

# The Maple Lake Flyer

April 2024



Why Is Spring So Windy?

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## EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter

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### Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date:	Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Location:	Arrival/Departure Building at Buffalo-KCFE
Meeting Time:	7:00 PM



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

Thank you to all that have been attending the chapter meetings and I hope the review and presentation format is appealing to all of you. Please let me know how we can continue to improve the chapter. A few Notes of what is happening with our chapter.

- Dick Borrell continuous to work hard on the classroom and getting it ready for use within the new hangar. There is plenty to do yet and now that the weather is getting nicer (except for this snowstorm) we will probably be having some work committees to get more items done.
- Dick also attended a meeting on Grant writing and other sources of revenue for non-profits. We hope to make some strides in getting our chapter more liquid so we can accomplish the goals we set for ourselves. See below:
- A brand-new Member Greg Larsen and I spent a little time in the hangar looking over the RV-4 parts we have. Greg is going to be presenting this as a build project to the CAP group in Delano. It is hopeful that these youth will be interested in this project and they see it has a worthwhile experience in learning. The chapter will be providing technical assistance as needed etc. [Read more >](#) 2-1/2 min read



## Secretary's Airspace

by Kris Schneider

About 2 weeks ago as I was looking out the window at the brown grass that was slowly turning green, I contemplated whether I should turn my sprinkler system on or not. With the dry fall and minimal snow we received, I knew that the emerging greenness trying to come up would appreciate it. Of course, Mother Nature had different plans. Thankfully, I did not turn it on, as I would be babysitting the pipes to keep them from freezing the following week of second winter.

But during the warmer weather we had, my mind turned to summer times activities, specifically camping at AirVenture. As an EAA Chapter, we have the opportunity to have a spot at AirVenture staked out in advance of getting there. Some of the benefits include:

- Reserve two to six campsites in a group for your chapter members
- Complimentary early stake-out by EAA staff and volunteers
- Occupy your chapter camp campsites as early as July 13
- Up to seven days of free camping beginning July 13
- [Read more >](#)



## Treasurer Airspace

by Henry Williams



### Payment Sites

[Membership Dues](#)

[Hangar Fund](#)



## STEM Airspace

by Dick Borrell

Who was Louise Thaden? And what you should know about her!



Well she was born on November 12, 1905. That was a long time ago. So what did she do that is important to us today? She was 22 years old when she started her flying career. At 23 years old she was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> women in Arkansas to receive her private pilot's license. Her introduction to flying was by none other than Walter Beech, of the now famous Beechcraft Aircraft Company!

She really must have loved flying because less than a year later she set the national endurance record by staying aloft for 22 hours, 3 minutes and 12 seconds.

[Read more >](#) 2-1/2 min read





## Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

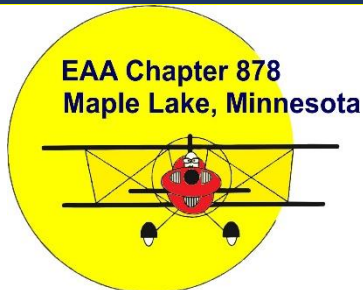
by Kyle Weatherly

We are looking forward to another year flying Young Eagles. We will split the location between Buffalo and Maple Lake this year. Location will be determined the month before the event. Our first Maple Lake event in years took place last September and it was a big hit.

First Event April 13<sup>th</sup> – come hang out or provide a little help if you want.

Well it is time again and people have been waiting. The events are popular and they always fill up. Number of kids is always based on the number of pilots we have pre-signed up so the event can run smoothly. I have 5 pilots signed up thank you to all of you. I am going to be taking another Month with the new plane before I fly kids so I will be ground support in April.

As mentioned our events are quite popular. After posting the event around 5:00 pm after the last meeting, we had 9 kids signed up by 10:00pm that night. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



## EAA 878 Scholarship Airspace

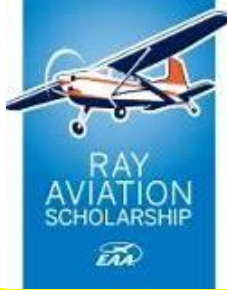
by Kyle Weatherly

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

**The 2024 EAA 878 scholarship has been posted and the application can be accessed via our website.**

I was able to update the scholarship and post it on our website in mid-December. As of right now there are no applicants for the EAA 878 Aviation Scholarship.

Note: In 2022 we found 3 great candidates and offered each of them a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship. Last year we found 1 great candidate and awarded a \$ 1,000.00 scholarship to her. We have depleted all monies earmarked for scholarships. If you are in the position to and are willing donations would be appreciated in the next couple of months so there is at least enough for 1 scholarship this year. We do reserve the right to not award scholarships if we do not find a [Read more >](#) 1 min read



## Ray Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

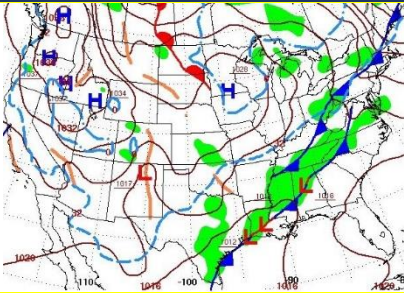
Every chapter has to apply for the Ray Scholarship on an annual basis. The application is due by end of January each year. Our application was submitted in late December and will be evaluated against all other applications in February.

EAA 878 has been approved to sponsor a Ray Scholar in 2024.

My plan is by the end of the month I will be in contact with youth that have contacted me over the winter, and spring interested in this opportunity. There are at least 6 I know of and many will be good candidates for our Scholarship committee to evaluate.

The intention is for all applications to be in by the end of April, Interviews in May and a candidate submitted by the end of May. This is a process but this is an achievable goal for the chapter.

I would really like to see someone step up to take over this important program. [Read more >](#) 1 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 Guest Writers

### Why Landing With A Tailwind Increases Your Risk Of An Accident



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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)

- April 6: Using Technology to Increase Situational Awareness
- April 13: Refine Your Instrument Skills At This IFR Chart Clinic
- April 20: KFCM Town Hall
- April 27: Flying To Canada: Do's, Don'ts, Gotchas By Land and Sea

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 to get 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 >](#)

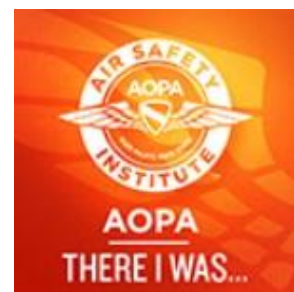
### EAA Proficiency365

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## Aviation Podcasts

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## Aviation Webinars

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## Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

Apr	10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
May	14	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	28	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
June	11	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 generally 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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If you have questions, please contact me anytime. [Ray Svobodny](#) / 612-327-4232.



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