

The Maple Lake Flyer

June 2025

BUFFALO FLY-IN

- **BREAKFAST**

- 7:30 AM—12 noon. Hosted and served by EAA Chapter 878 in West Metro Aviation Hangar

- **CAR SHOW**

- 9 AM—1 PM. Hosted and held on airport grounds by Wright County Car Club

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Buffalo Municipal Airport—KCFE
1305 County Rd 134 NE, Buffalo, MN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Serving 7:30 AM – 12 noon

Adults: \$10 Youth 6—12: \$5

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EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter

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Next EAA Chapter 878 Meeting

Date: June 10, 2025

Location: Maple Lake, Chapter 878 Hangar

Meeting Time: Board Meeting: 5:30 PM; Chapter Meeting: 7:00 PM

Notes:

- Program presentation by chapter member Mark Seibert about his Cessna 195.
- Be sure to attend and check out the progress of upgrades to our chapter hangar.
- Congratulate Ray Johnson for his contribution to the Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning!



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your dues yet?

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Presidents Airspace

by Kyle Weatherly

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- Tuesday June 10, 2025, Maple Lake EAA 878 Hangar:
 - Board Meeting 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
 - Burger & Brat Feed – 6:30 – 7:00 pm
 - Regular Meeting 7:00 pm– 8:30 pm
 - Speaker & Topic to be announced (Should be in Wayne's column)

Hangar Project Status Update:

- HANGAR WORKDAYS
 - Progress – Progress in May. A special thanks to Tom Rammel for independently working on hanging firewall and two of the 3 doors.
 - Everyone will see the progress during the upcoming meeting.
- Items to do before next inspection:
 - Remove the tin on the inside of the hangar.
 - Sheet the area around the big fire door
 - Finish the plywood around the Utility Room. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



Vice-Presidents Airspace

by Wayne Flury

From Blue Skies over Buffalo to the Silver Screen

Chapter 878 member Ray Johnson's red Stearman biplane has role in latest Mission: Impossible movie.



(Paramount promotional poster)

There may not have been tuxedos and fancy gowns on display among the crowd in attendance at the St. Michael Cinema on Thursday evening, May 22, but the family and aviation friends who gathered with Ray Johnson of Buffalo and his wife, Helen, didn't mind. And a red carpet has little attraction for a group that prefers the grass or pavement of an airport runway. They were there for a pre-release viewing and celebration party, organized and hosted by Ray's family, for the appearance of "Ray's Stearman" in Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning, the latest release in the movie series starring Tom Cruise.

For many years, residents of Buffalo, Maple Lake, and surrounding areas always knew when Johnson was out enjoying a flight. His red with black trim 1943 Boeing Stearman biplane was a distinctive sight and sound whenever Johnson took the aircraft out of its hangar home at the Buffalo Airport. And most likely there was a grateful passenger with him in the forward cockpit. [Read more >](#) 2 min read



Treasurer Airspace

by Greg Thomes

EAA Chapter 878 needs a big jolt in our checking account! So, it's a great time of year to have our annual fundraising Fly-In Pancake Breakfast. If you haven't already signed up for a volunteer shift to help out, please either sign up on the recent email sent-out (Sign-Up Genius) or contact me by phone; 763/443-7039.

Date & Time: Sunday June 8th.
Serving times: 7:30 AM to 12:00 Noon.
Help at any 2–3-hour shift would be welcomed.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

May your skies be bright and breezes light.



Eagle & Young Eagle Airspace

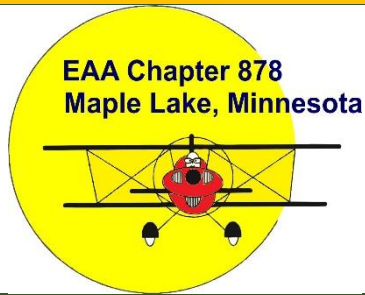
by Kyle Weatherly

Young Eagle events:

- We flew 22 Young Eagles on May 10th. I also flew one other young man earlier that same week to make 23 total YE's in May.
- Next event is setup for June 14th in Maple Lake.
- We currently have 12 YE's signed up at this time.
- We will be at the Maple Lake airport for this event.

Build and Fly –

- Build and Fly – Tom Rammel was able to attend the February Board meeting. He has picked a plane for this year.
- The materials have been received for 10 remote-controlled planes.
- I will be sending out invites to kids interested – these will have to be sent out the 2nd week of June.



EAA 878 Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

The committee members are: Wayne Flury, Laura Hermann, Lloyd Melvie, Boyd Emmel, Jon Niska, and Kyle Weatherly.

There is one opening for the Scholarship committee. A committee member helps interview 878 and Ray Scholarship candidates.

2025 – EAA 878 Scholarship.

- Trying to find a time to interview candidates that applied to scholarship this year.



Ray Scholarship Airspace by Kyle Weatherly

Ray Aviation Scholarship:

Part of the Ray Aviation Scholarship requirements is chapter participation. Nolan continues to attend all of our events and also provides additional chapter help.

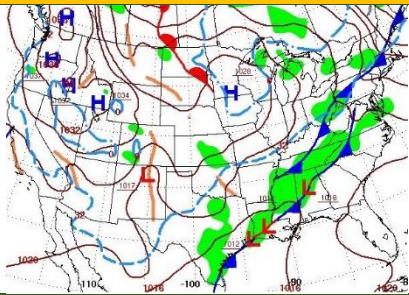
Nolan Update:

- Nolan is continuing to fly and has promised to give me more regular updates.
- Nolan has passed his written, the hardest step for most of the Ray scholars.
- I am expecting to hear from him soon about his solo. He should be a pilot in the next few months.

2025 Ray Scholarship Application:

- Chapter 878 has been selected to administer a Ray Scholarship for 2025.

I would really like to see someone step up to take over this important program. [Read more >](#) 1-1/2 min read



Weather Manners

by Boldmethod

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CAUSE THUNDERSTORMS?**

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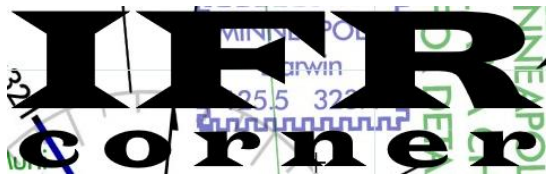


Musings

by CGP Grey

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IFR Tips

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Memories

This Month in History



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EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Fund



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A home for our EAA Chapter 878 Aviation Education Center would help us consolidate meetings, conduct training sessions & finish building an RV-4 airplane.

Please join us in this fundraiser to rebuild an old hangar.

Sharing with others would also be helpful.



Notable Mention

by Chapter Leaders & Coordinators

Wanted – Photos of You and Your Airplane

by Elaine Morrow, Chapter Webmaster

Help me make our website a place of chapter recognition and interest. Please send me a photo of your airplane (and you) which I will include on our Chapter 878 website. This includes aircraft projects too! Send to: pilotelaine@aol.com or call 952-913-2356 with any questions.

Requesting Chapter Member Aircraft and Project Info

By Chris Glaeser

Chris Glaeser (as our chapter Flight Advisor) is still looking forward to getting information from all chapter members about aircraft owned, or projects working on. His focus is to have a list so that if he gets a call from someone asking if he knows anything about RV aircraft or float planes, etc., he has a source of reference.

If you haven't yet responded to Chris, please contact him with your info (a photo may also be nice) with complete data on your airplane, including engine and prop. His contact info is: 952-239-4081, or chris.glaeser@gmail.com.

WINGS - Pilot Proficiency Program

The objective of the WINGS Program is to address the primary accident causal factors that continue to plague the general aviation community. By focusing on this objective, we hope to reduce the number of accidents we see each year for the same causes. As you will see, it is not a simple "Award" program but is instead a true proficiency program, designed to help improve our skills and knowledge as pilots. [Read more >](#)

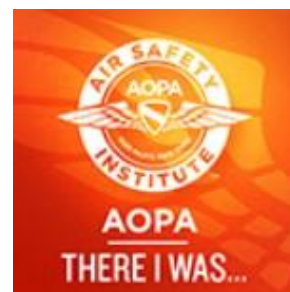
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Chapter 878 Aviation Upcoming Events

June	10	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Maple Lake Municipal Airport Chapter Hangar
	25	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
July	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	23	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM
Aug	12	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Arrival/Departure building at Buffalo-KCFE
	27	IMC / EAA Chapter 878 meeting, Thunderbird Aviation, Flying Cloud-KFCM

Note: this list will not include the many pancake breakfasts and other fly-ins or local aviation events because they are well publicized on other sites dedicated to that purpose. For other event information, see our [EAA Chapter 878 website](#), and websites such as [EAA](#), [AOPA](#), [Social Flight](#), [Fly-ins](#), [Midwest Airshow](#), [Fly-In and Flight Club](#) and [FunPlacesToFly](#). Also see various Calendars of Events in magazines, and airport bulletin boards.



Editors Airspace

by Ray Svobodny

The EAA Chapter 878 Newsletter is published monthly, 1 week prior to monthly Chapter meetings.

Sharing your knowledge and other news with the Newsletter is both fun and easy but please follow our simple editorial guidelines. Your articles, videos, high resolution images, and The Funnies by Wayne are welcome and needed. Our Chapter Members are particularly interested in aviation-related topics.

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