrmann, Henry Williams, Boyd Emmel, and Kyle Weatherly spent time with Rockford's 7th Grade STEM program (this is the program Kurt Pennuto started)
- Laura and Henry will be handling the final STEM event at Rockford on March 3
  - New member John Schnettler will try to join them

- John has expressed interest in being involved with STEM
- John's fiancé is also a teacher at Rockford Middle School
- EAA 878 STEM has participated in the following this year
  - Two of three STEM Days at Rockford Middle School
  - Buffalo Career Fair table top
  - Presentation to Delano Aviation program

**Young Eagle Update:**

- Boyd and I have been able to meet to start discussing changes for this year's program.
  - It is an ideal situation that Boyd is building an aircraft now, and is a former teacher
  - We will be working on six different aviation activities to display to the Young Eagles that are on the ground while others are flying.
  - Boyd will coordinate the events and I will coordinate the pilots starting in April
- We have received several inquiries about YE's already and the list is growing
  - I have two young people – Juniors in high school – interested in aviation careers. I plan to fly them prior to April, if the weather and my schedule work out.
- Buffalo Airport posted the 2020 event poster on its Face Book site so I believe a lot of the inquiries have come from this.
- The new website will automatically link to the Young Eagle Aviation Day website (the electronic way to hold events)
- A new thing for this year is that I will be reaching out to the pilots that fly YE and find out those that are interested in giving individual rides as I do now. The quantity keeps increasing every year and I am just able to manage all of them with my work schedule
- Individual rides are usually given to the following:
  - Students that are 16 and 17 years old and interested in an aviation career
  - Parents that for some reason may not want their kids involved with a large group like we have on our monthly events
  - Special circumstances - friends of the chapter (example – the photographer that helped us in 2018 – I was able to fly her and her daughter as part of an individual YE flight)
  - The individual rides are usually 1/2 - 1 hour long and a little more in depth than the group rides
  - I will gather a list of pilots willing to give one on one rides and when an inquiry comes in I will put it out to the group and one pilot will be selected to work with the parents to complete the ride.

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings: Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM  
This month - June 23



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.

- **VOLUNTEER TO BE THE HEAD OF A 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 (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.

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

I have heard from the last two scholarship winners recently, Max Menzemer and Tanner Schroer.

I asked each for a little update and Tanner sent me this via text.

Tanner is in Duluth getting his A&P -

Kyle: Can you give me a little update on how it's going so I can share it with the group?

Tanner: "Awesome. Schools going great, I like it a lot. Ended this semester with just under a 4.0 gpa. I really enjoy how the class is taught. My Class has about 20 people in it so really no one is left behind. Basically so far we've covered how to fill out proper FAA paperwork and gone over all the rules they require for A&P's. We then moved onto corrosion control and how important that is. After that we started the basic electrical unit and then finished the semester with fire protection systems and a little bit of basics of how starters, generators, and APUs work. This semester was Mainly classroom work and we ended a little more hands on with the electrical and fire protection chapters, but next semester I've been told it's pretty much all out in the hangar and hands on. Overall I love the program, don't really have any negatives to say about it.

And once I start school back up after break I've been talking to AAR up there in Duluth and will be hopefully starting a job where working nights if everything goes as planned."

<https://www.aarcorp.com/mro/airframe-maintenance-repair-overhaul/>



● **EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO**

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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.

**Current Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	Greg Thomes	763-443-7039	greg@thomesinsurance.com
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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 FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



"I really like my aviation calendar for 2020. It has a whole new month right between July and August called Oshtober!"

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**EAA CHAPTER 878 PRESENTS**

**THIRD ANNUAL FLY/DRIVE-IN**

# **CHILI**

**FEED AND COOK-OFF**

**BUFFALO AIRPORT**

**02.15.2020 1100-1400**

Proceeds benefit Chapter 878 Scholarship Fund

Contact Laura below to enter a pot of chili



Contact: Laura Herrmann  
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