

The Maple Lake Flyer

December 2023

*Wishing you and your family
health, peace, and joy
this holiday season!*



Happy New Year!



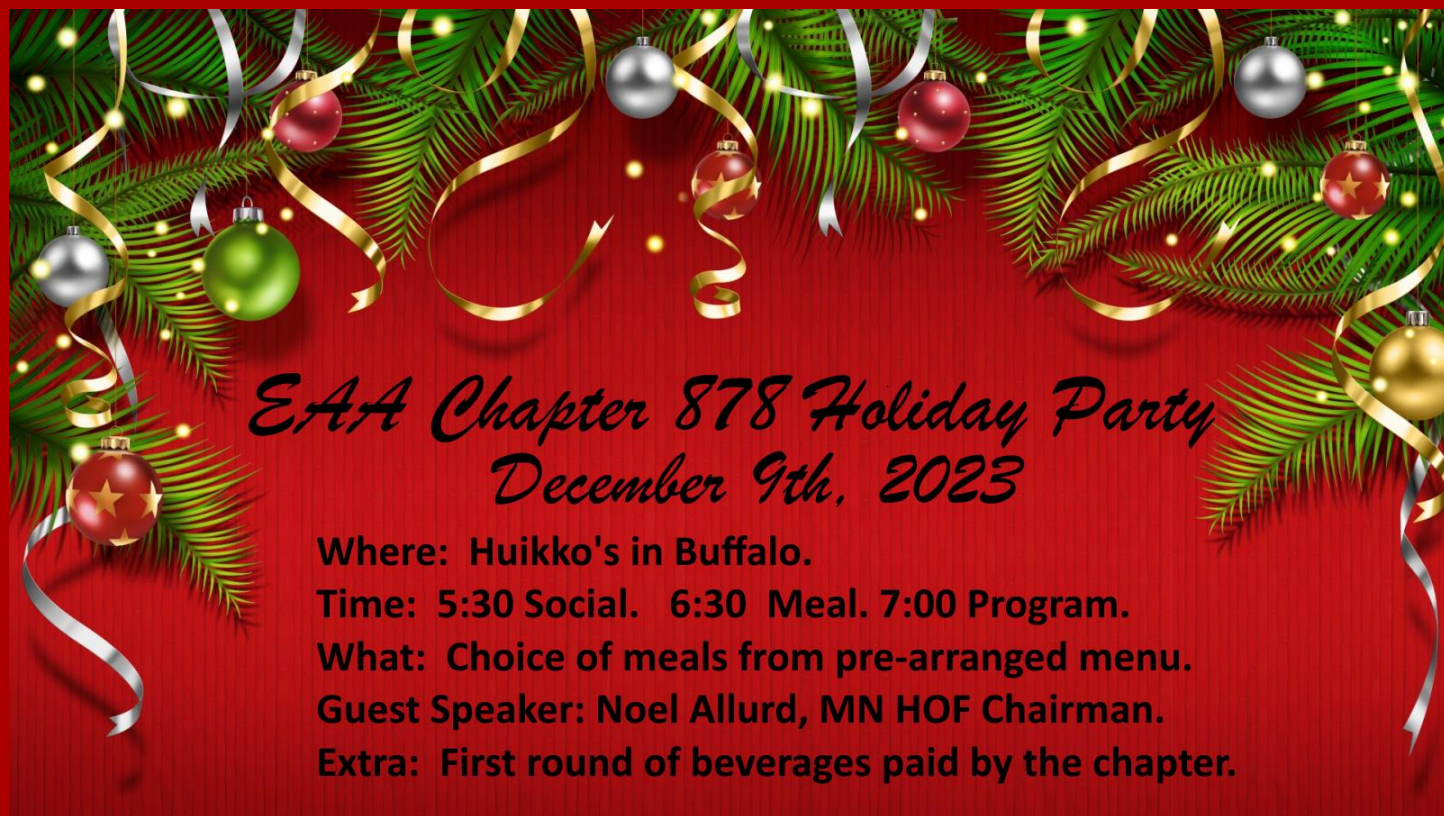
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Maple Lake, MN



EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter

Celebrating 39 Years

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EAA Chapter 878 Holiday Party
December 9th, 2023

Where: Huikko's in Buffalo.
Time: 5:30 Social. 6:30 Meal. 7:00 Program.
What: Choice of meals from pre-arranged menu.
Guest Speaker: Noel Allurd, MN HOF Chairman.
Extra: First round of beverages paid by the chapter.



Presidents Airspace

by Greg Thomes

A simple 'Thank you' really isn't enough. The term as EAA 878 President goes by quickly. And each and every one of you has made this experience wonderful and fulfilling. Please attend our year-end banquet on December 9th. We will re-live the experiences from 2023. Details of the banquet are in this newsletter.

One final note: Your 2024 membership dues will not begin to cover the expenses we're tackling. In this season of giving, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to Chapter #878. Any amount is appreciated.

We'll continue to serve the chapter in various ways and support the new executive committee. Hope to see you at the hangar!

May your skies be bright and breezes light.



Secretary's Airspace

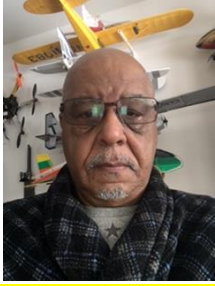
by Wayne Flury

This is my last Secretary's column for the Chapter 878 newsletter. Note: you should at this time be visualizing me doing a "Happy Dance."

I've served as EAA Chapter 878 Secretary since January 2001 — that's 23 years. While this has been a long, long journey, filled with many twists and turns, it's ultimately been one filled with great reward and satisfaction, and hopefully with some degree of accomplishment.

But that's too long for one person to hold any chapter leadership position, especially in a chapter such as ours with a growing membership and many inclusive activities and programs. Fresh faces and new perspectives are essential to assure continued vitality. Chapter 878, or any organization for that matter, needs all its members to be willing to step into leadership positions and to provide that new vitality.

Effective January 2024, Kris Schneider will step into a leadership role as Chapter Secretary for the term of 2024 – 25. [Read more >](#) 1 min read



Treasurer Airspace

by Henry Williams



Payment Sites

[Membership Dues](#)

[Hangar Fund](#)



STEM Airspace

by Dick Borrell

Do you know what kind of airplane this is?



This is a Sonex kit-built aircraft. This is what the 1st aircraft that our chapter will build will look like! We currently have all the materials to construct a Sonex aircraft. The Maple Lake Airport is now home to our “Education Center” and will be where the construction of this aircraft will take place. Hopefully with the help of some industrious students from Wright County. Do you have any students ages 14 – 18 who may be interested in “hands on” experience in building a real flyable airplane. If so, please give them our contact information. As a matter of fact, if any teachers would like to come and assist in the construction of this Sonex aircraft you will be more than welcome to participate. What an opportunity! [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



Musings

by John Zimmerman

Pilots Need to Be Generalists, Not Specialists



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IFR Tips

by Boldmethod

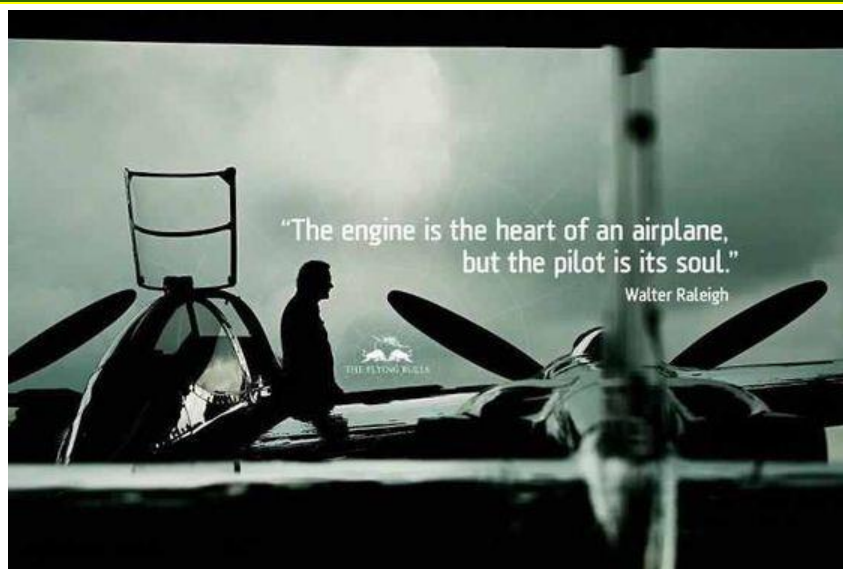
How To Land From A Visual Approach



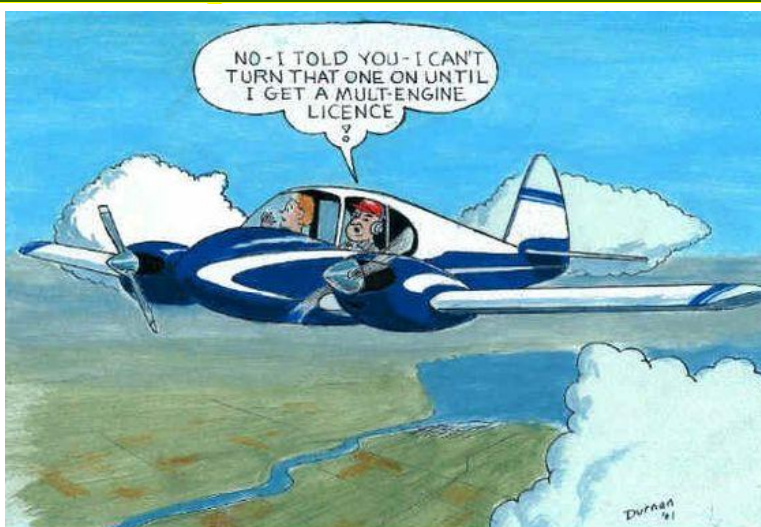
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Quote of The Month



Smiley Face Airspace



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Pilot Tips

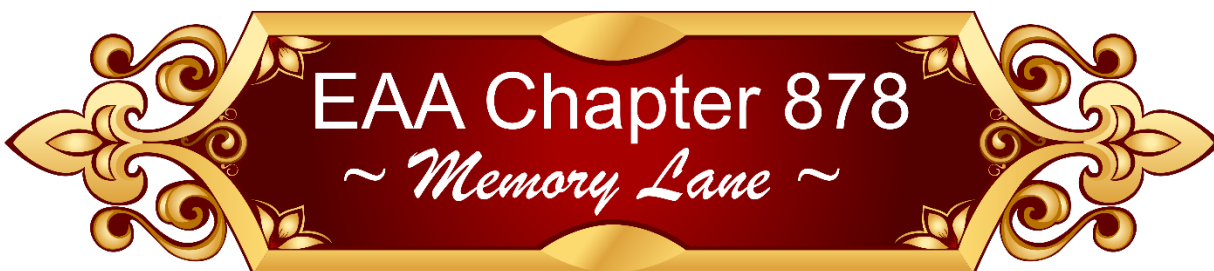
by Thomas P. Turner

The Emergency Mindset



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Memories This Month In History



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EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Fund



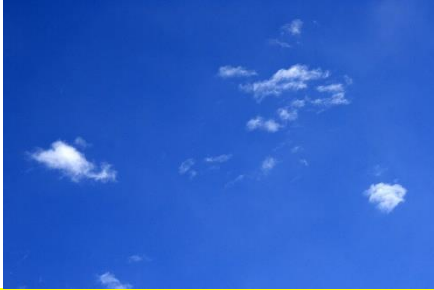
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A home for our EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Center would help us consolidate meetings, conduct training sessions & finish building an RV-4 airplane.
Please join us in this fundraiser to rebuild an old hangar.
Sharing with others would also be helpful.



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

Saturday Morning Webinars (0900-1000 CT)	
December 9:	Obtaining a glider rating
December 16:	Low visibility flying
December 23:	No webinar
December 30:	No webinar
Schedule of topics: FAASafety.gov	
Created by MN & WI FAASite's. Everyone welcome to attend all sessions	
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 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.

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 >](#)

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2023 BUFFALO AIRPORT CHRISTMAS PARTY

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DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2023

TIME: Social 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Location: Sue Brailier's Hangar, Buffalo Airport

Friends of the Buffalo Airport (FOBA) invites you to continue the spirit of Christmas by joining us to enjoy wonderful food, great friends and awesome aviation stories. All pilots, aviation enthusiasts or anyone in the aviation industry, their spouses and friends are welcome.

FOBA will provide pulled pork, pulled beef, scalloped potatoes, buns, soft drinks, coffee, plates and eating utensils. Please bring a potluck appetizer or meal item to share. A free will donation box will be at the entrance to help FOBA with the cost of the party and contribute to their scholarship program.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!



2023 EAA Chapter 878 Holiday Meeting Notice

December 9

Social Time: 5:30; Dinner: 6:30

Bison Creek Bar & Dining (Huikko's Bowling & Entertainment Center)
1207 Highway 25 North
Buffalo, MN 55313

(Enter through the Dining Room entrance from the parking lot at the rear of the facility)

Join with your EAA Chapter 878 family, friends and guests in this Social Event. There will be Good Food, Yearly Chapter Awards, and a Special Guest Program Presentation by Noel Allard:

- Historian and Author, MINNESOTA AVIATION HISTORY 1857-1945. Also SPEED, the BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLES W. HOLMAN, plus many, many articles for the Minnesota Flyer magazine and others
- Past Chairman, Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame (MAHOF) Board of Directors. Current member of the Board of Directors
- 2010 Inductee to MAHOF

Note: Reservations not required
Order from a limited menu, plus cash bar
Everyone responsible for their own food and drinks

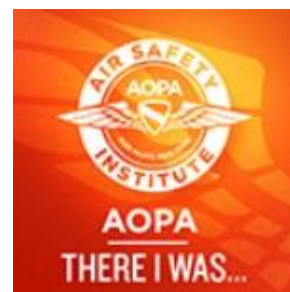


Noel Allard (left) with EAA Chapter 878 member and 2022 MAHOF Inductee Ray Johnson



Aviation Podcasts

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Aviation Webinars

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Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

Dec	9	EAA Chapter 878 holiday party
	26	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Jan	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Feb	10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	27	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

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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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