



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.

September, 2017

• EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT and MEETING NOTICE

Chapter 878 Events for September

Saturday, Sept. 9...Fly-out, chili feed, live music by the "Craig Clark Band" (blues), camp fire with s'mores, and overnight camp out at the airport.

- Need chapter volunteers to begin setup at noon
- Events from 2:00 pm 'till 11:00 pm
- See the attached fly-in poster

Sunday, Sept. 10...Pork Chop Dinner fly-in

- Need chapter volunteers to begin setup at 9 am
- 10:00 am, FFAST program by Laura Herrmann, "What's an ICAO flight plan?"
- Serving 11:00 am 'till 2:00 pm
- See the attached fly-in poster

Tuesday, Sept. 12...Chapter 878 regular meeting, Maple Lake Airport

- Picnic meal at 7:00
- General meeting with fly-in review begins at 7:30
- Meeting Carla and Tim Bond's hangar, located in the first row that parallels the runway



YOUR CHAPTER NEEDS YOU TO HELP WITH OUR FLY-IN!!

The upcoming aviation weekend at Maple Lake with Saturday events and our traditional Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday is one of the major fund raising events for our chapter. Our ability to proceed with future projects (such as our hangar upgrading, RV-4 project, and others) is dependent upon a successful (read, profitable) event. Weather is obviously a major factor!

The other major factor is volunteerism. We need everyone who is able to lend a hand for a few hours, or for the day, to make the work for everyone as easy as possible. **Hope to see you there!!**

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Flag pole recently installed at Maple Lake airport by the City.

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● FLIGHT TO SUCCESS

by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

As a relatively new aviator, I have wondered where the term "*Gone West*" originated. I was pretty sure that it wasn't good since it was associated with the passing of our fellow pilots.

It seems most accounts credit "*gone west*" to either WWI pilots or the 1920s air mail services. Allied pilots were shipped back to the rear area after being wounded or killed. The sun's setting also helped polarize the phrase at the end of a hazardous day. Even older accounts indicate "*Going West*" as dying (in English circles) since the sixteenth century and was also a phrase used by old Egyptians.

Chapter 878 EAA members need to stop "*going west*." As you'll read elsewhere in this newsletter, longtime pilot and member Keith Smith recently passed away. Our condolences to members of Keith's family.

I salute all the EAA members who've "*gone west*." Thank you for leaving a legacy for the rest of us. And a message for those of who are still aspiring pilots: "Get out there and fly!" We don't know when our own names will be listed on the roles of those "*gone west*".

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg



● CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017

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| 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, Maple Lake |
| | 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 |
| Nov. | 14 | EAA Chapter 878 meeting |
| | 28 | IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott 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 FLY-OUT COORDINATOR and EAGLE FLIGHTS LEADER**
by Kyle Weatherly

August Fly-out

Trees Falling, Check Lists, a Day Salvaged and Enjoyed

I'm certain you are all familiar with the quandary posed in the question, "If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?" Funny enough I thought about this while making frantic calls on Saturday, August 19. That was the day of the last arranged fly-out, to Granite Falls.

Earlier that week I was so excited to go! I had a Saturday off, the weather was supposed to be perfect, other people from the EAA 878 wanted to go – what an opportunity. Since there was fog forecast for both the Buffalo/Maple Lake and Granite Falls areas by Friday morning, I sent out a notice Friday evening to reschedule our meeting time from 10:00 am to noon. Amy and I wanted to take in the Gear Head Get Together at Maple Lake, so we went there right away in the morning and I went directly to the airport after.

I performed the pre-flight on N1794T and then my final flight plan prior to leaving. As part of that flight planning check list I look at "NOTAMS." Imagine my surprise when I found out the runway at Granite Falls was closed! This brings us up to the frantic calls that I mentioned earlier.

Being new at arranging events like this, I am still learning and I hope you will be patient with me. I have now added check NOTAMS prior to scheduling an event. Now this may not work out because, as we all know, a NOTAM can show up at any time and for any reason. However, this one was posted well in advance and I should have checked it prior to sending out the invite. For this I apologize again. I will try to establish a method of communication for those who sign up for a fly-out event for any last minute cancellations. This will probably be done using the cell phone instead of e-mail. I'll try to have this done by the next meeting.

As for the part about trees falling and sound, this is where I was at when thinking that. Think about us as pilots, or at least the one I know the best – me. There are several times where I have made mistakes in flight. Little things that just bother me but no one else may notice – maybe deviations in direction, altitude, or having the engine rpm setting to fast or slow on final. I consider these mistakes I make, but if I don't mention it and no one else knows, than are they? Now consider the fly out to Granite Falls – you all heard the tree fall on that one. ☺

And finally a day was salvaged and enjoyed! There I was, phone calls just finished, the plane prepped, and a beautiful day. Ms. Amy arrived and I could tell by her expression that she saw that something wasn't right. I explained the situation and mentioned I was going flying and we could just pick a different destination if she still wanted to come. We chose Brainerd, just because. When we arrived at BRD about an hour later I was shocked at all of the equipment on the ramp! My Piper wasn't even close to any other, small GA aircraft – it was surrounded by jets, jets, and more jets! A Lear was filling up at the pumps, waiting for its passengers, and several other Lears, Citations, and an Embraer were lined up filling the parking area of Brainerd's tarmac. Eventually I found out that a big international drag race was being held at BIR that weekend.

Being a pilot and passenger, in our own private aircraft, we had access to the tarmac and the ability to take a close look at how the other half travels. We enjoyed our picnic lunch and flew back home.

- **31st ANNUAL EAA CHAPTER 878 MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 & 10**
Fly-In Poster Included With Newsletter
by Wayne Flury

Please make every effort you can to be available to help your chapter co-members to make this event a success. Help in any way you are able (table and chair setup, cooking, serving food, cleanup, parking cars and airplanes, trash carryout, answering questions, etc., etc., etc.

Remember the old saying, "Many hands make light work."

- AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2017 REPORT (Part 2)**
 by Wayne Flury

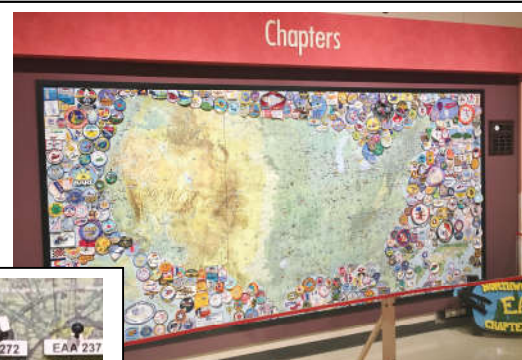
Here are more photos and comments in highlight of the week of aviation heaven known as AirVenture Oshkosh 2017, or just "Oshkosh." There are just some of the programs, activities and displays available to all who make the effort to pass through the entrance gate.

If you didn't or couldn't go this year, it's not too early to start planning for 2018 – it's only about 46 weeks away!



Photos:

- Above: Another view of the expansive grounds of EAA AirVenture (and this doesn't begin to show it all!). EAA Photo
- Left and lower left: Apollo exhibit (with moon rock) and space suit) at the EAA museum
- Below: Museum display of chapter patches and map with pins showing chapter locations.
- Far Below: AirVenture is more than just airplanes! Here's a display of the Blue Origin re-useable booster rocket (it has flown 5 times) and a mock-up of the future crew capsule. Perhaps someday we'll see a rocket recovery at show center!



- **TREE OF HOPE**

by Elaine Morrow

A large donation of teddy bears came in recently for the Tree of Hope. EAA Chapter 878 Member Tim Bond generously picked them up in his trailer with Tree of Hope supplies.

Tree of Hope is the only organization consistently giving to children in hospitals since 1990, thanks in large part to the Minnesota aviation community. It's not too early to start your own collection boxes and think about volunteering on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Maple Lake (MGG).

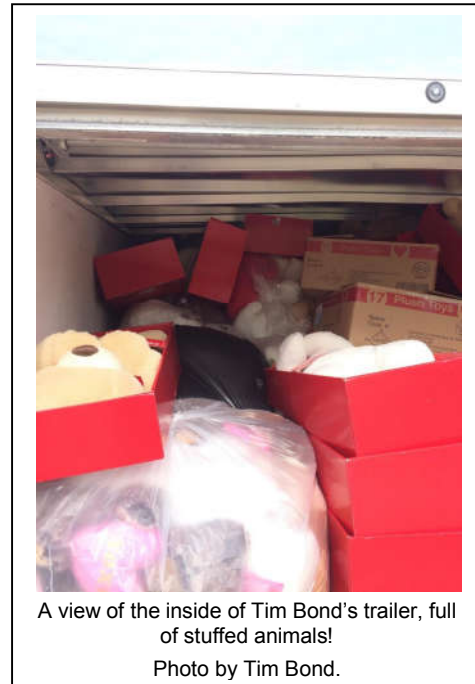
As you see, we need help unloading the trailer and labeling the bears!

See the website for 2017 flyer:

<http://holidaytreeofhope.org/> or contact Elaine Morrow at 952-913-2356 with any questions.



Photo provided by Elaine Morrow.



A view of the inside of Tim Bond's trailer, full of stuffed animals!

Photo by Tim Bond.

- **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.



- **A WEBSITE RECOMMENDATION**
by Wayne Flury

Greg Thomes and I attended the August 22 IMC meeting at Flying Cloud (thanks, Greg, for flying there and taking me along!) and thoroughly enjoyed meeting more of the IMC members. The association of the IMC group with EAA Chapter 878 has been great!

One of the IMC members mentioned that <http://www.boldmethod.com/> was a great resource. Check it out for tips, videos, quizzes and more! We all need to keep learning!

- **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 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, anyone can take a kid flying under the Young Eagles program at ANYTIME (as long as you have completed the EAA Youth Protection Policy) – it doesn't have to be only during an organized YE event.

- **REMEMBERING KEITH SMITH, July 23, 1945 – August 13, 2017**
by Wayne Flury

Keith Smith, a long time member of EAA Chapter 878, passed away the evening of August 13. Keith had been under a doctors care for quite some time. A gathering for family and friends was held at a long time family home on Clearwater Lake on Saturday, August 26, hosted by his wife Sandy Jones, and family members.

Among other tributes in his obituary was one to aviation. It stated, "He loved being a pilot, flying and "hangar flying" with his friends. Keith was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association." He was active with EAA Chapter 878, and from 2005 to 2009 served as Chapter Vice-President. From my files of chapter historical newsletters, Keith was first listed on the Chapter 878 roster in October, 1997.

I recall Keith as one of our "quieter" members, usually taking a seat at the rear of the room but always ready with a well thought comment when needed. However, back in 1999 Keith might have responded to the nickname of "Lucky," because that's the year he won an airplane! On the next page is a story I wrote about Keith and his good fortune. It was published in the December, 1999 issue of the Minnesota Flyer.



Minnesota Pilot Wins Luscombe

by Wayne Flury

Most normal people might fantasize about winning the lottery or finding an eccentric rich uncle who has declared them sole beneficiary of an extensive inheritance. Pilots, however, dream about winning an airplane.

Keith Smith of South Haven, Minnesota, is a pilot. He's also an EAA and Chapter 878 member and a member of a Piper Warrior flying club based at Maple Lake. He once told a fellow chapter member that the only way he could ever own an airplane was if he won it.

Keith is a nice guy, a family man and a contributor to worthy causes. When he saw the promotions for the Don Luscombe Aviation History Foundation "Win Me" airplane giveaway, he bought some tickets and then put it out of his mind.

In early October, Keith got a message to return a call to an unknown name and number. Since he's also a skeptic, he figured that it was just another version of the telemarketing calls that are today's version of the biblical plagues, and he ignored it.

Fortunately, the caller persisted and left another message with Keith's wife. When Keith returned the call, it set in motion the events that brought his 1948 Luscombe Silhouette 8E home to the Maple Lake Airport.

Keith took a commercial flight to Phoenix and went to the suburb of Chandler, where the Luscombe Foundation is headquartered. Foundation president Doug Combs introduced him to his



Rest in peace, Keith. May your skies always be blue and cloud free.

Per Keith's wife, Sandy, memorials may be made in Keith's name to EAA Chapter 878.

early Christmas present with a two-hour orientation flight.

Since Keith is not tailwheel-endorsed (a horrific status for a Luscombe owner), he arranged for a local flight instructor to accompany him back to Minnesota. Due to winds, they made it only to Omaha before the instructor had to return home. Keith called Wright Aero in Maple Lake, and Bill Mavencamp came down to complete the journey.

N2014B sports an overhauled 85-hp Continental, a clean white-and-green paint job, a new interior and a host of new parts and additions. The instrument panel, painted green to match the exterior, retains its classic appearance and layout but sports a Terra TRT 250 transponder, TX720 radio, Sigtronic SAS-440 intercom and an integrated ammeter, oil temperature, oil pressure and EGT gauge within one of the stock panel cutouts.

Doug Combs noted that the only navigational equipment is the windows, but the foundation added a "cigarette lighter" outlet into which Keith can plug his handheld GPS.

The fuselage is currently a billboard with the logos of the project sponsors. Keith isn't sure about the sponsor decals, but he already has borrowed his wife's hair dryer to work on removing a couple of large "Win Me" decals.

Luscombe pilots are generally a devoted lot who are very happy with their chosen aircraft. Next summer if you see a guy on the pancake circuit and he's smiling a whole lot, it's a good guess that he may be flying a 1948 white-and-green Luscombe.

For more information on the Don Luscombe Aviation History Foundation, call Doug Combs at (480) 917-0969.

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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.

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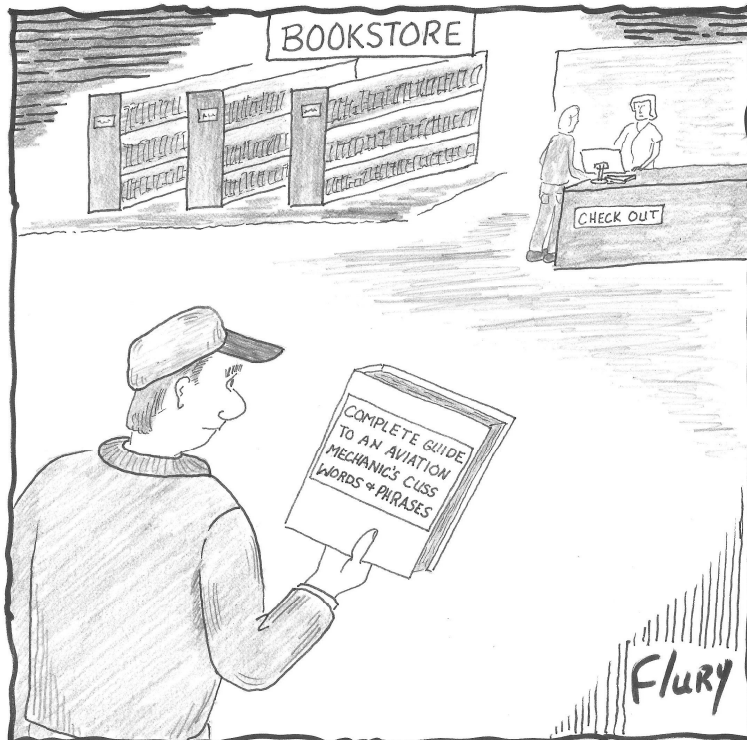
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Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

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



Ralph realized he had finally found the perfect gift for his nephew who was about to graduate from an A&P school.

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Bonus Cartoon: The cartoon below (Tundra, by Chad Carpenter, as printed in the StarTribune on August 30, 2017), though certainly not aviation related, was one of those “I wish I’d thought of that!” moments. I almost snorted my morning coffee out my nose!

So, I had to share it with you!

TUNDRA CHAD CARPENTER

