



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 since 1986. And, we're now a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

December, 2017

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

Christmas Party Meeting, Saturday, December 9

At: Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo. See: <http://huikkosbowl.com/bar-grill/>

Directions: In Buffalo, from the intersection of Highway 55 and Highway 25, go north approximately 2 blocks to 14th 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, this is weird!!

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

Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner service at 7:00 p.m.

- Social hour is a cash bar.
- Dinner is ordered by each individual from a limited menu.
- Everyone is responsible for their own bill.

After-dinner program: Terry Marsh is our guest speaker and will talk about his aviation experiences. Terry is a retired Northwest 747 captain, and he and his wife Susan owned Buffalo Aviation for several years. Terry is also very involved as a volunteer with local community organizations.

All chapter members, spouses, plus-one, and family are invited to this casual event! We'll celebrate our common interests in aviation and another year of successful EAA Chapter 878 activities while we look forward to more in 2018.

Note: our January meeting will be Saturday morning, Jan. 13 at 9:00 am. Meeting location to be determined. (Per tradition, our meetings for January thru April are on Saturday mornings.)

ALSO: Loren Schiebe Christmas Party / Friends of Buffalo Airport (FOBA)

Friday, December 8 (see the party info flyer attached). All are welcome!

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

www.878.eaachapter.org/
www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/

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

Many times a good idea starts small with a dream. The dream becomes reality. And then, the endeavor mushrooms into a grand event. Air Venture comes to mind when a dream becomes reality.

This month, we need to ‘tip our hats’ to the originators of the Tree of Hope project. Thank you, Elaine Morrow, for bringing this project to a higher level. Thank you 99s and all volunteers for assisting Elaine. As you will see in this newsletter, aviators and volunteers really stepped to the table.



Betty and I look forward to handing out year-end chapter awards this coming Saturday at the Chapter 878 holiday banquet. Let’s all celebrate of year of many accomplishments.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg

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- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017/18**

Dec. 9	EAA Chapter 878 Christmas Party, at Huikko’s in Buffalo, 6 pm
Jan. 13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am
23	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Feb. 10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am
27	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Mar. 10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am
27	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Apr. 14	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am
19-21	Chapter 878 Garage Sale, at Dick Borrell’s home/hangar near Waverly, MN
24	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 the EAA Chapter 878 website, www.878.eaachapter.org/, other websites such as <http://www.flyins.com> and www.socialflight.com, or the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and airport bulletin boards.

● CHAPTER 878 HANGAR UPGRADE CONTINUES

by Wayne Flury

When the chapter agreed to purchase one of the old hangars at Maple Lake, I had doubts as to how viable a project this may be. It was old, the roof was rusty, full of holes, its roof sagged and the supports were unevenly spaced. The side sheet metal was rusty at the bottom, the concrete floor was cracked and stained, and there was no door (translation, it was a bird house). Actually, much of this could be a description of me!

But, through committee leadership and the willing hands of many volunteers, that “end-of-the-row,” sad-faced structure has been transformed into something which we (and the entire airport) can appreciate and utilize! But there’s much more work to do before we can host winter meetings in comfort (or summer meetings, for that matter), or even do winter project work in comfort.

Just as our chapter has grown, changed and matured over the years of our existence, this is a new piece of the organization which will allow more growth (and also likely some more changes!). I was going to call it our new “home,” but I believe the home of EAA Chapter 878 is really wherever our chapter members are. This hangar is more like a “base-of-operations.”



What it looked like in February, 2017



What it looks like in November, 2017.

Yes, there are some scars, scuff marks and dings, but it's ours! Some clean-up work, pressure washing and some tubes of caulk are needed, but that will do wonders!



- **CHAPTER 878 CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 9**
by Wayne Flury

Our chapter will again celebrate our aviation year with a family social event (social hour, dinner and speaker) on December 9 at Bison Creek Bar & Grill (Huikko's Bowling and Entertainment Center) in Buffalo. This is an evening for relaxation, reflection and recognition.

Terry Marsh and his wife, Susan, will be our guests for the evening, and Terry has agreed to be our featured speaker. Both Terry and Susan are well known in Buffalo and the entire Minnesota aviation community. Terry and Susan operated Buffalo Aviation at the Buffalo airport for many years. Terry retired in 2008 from Northwest Airlines as a 747 captain with 34,000 hours of flight time.

In addition to his aviation accomplishments, Terry has an extensive resume of community activities and involvement. He was named a 2017 Minnesota Outstanding Senior at the 2017 State Fair, an award recognizing outstanding commitment to community service since reaching the age of 65. It is sponsored by the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota State Fair Foundation, and the Federation of County Fairs.

- **FOBA (Friends of Buffalo Airport) CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 8**

If you're a "Friend of the Buffalo Airport" you know that the annual party is a great place to socialize, meet old friends, and make new friends.

If you're not a "Friend," become one by coming to the party!

See the party flyer at the end of this newsletter.

- **CHAPTER 878 ON FACEBOOK**
by Barb Zabel, Facebook Leader

Facebook is an integral part of the internet social media, and I felt it was important for Chapter 878 to be represented there. This is another tool for communications with our members, for member recruitment, and for letting the general public know who we are and what we do.

Recent posts to the Chapter 878 page have included photos of our fly-in and Young Eagles flights.

Please see www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/ and "Like" and "Share" the page. It's a "public" page, so anyone can comment or add photos, etc. If you have any questions about this Facebook page, please call me at 763-360-6286, or email at zabe_73@hotmail.com.

If you do not have a Facebook account and would like help setting it up, let me know.

- **WINTER GET TOGETHER / CHILI FEED / FLY-IN**
by Wayne Flury

At the October chapter meeting we formed a committee to organize this potential fund raising event. Initial committee members are: Dick Burns, Wayne Flury, Greg Thomes, Laura Herrmann, and Dave Wendt.

The consensus was for the event to be held on a Saturday, with a chili feed at noon. The committee met on November 29 at the home of Laura Herrmann. We selected some possible mid-February dates for the event, serving from 10 – 2, to be held at West Metro Aviation at the Buffalo Airport. A tentative date is Feb. 10 (needs to be confirmed by the chapter), which will be in place of our normal meeting date. Dick Burns is checking with a commercial source for pricing of chili, and Lloyd Melvie is also checking a local source. Lloyd is also investigating the availability of a musical group in which his son plays.

Anyone with ideas for the event, or wishing to be part of the planning, should contact any one of the committee members.

- **TREE OF HOPE AN AMAZING SUCCESS**

by Elaine Morrow

The December 2 *Tree of Hope* at Maple Lake Municipal Airport was an amazing success! The following are some of the preliminary totals:

Bags of Toys (25 gifts in each): 192 for 2017 (110 for 2016) - that's 4800 toys, and with the gift cards handed to drivers and large stuffed animals taken extra by the drivers, that's close to 5,000 gifts!

Hospitals: 39 in Minnesota/1 in Wisconsin, plus five Minnesota Ronald McDonald Houses (25% of hospitals requested more toys this year)

Volunteers: 105 who signed in - plus Santa in his Ho-Ho-Ho airplane, plus Mr. & Mrs. Santa from Maple Lake, plus the Maple Lake Ambassadors.

**TREE OF
HOPE, INC**



WOW!

(Ed. Notes): Many EAA Chapter 878 members volunteered at this event. Thanks to all who did!

Information and details about the Tree of Hope are at: <http://www.holidaytreeofhope.org/>.

For lots of photos and videos, see

- EAA Chapter 878 Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/
- Tree of Hope Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TreeofHopeMn.>

- **CHAPTER VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE**

by Wayne Flury

At our November meeting we discussed making our chapter owned mobile sign trailers available for rent. The chapter acquired two of these via a donation from Mike Wiskus to the chapter under our non-profit status. Renting them to local businesses and organizations will be a source of chapter income.

Renting the trailers was approved by the chapter, though we still need to determine the rental rates.

Now a person (or persons) is needed to organize and direct this effort. This will include advertizing, setting up contracts with the renters, establishing a rental price, monitoring the condition of the trailers, and general supervision of the program. We also need to be sure we are in compliance with any regulations regarding rentals of such equipment, and insurance.

Greg Thomes has reserved he signs for the February Maple Lake Ice Fishing Derby, so we're already into the business! You can help the chapter take the next steps!



Sign trailers as originally received from West Metro Aviation earlier this summer.

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

Note: No meeting in December.

NOTE: new 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)

IMC Pilots Strive to be IFR Professionals – Always: Current, Competent, Proficient
Trusting: Judgment, Decisions, Curiosity

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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!

Features and Benefits: Redbird and Frasca 242 equipment access. Goal: Log one approach/month. Result: always Current and Proficient.

For more information and program content each month, please contact Dave at DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com, or 612-272-4600.



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- **CHAPTER 878 SPRING GARAGE SALE, APRIL 19-21**
by Barb Zabel

A garage sale, with the proceeds to benefit the chapter, is scheduled for April 19 – 21, and will be hosted by chapter member Dick Borrell in his home hangar near Waverly, MN.

Do you have some things in your attic, basement, garage, storage shed, etc. that you no longer need or use? I know I do! Please consider setting it aside and donate to our Spring Garage Sale.

Let me know what you can contribute (tax deductible donation) to the chapter.

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- **TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS TO THE CHAPTER**
by Wayne Flury

If you purchase something for the chapter (that is, it becomes property of the chapter and is not just something you bring occasionally for the chapter to use at an event), you may claim this purchase as a tax-deductible donation to the chapter.

REMEMBER – EAA Chapter 878 is a 501(c)(3) organization and (currently) any donations you make to the chapter are tax deductible! Help the chapter and help your tax situation at the same time!!

● **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.

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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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!

Due to the increased size of this listing, my monthly cartoon has now been pushed to the next page. That's a good thing. Thank You!

- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



What do you mean...the reindeer are all down for scheduled maintenance or annual inspections?!

12/2017



Loren Schiebe Christmas Party

Date: Friday, December 8th

Time: 5:00 p.m. to ???

Location: Andy and Sue Brallier's hangar, Buffalo Airport

Food will be served @ 6:00 p.m.

For many years Loren invited the aviation community into his hangar for a celebration of the holidays. Though he is no longer with us, *Friends of the Buffalo Airport (FOBA)* invites you to continue the spirit of his hospitality by joining us to enjoy the good food 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 also bring any personal beverage you want other than what will be provided.

We'll see you on the 8th!!