



# 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

August, 2019

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT AND MEETING INFO**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 13

**Location:** Buffalo Airport, in the Arrival/Departure Building

**Meeting Time:** 7:15(ish) PM

**Pre-Meeting Meal:** Hamburgers and chips served at 6:30, with meeting to follow  
Burgers, chips and condiments provided by chapter

**Note: →** You're invited to bring something to share.

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

I'm always sad to see the month of July in our rear-view mirror. This usually means that change is upon us and that another Oshkosh Air-Venture has come-and-gone. Some of the best flying weather is still with-in sight, however. Let's continue to 'fire-up' our engines and enjoy the great outdoors.

Speaking of Oshkosh, we had the opportunity to meet so many inspiring young people truly making a difference in aviation. Young men and women, holding important places in our future of flying, proved to me that the 'torch' is being passed onto very able people. I had the distinct opportunity of meeting a young woman who is the launch director for NASA. This is just one example of the quality of those following in our footsteps.

I thank EAA Chapter 878 for taking a leading role in promoting aviation to future generations.

May your skies be bright and breezes light!

Greg Thomes, President



Remember to regularly check our chapter's website:

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



- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2019**

- Aug 13 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:15 pm, at Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building  
Burgers/chips at 6:30
  - 27 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
  - Sep 10 EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:00 pm, at Buffalo Airport in the Arrival/Departure Building
  - 14 Young Eagles flights
  - 24 IMC / EAA878 meeting at Thunderbird Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
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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  
This month - August 27

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

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- **YOUNG EAGLES REPORT**

by **Kyle Weatherly, Young Eagles Co-Coordinators:**

Greg, Kurt, I and several other pilots were out of town the weekend of August 10, so there was no Young Eagles event in Buffalo or Maple Lake. We'll be back September 14 for the final scheduled event of this year.

Thank you all for participating in the YE program. The Young Eagles program is finally going online and we will need to make some adjustments. This will be very handy for Kurt and me trying to administer the kids and pilots. What I need is for you to log on to the website below and register as a pilot or ground support. Once you are in the database I will be able to send requests to you.

Please let me know if you need help with the registration, maybe we can setup a time to go through this at the airport and get some of you, who may not be comfortable with the new technology, registered.

The website is: <https://youngeaglesday.org>.

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- **MAPLE LAKE FLY-IN, 2019**

by **Wayne Flury**

As noted in the minutes of the July chapter meeting (distributed only to dues-paid chapter members), the chapter voted to not hold a fly-in at Maple Lake in 2019. This breaks a string of 32 consecutive years of a fly-in in a Maple Lake, but we will plan for a 2020 event.

The first Maple Lake fly-in was held on September 13, 1987 (only one year after Chapter 878 was formed). It featured a pork chop dinner prepared by the Wright County Pork Producers and was sponsored by EAA Chapter 878, the Maple Lake Commercial Club, the Maple Lake Flyers, and the Maple Lake Jaycees. In the chapter archives was a photo board of that first fly-in. I'll bring it to the meeting, not only as a reminder of how we started, but also how some of us have changed!

A 2020 Fly-In will need planning and organizational help from the entire chapter as we reset our priorities, energy and focus. We'll need input on activities, displays, events, and food serving options. Please examine what draws you to a fly-in, and how we can channel that attraction into our own event.

● **AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2019**

Some notes and photos. Keep the memories alive – submit your photos for our next newsletter. (these photos by Greg and Wayne, comments by Wayne)



Matt Thomes, Greg's grandson, on Boeing Plaza.



For more info, see: <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/eea-airventure-news-and-multimedia>



A wall cloud bearing down on the "North 40" aircraft camping area on Friday, July 19 where Greg Thomes and grandson Matt were hoping to stay dry in their tent (they didn't).



The scene after the passing of the storm. Greg, it's nice to have a golf cart, but I think you're in a "no wake" zone!



"Winding down" after the end of the last day. Sorry Greg, you have to stick around until the end to be part of this celebration! Note: the cow and frog are not part of our official crew!



Greg and a guest on the Announcers Stand at our "Interview Circle" table. Greg took on a much larger role in this position due to Wayne's partial absence, and was very highly complimented by our guests and other announcer staff.

● **THE JAZ RECORD**

**Flying, PLUS a Trip to Oshkosh, PLUS, PLUS SOLO!!!**

by Jazmin Spreiter, EAA Chapter 878 Ray Foundation Aviation Scholarship Recipient

Ed. Note: Jazmin’s second report was submitted shortly after she returned from her first AirVenture experience. From the report, I think she’s hooked!!

(8/1/19): This month has been a lot of hard work and fun! Right before I went to Oshkosh I got my solo endorsement signed and have been waiting for the winds to be calm to solo! My skills are definitely there to solo – I just have to work on being mentally prepared as well. I have been trying to get in 2-3 lessons a week. And hopefully will be ready for my written in a couple weeks!

Oshkosh was so AMAZING.... I wish it went all summer!!

I got to meet some other Ray scholars while I was there. Also I got a few of their contacts to keep in touch with them and help encourage each other!



Jazmin and instructor Ambyr Peterson at the conclusion of a dual cross-country to Paynesville on 8/8/19. Look at those smiles!! Ambyr is a Chapter 878 member via the IMC group.



Jazmin (4<sup>th</sup> from left, front row) and some of her fellow Ray Scholars at AirVenture 2019.

Note: All photos of Jazmin provided by her.

(8/7/19, a text from Jazmin): **“I solo’d today!!!”**

Ed. Note: Congratulations...a life changing achievement! Now, on to the next phase of flying and further adventures. You Go Girl!



It appears that Jazmin would like to play with some of the bigger toys!



NOTE: Here’s a link to a story on the EAA website about the gathering of Ray Scholars at AirVenture. Jazmin is prominently quoted in the story! Congratulations Jazmin! <https://eaa.org/airventure/eaa-airventure-news-and-multimedia/eaa-airventure-news/eaa-airventure-oshkosh/07-24-2019-Ray-Scholars-Gather-at-Social>

● **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.

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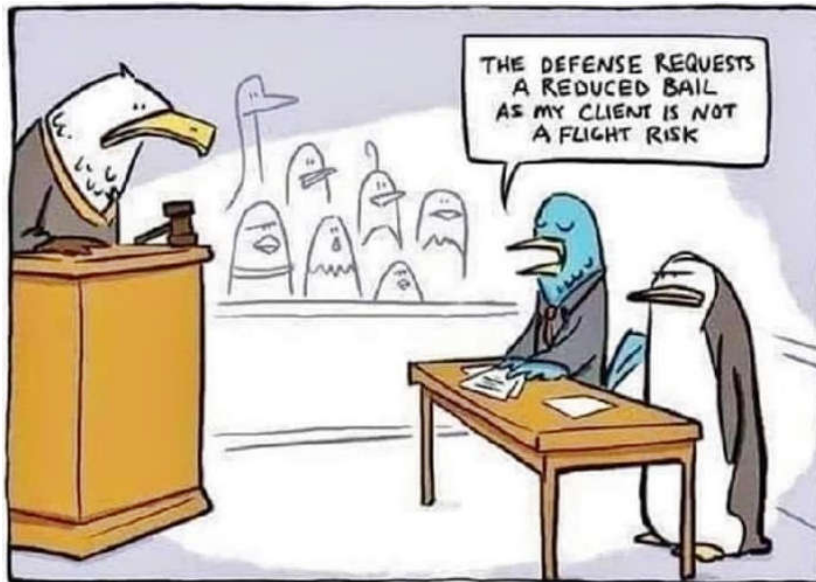
Add your name to the list above – how can you help and support your chapter?

- **THE FUNNIES**  
by Wayne Flury

I didn't have time to create an original cartoon for this month. I can't claim credit for this one, but wish I could! I found it floating around the internet on Facebook, but without attribution (don't know who originally drew it or whose idea it was).

Whoever it was, I tip my hat to them and will gladly share their info if I ever discover it.

Enjoy!



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