



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.

33 Years.....1986 – 2019

February, 2019

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 MEETING**

Date: Saturday, February 9

Location: Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building

Time: 9:15 am

Discussion and planning for our March chili feed fly-in. Also chapter participation in the Minnesota Pilots Association "Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering" (GMAG) on April 26 & 27 at the Buffalo Airport.

Note: Following our meeting, Kyle Weatherly will lead a discussion about the possible formation of a flying club under guidance from EAA. This will begin at approximately at 11:30 am.

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

February marks the 60th anniversary of what some have coined "*The day the music died.*" Millennials may not know of Buddy Holly, The Big Bobber, and Ritchie Valens. They basically were on the cutting edge of rock-n-roll in the late 50's. Unfortunately, these three artists and the 21 year old pilot were killed when leaving Mason City for a short flight to Fargo. The three musicians were on the Winter Dance Party tour covering the Midwest.



The 21 year old pilot had 52 hours of instrument training. A classic Alberta clipper was sweeping through the area. Ceilings dropped and the rest is history. The plane was found the next morning 4 miles northwest of KMCW airport.

As with most accidents, there was a chain of events which contributed to their demise. But one always has to wonder if more training would have helped this pilot.

I urge all of our members to seek flight instruction as often as possible. I've been up with instructors 5 to 6 times this past year. Each time I have learned something valuable. It might be techniques, procedures, or just cementing a known basic function further in my routine. CFI's are out there – you just need to do a little exploring. Let's make one of our 2019 resolutions that *training* will NOT be a reason for cutting our flying short.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President

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

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



www.facebook.com/EAAChapter878/

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019**

- Feb. 9 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:15 am, Buffalo Airport, Arrival/Departure Bldg.
- 26 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Mar. 9 2nd Annual Chapter 878 Chili Feed, at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo, 11 – 2. Note: this will take the place of our regularly scheduled March meeting
- 26 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- Apr. 2 – 7 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland Linder International Airport, Lakeland, FL
- 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:15 am, location TBD
- 23 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
- 26 & 27 Minnesota Pilots Association meeting, GMAG, West Metro Aviation and others, Buffalo Airport

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 our EAA Chapter 878 website, www.878.eaachapter.org/, and 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 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019 ARE NOW DUE!**

by Wayne Flury, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

Your dues to the chapter for 2019 became due in January. Your ongoing membership in the chapter is dependent upon maintaining a current “dues-paid” status. And, your chapter depends upon your continued support of it through your dues.

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.”

Note: if you joined the chapter during this past year, please check with our Chapter Treasurer Henry Williams regarding your status. Persons joining late in the year and paying the yearly dues have generally been considered to be “Paid” for the following year.

Annual dues for EAA Chapter 878 are:

- \$10 for members up to 35 years of age
- \$25 for members age 35 and over
- \$35 for a family membership

Payments may be made by:

- Check, payable to EAA Chapter 878
- Cash (please put it in an envelope with your name, or attach your name to the cash)

Give your dues directly to Treasurer Henry Williams at a meeting, or mail your dues to:

EAA Chapter 878 Treasurer
Henry Williams
1129 Dague Ave NE
Buffalo, MN 55313

Notes:

1. Chapter 878 dues are separate from your national EAA dues
2. Chapter 878 dues are in addition to any IMC dues (IMC dues payable separately)
3. IMC members should check with Dave Wendt about your IMC dues (separate from Chapter 878 dues)

- **POSSIBLE FLYING CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTER 878**

by Kyle Weatherly

I know there is some local interest for another flying club in the area...I have asked. So, I'm looking into the process of forming a flying club, primarily through the assistance and guidance of the EAA. As we have learned from our RV-4 project, a chapter cannot own a completed aircraft, but a group of builders from the chapter can form a separate entity to own and operate an aircraft. There must be a distinct line drawn between an EAA chapter and a flying club.

If there is enough interest by Chapter 878 members in starting a flying club, I will set up a meeting to discuss the possibilities and to determine if we want to move forward. At this time I just want to be the collector of the information. A formal leadership structure would need to be selected if we go ahead on this.

I believe that a flying club associated with Chapter 878 would make our chapter even stronger and more compelling to join, plus it would be an excellent way to encourage more people to learn to fly.

There are promotions through the EAA and the AOPA to assist groups to get more flying clubs available, plus they can be used for student pilots (for example, the Delta Flying Club, in Buffalo, doesn't allow student pilots). Getting a flying club in place that allows student pilots may give us an avenue for our future Ray Foundation Scholarship candidates since the money can go to Club Membership and Rental Fees.

If you are interested in being part of a flying club, or just have questions, please contact me at:

Kyle Weatherly, 612-759-5227 or k.weatherly@live.com

The following are some informative links:

<http://www.eaavideo.org/detail/videos/webinars/video/5836563447001>.

<https://www.aopa.org/community/flying-clubs>.

I will be holding an initial discussion about a flying club after the Chapter 878 meeting on Saturday, February 9 in the Arrival/Departure Building at the Buffalo Airport, beginning at approximately 11:30 am.

- **MINNESOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD 2019 "GREAT MINNESOTA AVIATION GATHERING" (GMAG) AT BUFFALO AIRPORT**

by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

In a recent email release to all Minnesota Pilots Association (MPA) members, it was revealed that the MPA has chosen the Buffalo Airport to host the 2019 Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering (GMAG) on Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27.

This will be a great showcase opportunity for the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Airport!

See the Minnesota Pilots Association website, <https://www.mnpilots.org/>, for an article with the complete language of the Buffalo location decision, plus some of the events that are already planned.

Ed. Note: a note of clarification regarding the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame Banquet referenced in the article. The banquet is being held on April 27, after the conclusion of the GMAG event, but it is at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Bloomington.

At our January Chapter 878 meeting, the chapter voted to support the GMAG event as possible. This will likely require volunteers for car and aircraft parking, plus perhaps some set-up/teardown assistance. Several local hangar owners have volunteered the use of their hangar for the event. This event is also an excellent opportunity to showcase Chapter 878 by means of a display and informational table which will require volunteers as well. Please be ready to raise your hand to volunteer.

I also expect that leaders from AOPA and EAA will be attending, as they have for past GMAG events. Please be ready to welcome them warmly.

Note: be sure to add <https://www.facebook.com/MNPilots> to your Facebook "Likes!"

- **2ND ANNUAL CHAPTER 878 CHILI FEED FLY-IN MARCH 9**

Our 2019 Chili Feed Fly-In (our 2nd Annual event) will be on Saturday, March 9 at the Buffalo airport in the main hangar of West Metro Aviation. See the fly-in poster included with this newsletter.

Please put this on your schedule, plan to attend, plan to volunteer your help as you can, and spread the word by putting up a copy of the fly-in poster as you travel or attend other aviation events.

Helpers, volunteers and conscripts are needed. Come to the meeting ready to make a commitment to meet, greet and eat. Volunteers are needed for aircraft parking, set-up and clean-up of the eating area, food preparation, and serving. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather on that day.

On that day also please remember that this is a chapter member recruitment effort as well as an aviation social event.

The event has been listed on the following "Calendars of Events:"

MN Department of Aeronautics, EAA, Social Flight, Flyins.com, Minnesota Flyer, Midwest Flyer, and the Minnesota Pilots Association.

For questions or to offer your services as a volunteer, contact Laura Herrmann at 952-210-8600 or ljherrmann@yahoo.com.

- **WEBSITE RECOMMENDATIONS**
by Wayne Flury

Did you know you can get a digital copy of your Sport Aviation magazine (in addition to the printed version) by enrolling at the following web link?

https://www.eaa.org/apps/sportaviationmag/login.html?btx_i=556462&btx_pub_id=26782&btx_m=53731

Note: I get both the printed and digital versions. I rarely view the digital version because I prefer to hold a magazine in my hands and flip the pages at will (though it still irritates me that EAA went to a floppy "oversize" page format several years ago). But, it is a good way to pass time if you're stuck in a doctor's waiting room and the only magazines available there are past issues of Crochet World or Interior Decorator!

Currently, just Sport Aviation and the Warbirds magazine are available digitally (digital Warbirds version just announced in the 2/1/19 *eHotline* from EAA). The Vintage Airplane and Sport Aerobatics magazines are only available in print.

Note: you must be a member of the respective divisions of EAA to receive those magazines, either as print or digital versions.

- **FACEBOOK LEADER POSITION FOR CHAPTER 878 NOW OPEN**
by Wayne Flury

Our current Facebook Leader, Alyssa Arends, has advised the chapter that she is stepping away from that and other roles in which she has served Chapter 878.

Thus, we are looking for a person to step forward and be our "social media" leader. You don't have to be a whiz at Facebook (or a Twitter twit) to meet the qualifications. Alyssa has committed to be available to the new person in a transition role and will get you up and running.

If this strikes you as a way to give something of yourself to the chapter, either speak up at a chapter meeting or contact any of the chapter leaders. See all contact info on Page of this newsletter in the EAA CHAPTER 878 and MAPLE LAKE FLYER INFO section.

Alyssa also held a position in the Chili Feed planning committee as well as the Maple Lake Fly-In review committee. These vacancies will also need a response.

- **NATIONAL EAA MEMBERSHIP**
by Wayne Flury

Are you a member of the national EAA organization? EAA expects, and Chapter 878 encourages, all chapter members to be members of the national EAA. Chapter 878 membership does not include national EAA membership.

Joining EAA is an easy and simple thing to do: see: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/Membership/Join.aspx>. Also, see: <https://www.eaa.org/eaamembership/eaamemberbenefits> for the benefits of EAA membership.

Organizations are only as strong as their members. We ask and expect a lot from the national EAA, but they need the support of everyone who is on the receiving end; i.e., our chapter.

Be a national member, support EAA.

- **DONATIONS AND RECEIPTS FOR EAA CHAPTER 878 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY**
by Kyle Weatherly, Scholarship Committee Coordinator

The response for donations to our EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Program has already been outstanding! Our goal for 2019 was to present at least one \$1000 scholarship to a high school student graduating from a Wright County school and pursuing a career in aviation. We have more than met that goal, and actually may already have enough for two \$1000 scholarships!

I want to issue a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already made a contribution.

But, please don't let this early success distract you from making a contribution or thinking that your donation isn't needed. Maybe we can get enough to fund three (or more) scholarships, or even increase the scholarship amount! It's nice to have options.

You can help support and celebrate aviation by making a 501(c)(3) charitable donation to the EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Program.

EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Program

Make your tax-deductible donation to: EAA Chapter 878 Scholarship Program

Donations may be sent to: EAA Chapter 878
PO Box 169
Maple Lake, MN 55358-0169

Donations may also be given to any of the Chapter 878 officers.

What better way is there to offer encouragement to students, to promote aviation in their future, and possibly to "payback" any encouragement or assistance we may have received as we were starting our own journeys?

To assure timely recognition of your donation, please also send me an email to let me know a donation is being made. My email address is: k.weatherly@live.com, or you call me at 612-759-5227. I'd also be happy to answer any questions you may have.

You will receive a letter from the chapter recognizing your charitable donation.

THANK YOU again for getting our first-ever scholarship program off to a rousing start!

- **A CHANGE IS COMING FOR TREE OF HOPE TOY COLLECTION LOCATION IN 2019**

by Elaine Morrow
President, Tree of Hope, Inc.

Ed. Note: the following is from an email sent on Friday, Feb. 1 by Elaine Morrow on behalf of all leaders of the Tree of Hope to all 2018 Tree of Hope volunteers, drivers, and donors. An updated flyer was included, though I have not included it with this newsletter. For questions or more info, contact Elaine at pilotelaine@aol.com or 952-913-2356.

We wanted to give you advance notice that the Tree of Hope on December 7, 2019, will be moving – to the St. Cloud, Minnesota, Regional Airport (STC). Bill Mavencamp, Jr., of *St. Cloud Aviation* has graciously donated Hanger H2 for the event in December, plus a dedicated storage area for our donations all year long.

We appreciate all the support from EAA Chapter 878, the City of Maple Lake, and Bob and Char Shadduck when Tree of Hope was hosted at Maple Lake from 2010 through 2018. We hope you will continue to participate in the Tree of Hope at the new location. It will be our 30th year of giving, so it will be special.

While it is hard to move, we needed more storage space with easy access to allow us to take advantage of toy sales during the year. We no longer need to worry as much about the weather with more runway options for pilots, and with an active FBO open every day except Christmas, it will allow donations by drivers and pilots every day except Christmas, plus lots of parking for vehicles for the December event.

Please let me know if the location change will mean you are unable to volunteer and/or be a hospital driver for the Tree of Hope.

- **IMC CLUB**

by Dave Wendt, Coordinator – IMC/EAA 878

IMC/EAA 878 Club meetings:

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM

This month - February 26. Look for a future email with the program info.

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)



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!

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

Ed. Note: All pilots are encouraged to check out the meetings of the IMC/EAA 878 group. You need not be an instrument rated pilot to attend...just need to be interested in upgrading your knowledge base. And, you might find you have more in common with this group of pilots than you think!

- **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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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 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.

Chapter membership is open to all persons interested in aviation. To become a member, simply contact any one of the current officers and request a membership application, or click on the "Membership" link on our website. Annual dues are \$10 for members up to 35 years of age, \$25 for age 35 and over, and \$35 for a family membership.

Current Officers:

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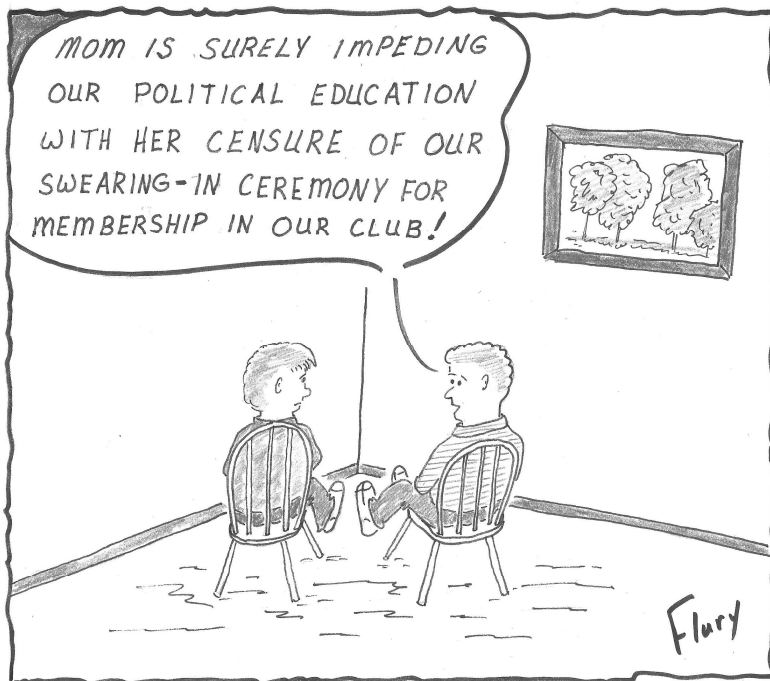
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EAA Chapter 878 Advocates: All Members

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

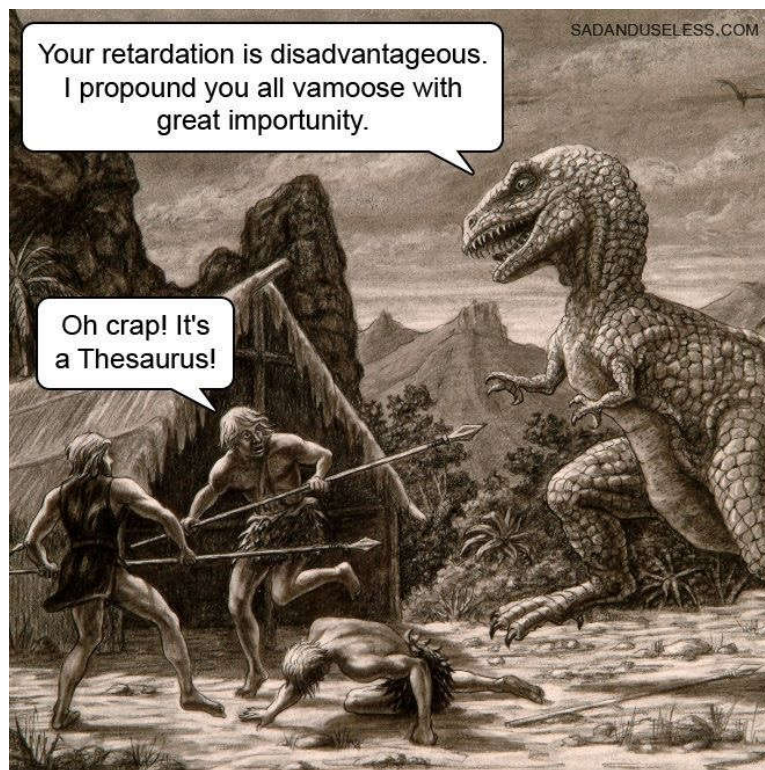
The list of volunteer leaders for EAA Chapter 878 continues to grow! Thank you!

- **THE FUNNIES**
by Wayne Flury



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The cartoon below is one of that makes me do a facepalm and say, "Why didn't I think of that!" which is, I guess, one of the best compliments one cartoonist could give to another.



Note: I found this "Thesaurus" cartoon on Facebook, where it had been taken from
"Sad and Useless Humor," <https://www.sadanduseless.com/>



EAA Chapter 878 "Mid-Winter Warm Up" 2019



CHILI FEED

FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN

Saturday, March 9

(bad weather date, Mar 16)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**West Metro Aviation
Buffalo Airport (KCFE)
Buffalo, MN**

HOME MADE chili with lots of toppings

Hot and cold drinks

General public welcome

Break off those icicles, defrost the windshield, preheat the airplane (or the car) and come to Buffalo Municipal Airport for some hot chili and cool conversation in the hangar of West Metro Aviation, hosted by EAA Chapter 878. Meet your friends, share some stories, and have some great food.

For additional information, contact
LAURA at 952-210-8600 or
ljherrmann@yahoo.com

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