



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.

August, 2017

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT and MEETING NOTICE**

Tuesday, August 8

Chapter Meeting at Maple Lake Airport

- **Brats and chips picnic at 7:00**
- **General meeting begins at 7:30**

Meeting will be either in Carla and Tim Bond's hangar or Greg and Allen Zabel's hangar, both located in the first row that parallels the runway. Look for the sight of hungry EAAers and the smell of brats on the grill!

The chapter will provide the brats, buns and chips.

The meeting program will be a general business meeting with agenda subjects as appropriate, particularly the up-coming Maple Lake fly-in.

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Remember to regularly check our chapter website: www.878.eaachapter.org/

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

I never took the opportunity to enlist in a military branch. Even though I had a non-enviable draft lottery number of 27, I was one of the baby-boomers allowed to avoid action through President Nixon's draft cancellation. However, I did see that many returning Vietnam vets were treated poorly in the 60's and 70's.



AirVenture 2017 in Oshkosh spent many resources honoring our veterans, especially those that served in South East Asia. The photo to the left shows one of those events, depicting a new American Airlines 737 receiving a water salute upon return to Wittman Field. Over 100 Vets were aboard this AirVenture trip to Washington, DC. They received their *hero's welcome* which never occurred 50 years ago...just one more reason I like the philosophies and beliefs of EAA!

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg.

● **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017**

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| Aug | 8 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, |
| | 22 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| Sep. | 9 | EAA Chapter 878 Camp-Out, Maple Lake |
| | 10 | EAA Chapter 878 Pork Chop Dinner (noon meal) Fly-in, Maple Lake |
| | 12 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 26 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |
| Oct. | 10 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 24 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm |

Note: this 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. If I did try to list them, I risk missing one or slighting someone if I fail to list their event. I will make an exception for some special events.

For aviation events throughout the area, see the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and bulletin boards, plus I recommend subscribing to the free email alerts through <http://www.flyins.com> and www.socialflight.com.

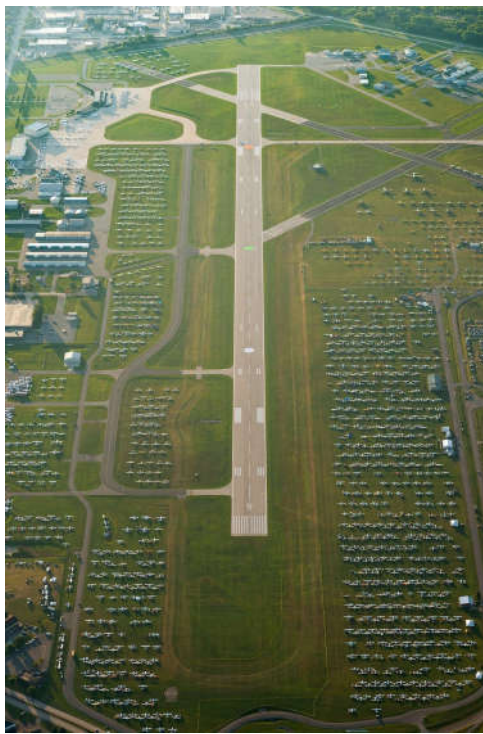
● **AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2017 REPORT (Part 1)**
by Wayne Flury

Here are a few photos and comments in an effort to highlight the week of aviation heaven known as AirVenture Oshkosh 2017, or just “Oshkosh.” This is neither complete nor representative of the full scope of programs, activities and displays that are available to all, if you only make the effort to pass through the entrance gate. If you were there, please share your photos and memories. I’ll be featuring the event for at least another issue yet! If you didn’t or couldn’t go this year, start planning now for 2018 – it’s only about 50 weeks away!



Photos:

- Above: Oshkosh by the numbers! (EAA photo)
- Left: The “Brown Arch” entrance to the flightline, with commemorative and memorial patio. (photo by Wayne)
- Left Center: General overview of the site, looking North from the left base approach to 36. This view does not show the campgrounds nor the North 40 and south aircraft parking. (EAA photo)
- Lower Left: My wife Joyce came to visit for a few days! She got to see what I do and meet more of my “Oshkosh Friends.”
- Lower Right: A broader view of the site. Still doesn’t include campgrounds, south aircraft parking nor the ultralight, LSA and rotorcraft area “Fun Fly Zone” (EAA photo).



Free Chapter 878 dues to anyone who can find Greg Thomes' Cardinal in this view of the "North 40!" (EAA photo)



B-25's on Warbird Alley, plus one in the Warbirds in Review staging area. This was prior to their launch on the day they reenacted the Doolittle Raiders launch from the carrier Hornet. (EAA photo)



Me (on the left) being an announcer at Oshkosh along with my co-worker and good friend "Laroux" in the Sunday air show for the departure and fly-by of the HondaJet. I also worked two or three other acts during the week, but my primary job for the week was doing interviews during our "Interview Circle" segments in the morning and early afternoon. These segments are very interesting – at least to me, and hopefully the audience. I get to meet some great people! (Photo by Joyce Flury)



Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole, at age 101 the last surviving member of the "Doolittle Raiders" and Jimmy Doolittle's co-pilot, saluted each of the B-25's as they taxied out. (photographer unknown)



Saturday morning (early!!) balloon launch. Photo by Greg Thomes as he prepared to leave for home.

More photos and memories in next month's newsletter!

- **IMC CLUB**
by Dave Wendt, Founding Member and President – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

In the Elliott Aviation Building lobby, with meetings at Inflight Pilot Training (first floor), 13801 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN



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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.

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

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

Scholarships – though we don't have a "Scholarship Committee" (hint, hint – is this a committee you could volunteer for), there's nothing to stop us from accumulating funds to be used for that future purpose.

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

- **CHAPTER 878 FLY-OUT COORDINATOR and EAGLE FLIGHTS LEADER**
by Kyle Weatherly

Note: for any and all suggestions for possible chapter fly-outs, and for information about how to conduct Eagle Flights to qualified individuals, please contact Kyle at 612-965-1610, or k.weatherly@live.com.

- **CHAPTER 878 YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR**
by Tim Bond

There will be a Young Eagles flight for Cub Scout Pack 767 of St. Michael on Sep 16th. Please put this on your schedule and volunteer to help in any way you can. I'm also working to setup the Rockford Boy Scouts on a later date.

Remember, you can take a kid flying ANYTIME – it doesn't have to be only during an organized YE event.

- **AN UPCOMING CHANGE OF LIFE STYLE**

by Wayne Flury

Due to health considerations and the need to be in a single level home, Joyce and I are looking to sell our home and property. This was not an easy choice, but a necessary one.

So, if you know of a single level home or townhome available in the Rockford/Buffalo/Hanover/etc. area (preferably with a four car garage!!!!), let me know. And, if you know of someone looking for a nice home on 5 acres of property in the Rockford area with a workshop and storage shed, also let me know. And I'm interested in renting space in the corner of a hangar or other workshop, hopefully to finish out the Sonex.

Contact me at 763-670-6021, or wflury@wh-link.net.

- **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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EAA Chapter Advocates: All Members

Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



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Where else but "Oshkosh" would you ever see the only two flyable B-29's in close formation?

The newly airworthy "Doc" (nearside) and "FIFI" (farside) were an epic attraction in the warbirds shows and wherever they were parked.

(EAA Photo)