



## *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.*

32 Years.....1986 – 2018

March, 2018

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING NOTICE**

**Saturday, March 10, 9:15 a.m.**

**Location: Arrival/Departure Building at Buffalo Municipal Airport (CFE)**

Our March EAA Chapter 878 meeting will feature a special program presentation by Bill Tischer, Wing Leader of the Commemorative Air Force Minnesota Wing, and a pilot of their North American B-25J Mitchell "*Miss Mitchell*." He will speak about the CAF, its mission and activities. For more info about the CAF Minnesota Wing, see: [www.cafmn.org](http://www.cafmn.org).

- **FLIGHT TO SUCCESS**

by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

Don Marquis once said, "Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday." One of the ideals we're trying to promote at Chapter 878 is to continually be moving our organization forward. *Procrastination* should not be in our vocabulary.

We need to take a moment and thank a couple that has kept our chapter moving forward. Thank you *Tim and Carla Bond* for the hard work and diligent efforts you've bestowed upon us. The Bonds will be moving to West-Central Minnesota this spring. We trust that you'll come-around on occasion to check up on us!

EAA Chapter #878 has another 'full plate' of events this year. We began 2018 with a successful *Mid-Winter Warm-Up Chili Feed*. Thanks to all who participated. Join us as we continue to be one of the more active EAA Chapters in the region.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg



**Your yearly dues are due! See the item on Page 4. Thanks if you have already paid! Dues must be current by April 1 to remain in good standing as a Chapter 878 member.**

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

<http://www.878.eaachapter.org>



[www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/](http://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/)

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### ● WHAT'S THAT BLOCK WITH SQUIGGELY LINES ON THE FRONT PAGE?

by Elaine Morrow

(Ed. Note: Chapter Website Manager Elaine Morrow provided the artwork for a "QR" code to be included on the newsletter. She also provided the following to describe what a "QR" code is and its purpose. Expect to see this code included on various printed flyers and other communications.

You can download a QR Code Scanner for free from your App Store. I use one called "QR Reader" but there are many others.)

A QR code is a symbol that can be scanned into a smart device (iPad, iPhone) to immediately connect with a website. When you see a QR code you don't have to find paper and pen to write down the website information – just scan the code to immediately connect to the specific website.

QR (Quick Response) codes were developed in the 1960's in Japan to attach to commodities from foodstuffs to clothing to prevent carpal tunnel in the cashiers who were entering codes and prices manually, and bar codes weren't sufficient. A bar code can contain up to 20 alphanumeric characters, but a QR code can include up to 7,000 numerals plus Kanji codes/squares and can be read more than 10 times faster than other codes. It wasn't until 2002 that the codes became generally used throughout Japan and later spread to Europe and North America.

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### ● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2018

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|------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar. | 10    | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:15 am at A/D Building, Buffalo Airport |
|      | 27    | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm      |
| Apr. | 14    | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:15 am, location TBD                    |
|      | 19-21 | Chapter 878 Garage Sale, location TBD                             |
|      | 24    | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm      |
| May  | 8     | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm, location TBD                    |
|      | 22    | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm      |
| June | 10    | Buffalo Fly-In; Chapter 878 Pancake Breakfast                     |
|      | 12    | EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm, location TBD                    |
|      | 26    | 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/](http://www.878.eaachapter.org/), other websites such as <http://www.flyins.com> and [www.socialflight.com](http://www.socialflight.com), or the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and airport bulletin boards.

● **CHILI FEED FLY-IN REPORT**  
by Wayne Flury

The inaugural EAA Chapter 878 Chili Feed, held in the West Metro Aviation hangar at the Buffalo airport on Saturday, Feb. 10, was a GREAT event! It was cold outside (approx. 10 to 14 degrees F., thankfully not windy, with gorgeous blue skies) but warm in the hangar with good chili, good friends, and good music.



We made good use of the chapter's own mobile advertising trailers!

Considering that this was our first try at a chili feed, the turnout was outstanding! The best estimate is that about 25 aircraft flew in

(along with their respective pilots and passengers), and we served approximately 150 people.

An initial report by Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns was that this was a financially successful event. It should be noted that, perhaps in recognition of our advertized status as a 501(c)(3) organization, we had some people donating money well over and above the "\$5 per bowl" for the chili!!!!

As with any of our events, there are some things we did well and likely also some things we could do differently or better. If you have thoughts or suggestions for changes or improvements (assuming we elect to do this again next year) please forward them to me or any of the other chapter leaders. Thanks to everyone who helped during the day. A chili feed is a relatively low labor event which allows us the opportunity to socialize with guests, be great hosts, and extend a "Welcome to our chapter!" greeting!



Hungry folks in the serving line.



The scene of many tall tales and hangar flying, plus the consumption of lots of chili!



It was a great day for flying.



"Cowboys in Sneakers" in a definitively aviation environment! Members are: from L to R, Travis Melvie, Marc Keith, Kirk Asolin, and Andv Rosenquist.



Miriam Orr, a new reporter for the Wright County Journal-Press, got an introduction to the Buffalo Airport, the EAA, and to general aviation. Shown here with Mike Wiskus of West Metro Aviation.

- **YOUR YEARLY CHAPTER 878 DUES ARE DUE**  
by Wayne Flury

Your dues to the chapter for 2018 became due in January. Your membership in the chapter is dependent upon maintaining a current “dues-paid” status. Some members have paid at our meetings, and others have mailed their dues to our Treasurer Dick Burns. Either way is good.

As established in our chapter bylaws, “Payment of dues shall be made to the Chapter Treasurer and shall be payable January 1 of each year for the period of January 1 through December 31. Membership privileges will end on April 1 if dues are not paid by April 1.”

Important: if you joined the chapter in 2017, please check with our Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns regarding your individual status. Persons joining late in the calendar year have generally been considered to be “Paid” for the following year.

Contact info for Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns is: 9620 50th St. W      612-723-3052 / 952-473-1887  
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As noted in the Chapter Info on the back page of this newsletter, our dues structure is: Dues are \$10 per year for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 per year for age 35 and over.

Please help our treasurer by paying with a check made out to EAA Chapter 878. Paying with cash, while acceptable, puts the burden of proper tracking on Dick. He may have several people throwing money at him at the same time!! If you do pay by cash, please attach your name to the payment!!

Note (1): Chapter dues are not the same as your national EAA dues.

Note (2): Also, if you are receiving this newsletter, but no longer want to be a part of our chapter, please let us know that too.

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

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

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

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](mailto:DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com), or 612-272-4600.



- **A WINTER VACATION WITH A VISIT TO THE PIMA AIR MUSEUM**  
by Dave Swanson

This year my wife Gail and I tried a winter camping vacation to Big Bend, Texas, with our new pickup camper. We mostly winged our destinations to follow the weather. We found the camper worked great and freezing weather is not a problem for it.

Anyway, I was looking at maps as to which way to head next when Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (<http://www.dm.af.mil>) in Tucson stood out. I'd always wanted to go there after missing a chance in the Navy. I was the navigator and had a route all planned. We inspected the plane we were taking and climbed the ladder; but to my surprise there was no back seat! Maintenance had been told to salvage anything they could use, and they'd gotten carried away. After it was put back together someone else got to take it so I missed out. Anyway, I was looking on line and found out you need ten days to get a clearance to take the tour so that will have to be a future trip.

We did stop at the Pima Air Museum (<http://www.pimaair.org>) there. My wife does not have my level of airplane interest, so we split up and almost immediately I ran into Randy Ernst (from Buffalo) who had some time off from a window workshop.

This is a real neat museum. I found every type of plane I flew in the Navy and an A-5 Vigilante that I thought I was actually in. I checked serial numbers when I got home and, as it turned out, I had not.



Dave and Randy Ernst at Pima A.M.



Lockheed T2V SeaStar (later called the T-1 SeaStar), a carrier capable trainer developed from the T-33.



Convair B-36 Peacemaker (the largest mass-produced piston-engined aircraft ever built)



RA-5C Vigilante (The was the largest and fastest airplane to ever operate from an aircraft carrier)



T-2 Buckeye  
I threw up in one on a gun run!

Great museum if you are ever in the area.

All photos by Dave Swanson



P-2

Went for a ride out of Glenview NAS, Chicago. Mostly sat in the nose cone checking out the view. To get up there you had to crawl alongside the nose gear and make sure you were out of there before they put the gear back down.



I got picked up from a raft in Pensacola Bay during training by one of these.



Douglas A-3 Skywarrior

Originally designed as a strategic bomber; later served as an electronic warfare platform, tactical air reconnaissance platform, and high capacity aerial refueling tanker



T-39 Saberliner, advanced and low level navigation



UC-45 (Navy version of the Beech 18)  
I did a barrel roll in one!



"You scratch my back, ..."

- **CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MOBILE SIGN TRAILER MANAGER**

The chapter has two mobile sign trailers (a donation to the chapter under our non-profit status). Renting them to local businesses and organizations is a potential source of chapter income.

A person (or persons) is needed to organize and direct this effort, and will include advertizing, establishing a rental price, setting up contracts with renters, monitoring 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.

The signs have been used for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 last summer.

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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!!

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- **CLASSIFIED ADS**

#### **Help Wanted:**

Aircraft modification company based at the Buffalo Airport has a part-time job opportunity in our office, 15-20 hours a week (unless you can provide more). Involves maintenance of records and other general office duties. Looking for someone with the following skills: organized, with ability to learn new tasks and systems. Love of aviation a plus!

For more information, call Scott at 763-559-5998, or email: [scott@d-shannon-aviation.com](mailto:scott@d-shannon-aviation.com).

D'Shannon Aviation, 1309 County Rd 134 NE, Buffalo, MN 55313

#### **Garage Sale:**

Chapter 878 Spring Garage Sale, April 19-21

This garage sale, with proceeds to benefit the chapter, will be held at a location to be determined.

Contributions (eligible as a tax deductible donation) are requested. Check your attic, basement, garage, storage shed, etc. for things in good condition that you no longer need or use.

For more information, contact Barb Zabel at 763-360-6286 or [zabe\\_73@hotmail.com](mailto:zabe_73@hotmail.com).

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Note: the "Classified Ads" section of this newsletter is a place to list your notices for Help Wanted, For Sale, For Trade, etc., etc. Items listed should be generally aviation related. Listings are no charge to chapter members. Non-members may take advantage of this service by contacting the Newsletter Editor for costs and conditions.

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## ● 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.

### **Current Officers, Leaders and Coordinators of EAA Chapter 878:**

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| <b>EAA Chapter Advocates:</b>                     | 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 been pushed onto the next page. That's a good thing. Thank You!



● **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury



"If these were black football players, I'd have to be upset."

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