



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.

July, 2017

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

Tuesday, July 11

- **Chapter Meeting at Maple Lake Airport at our Chapter 878 Hangar!**
 - **Burgers and brats picnic at 7:00**
 - **General meeting begins at 7:30**

Depending on the weather, we will be outside of our new hangar (first hangar on the right in the N-S row as you enter the airport ramp area from the north) or, if the weather does not cooperate, Carla and Tim Bond will be gracious hosts again in their hangar located in the first row that parallels the runway. Look for the sight of hungry EAAers and the smell of burgers on the grill!

The chapter will provide the burgers, brats, buns and chips.

In addition to the general business meeting with agenda subjects as appropriate, the following will be on the docket:

- live auction for Marv Sikkila's pilot items (Marv's family provided Greg Thomes with 3- 4 boxes of his flying stuff – headsets, books, gear, etc).
- there are still many bags of sausage for sale (left over from the Buffalo pancake breakfast). They are in 5# bags and will sell for \$20.00. Let's get rid of them at the meeting. They are in Greg's hangar (in a freezer!).

July EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter Highlights:

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- Up-coming Chapter 878 events, see Page 2
- The chapter now has a door for our hangar! See Page 3
- Looking for some aviation items? See the note in the "Meeting Notice" section about an auction for some of Marv Sikkila's items (donated to the chapter by the Sikkila family) to be held during the meeting. Do we have an auctioneer in the house? Proceeds to go to the facilities project.
- Pick up a few sausages for that special summer family get-together. 5 pound bag for \$20.

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

Betty and I just returned from a quick 2-night stay at our hunting lodge in central North Dakota. Both legs of the flight were uneventful. This isn't always the case when flight planning for the 261 nm trip. Weather patterns can be so different on either end of the flight.

In a *make believe* world, we would take as much time as necessary to review all aspects of the flight; *weather, TFRs, Notams, IMSAFE*. However, on a Friday afternoon (heading into a long weekend), the challenge becomes great to cover all aspects of the flight with some modicum of consideration.

Not all of my flights to the hunting lodge go as smoothly as this most recent trip. The next time I'm in a rush to fly, I'm going to try pushing aside any rushed feelings and think through the basics. I urge you to do the same. Let's keep GA safe...especially with the high traffic to AirVenture looming on our calendars.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg.



● **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017**

July	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm at the CHAPTER HANGAR at Maple Lake, with a cook-out at 7:00 pm
	25	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
	24-30	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
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.

- **CHAPTER 878 HANGAR ACQUIRES A DOOR**
by Wayne Flury

On Sunday, June 25, EAA Chapter 878 members Tim Bond, Fred Jude, Pete Radintz and Wayne Flury drove to the Holland Air Park (36WI), a residential fly-in community located north of LaCrosse, Wisconsin and purchased a hangar door.

As reported from past discussions at our chapter meetings, the chapter was deciding whether to purchase or build a door for our newly acquired hangar at Maple Lake. Tim Bond found an appropriately sized door listed on Craig's List and contacted the owners, Patrick and Becky Brockman, who were remodeling an existing hangar and planning a residential addition. Thus their hangar door became "excess inventory" and was advertized for sale.



The door prior to being disassembled and removed from its Holland Air Park hangar.



Ready for the trip back to Maple Lake. We probably looked like the Beverly Hillbillies on our return trip, but everything went smoothly and we didn't lose anything!

Patrick and Becky are members of EAA Chapter 307 of LaCrosse and, when Tim told them about EAA Chapter 878, our hangar project, and that we are a 501(c)(3) organization, Patrick and Becky agreed to adjust their asking price from \$2500 to \$1000 (and take a charitable contribution tax deduction). This is an excellent example of the benefit of the non-profit status to our chapter.

The door was originally manufactured by the Hi-Fold Door Corporation of River Falls, Wisconsin and is in excellent condition.

Patrick and Becky both helped in the disassembly and had borrowed a tractor with front end loader to lower the door and then lift it onto Tim's trailer. PLUS, Becky made lunch for us after we were done!!

Obviously now we have the work of installing the door on our hangar, but we now won't have the expense or work of fabricating a door plus the lift mechanism and controls! PROGRESS!!

- **HEY, WHERE YA GOIN'?**

(stories and reports about trips and visits our Chapter 878 members have taken)

No submittals for this month. Didn't anybody go anyplace or do anything fun?

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

- **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

Note: for questions about Young Eagles flights, or for information about how to conduct Young Eagle flights, contact Tim at 612-961-3257, or timlbond@gmail.com.

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

● **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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Non-Profit Programs

EAA Chapter Advocates: All Members

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



The simple solution to this month's cartoon!

The cartoon this month is
"recycled" from the July, 2013
edition of the *Maple Lake Flyer*.

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