



The *Maple Lake Flyer*

A newsletter of EAA Chapter 878, Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 878: a part of the aviation community in Maple Lake, Buffalo and surrounding areas of Minnesota since 1986.

February 2017

- **EAA CHAPTER 878 EVENT and MEETING NOTICE**

Chapter Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 11

At: West Metro Aviation on the Buffalo Airport

Per checklist, the coffee pot switch will be set to "On"

Program Presentation: Kurt Pennuto will discuss the Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF). Kurt is an EAA Chapter 878 Member and is a Minnesota State Liaison for the RAF

- **FLIGHT TO SUCCESS**

by Greg Thomes, Chapter President

The TAFs predicted blues skies and breezes less than 10. "Which Grandkids have we not see in a while?" I pondered. Hmm...I wonder if Grandma Betty would like to drop in on our son, daughter-in-law and their 3 elementary age children in Redwood Falls (KRWF)? "You know, it's been a while since we've seen them," I reasoned.

Most times, spontaneous junkets like this are the best. They can be even better than those destination getaways that we plan.

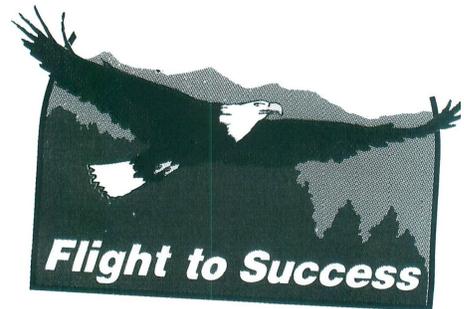
My hope for all EAA members is that—this year—you can take some spur-of-the-moment trips by air. With the 3rd class medical reforms coming, your excuses should be minimal.

By the way, Betty and I were greeted at KRWF by five waving and screaming family members, all standing on a pile of snow. It doesn't get any better than that!

May your skies be bright and breezes light.

Greg

PS: All of us at EAA 878 offer our condolences to Tim and Carla Bond on the sudden passing of Tim's mother. We're sorry for your loss, Tim.



NOTE (1): See newsletter "Table of Contents" on Page 2

NOTE (2): Chapter dues for 2017 are now due!! For details, see Page 9. Also see the item on Page 9 about future newsletter and "AvBits" deliveries if you don't pay dues.

NOTE (3): Check out our website at: <http://www.878.eaachapter.org/>

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- **“MINUTES” OF CHAPTER 878 PARTY – January 14, 2017**
by Wayne Flury, Chapter Secretary

February meeting of EAA Chapter 878 held at West Metro Aviation, the Buffalo hangar of Mike Wiskus. Meeting called to order by President Greg Thomes at 9:00 a.m. with 10 members attending.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: by Wayne Flury for December, as printed in the January newsletter; motion to approve by Harold Greseth, second by Tim Bond; no discussion; approved.

Treasurer's Report: Not available – Treasurer Dick Burns not present.

Noted by Greg Thomes that chapter dues for 2017 are now due.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Young Eagles: Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator Tim Bond – no updates.

Chapter Webmaster: Website Coordinator Dan Hanson not present.

Greg Thomes noted that Dan has recently relocated to St. Louis for a job. Wayne Flury noted that Dan will continue to manage the website and his contact info is unchanged. Elaine Morrow volunteered to be Dan's "backup" for the website.

Our new chapter website is up and running at: www.878.eaachapter.org/.

RV-4 Project: Project Coordinator Tom Rammel not present due to volunteering as a mentor to the Cokato High School robotics team.

Dave Swanson and Harold Greseth discussed the work they have doing on the wing components. The center fuselage bulkhead is now complete. Progress has been slow, due to: unfamiliarity with the plans, questions about construction, parts needing a lot of cleanup, incomplete hardware inventory, lack of tools (a tool they need may be at Tom's place, and a tool that Tom needs may be at Harold's place, etc.).

Dave and Harold questioned how the chapter would ever be able to complete the build, and suggested that all construction needs to be done at a single location (i.e., at a chapter facility) under the direction of a one person.

Construction would go faster if components could be kept in out and not have

to be away in order to use the facility (i.e., a garage) for other uses. Could use more people to assist in the build.

A request received by Greg Thomes from Tom Rammel to have the chapter purchase fuselage components from Van's was tabled (see subsequent discussion of work plans and a proposed chapter budget).

An interim working plan was discussed, including the following:

1. Dave and Harold will continue to work on parts they have, as they can. Both plan to be away for a part of February.
2. See if there is a hanger for rent in either Buffalo or Maple Lake. Kyle Weatherly will put our name on the waiting list in Buffalo. Greg Thomes will check for available spots in Maple Lake. Cost to purchase a hangar or other building is not in our budget, renting may be best at this time.
3. Contact other groups who have built an RV-4 (Greg B. at EAA Chapter 551? Note: they have their own chapter facility) for assistance in how to tackle some of our issues. Dave, Harold and Tom to coordinate.
4. Possibly advertise the sale of a partially completed RV-4 in several spots: Chapter Newsletter (Wayne), Chapter web site (Dan/Elaine) or the EAA Forums website (Greg). It was also suggested to use Facebook, but the chapter does not (currently) have a Facebook page. The group discussed what a potential buyer might see if we complete the entire project. The buyer may have differing needs with avionics, colors, styles, etc. Wayne Flury requested Dave and Harold to provide a newsletter article.
5. Dave Swanson submitted miscellaneous parts bills to Greg which will be sent on to Dick Burns for reimbursement.

I.M.C. Club: No one present from IMC Club, no updates.

STEM Programs: Kurt Pennuto not present.

Eagle Flights Program: Chapter 878 Eagle Flights Leader Kyle Weatherly discussed this program and has info and brochures from EAA available. It is similar to Young Eagles, but designed for adults 18 and older, with one-on-one contact with a mentor pilot. Kyle encouraged chapter members to promote learning to fly via this program. Note: see the Eagle Flights article by Kyle in the January Chapter 878 newsletter. Wayne will maintain a section in the newsletter with a brief description of the program and contact info for Kyle.

TABLED BUSINESS:

Chapter Build or Acquire a Structure (Hangar or Garage) at Maple Lake Airport: No action.

Jump Club: No action.

OLD BUSINESS:

Non-Profit Status, 501(c)(3): Wayne Flury advised that Patti Arthur with the firm of Anderson & Hughes in Denver, CO has filed Form 1023-EZ on our behalf on December 22 with the IRS, and we now are waiting for response.

Wayne also noted that, when we achieve non-profit status, the chapter will need a program manager to handle communications, record keeping, IRS filings, and other items as required to assure all compliance.

Christmas Party 2016: Connie Erickson not present. Greg Thomes commented about the event, noted that we have a 2017 date already confirmed (December 9) at the same facility.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Plans/Goals: Chapter President Greg Thomes asked, "What do we want the year to look like?" Discussion focused upon chapter events for fund raising, including the Buffalo Fly-In (Kyle Weatherly will follow-up with Mike Wiskus); the Maple Lake Fly-In (already scheduled for September 9 and 10; plus other possibilities for fund raising (reference – RV-4 project and chapter facility acquisition). A previous suggestion was for a "Chili-Feed Fly-In" proposed by Dick Burns. Greg will follow up with Dick. Possible benefits to the chapter following achievement of non-profit status.

2017 Budget: See the "Proposed EAA Chapter 878 2017 Budget" at the end of these minutes. Greg put this together with the input of Chapter Treasurer Dick Burns. Greg reviewed the proposal and discussions followed. Noted that it is not a "balanced budget" presentation.

The budget deficit shown is primarily due to a proposed expenditure for the RV-4 project and indicates a need for dedicated fund raising if that project is to continue. Not included, but discussed, is the effect on the budget that any hangar or other building acquisition to be attempted, and the need for fundraising for that.

After discussions, the budget was tabled until the February meeting, at which time it will be presented for a formal vote after everyone has a chance to study it more.

Chapter Bylaws Re-write: Noted by Wayne Flury that chapter member Dick Borrell has completed an integration of our old chapter bylaws (created in 1986) into a bylaws template furnished by EAA. This needs to be reviewed and edited to fit our current needs and operation. Wayne suggested that the chapter leadership and any other persons interested meet with Dick to work on this. Wayne will contact Dick to set up a meeting time.

Oshkosh Work Party: Last year Chapter 878 participated in one Oshkosh Work Party in conjunction with Chapter 237. Wayne Flury spoke to Kirk Fjetland at the Tree of Hope toy collection day about participation this year. Wayne will follow up with Kirk.

Chapter Fly-Outs: Chapter Fly-Out Coordinator Kyle Weatherly discussed his concept of the program. He has an on-line invitation program ("Ping") set up for us. This will be used to alert chapter members of flying activities such as pancake breakfasts, lunches at an airport, museum visits, special event participation, etc., etc. Hopefully members will gather and participate as a chapter, and share open seats as available.

Note: see the Fly-Out Coordinator article by Kyle in the January issue of the Chapter 878 newsletter.

Wayne will maintain a section in the newsletter with a brief description of the program and contact info for Kyle.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 9:54; approved.

Other:

Chapter Service Award: Presented to Chapter Vice-President Pete Radintz and to M.V.P (Most Valuable Pilot) Kyle Weatherly (neither had been able to attend our December Christmas Party where other chapter service awards were presented).

50/50 Program: Tim Erickson not present, no 50/50 raffle.

Chapter PIC Hours: Chapter President Greg Thomes passed around the PIC sheet for attendance and for record of chapter member flying hours and building hours to date.

EAA Chapter 878 2017 Budget				
	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	
INCOME:				
Dues	\$ 500.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 650.00	
KCFE Fly In Breakfast	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,254.00	\$ 6,500.00	
Young Eagles Credit	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 150.00	
KMGG Fly-in-Sunday	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 2,381.00	\$ 3,000.00	
KMGG Fly-in Saturday	\$ 500.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 500.00	
Total Income	\$ 8,490.00	\$ 9,776.00	\$ 10,800.00	
EXPENSES:				
Admn/Ins/Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 448.20	\$ 450.00	
KCFE Fly In Breakfast	\$ 2,559.00	\$ 3,461.86	\$ 3,500.00	
KMGG Fly-in Sunday	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,481.11	\$ 2,500.00	
KMGG Fly-in Saturday	\$ 250.00	\$ 167.90	\$ 300.00	
Chapter Incentives	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	
Chapter Socials	\$ 200.00	\$ 272.74	\$ 250.00	
Contrib/Scholarships	\$ 750.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 750.00	
Maintenance	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Further Projects-RV4	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,063.49	\$ 4,550.00	
Chapter Materials	\$ -	\$ 645.97	\$ 300.00	
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,309.00	\$ 8,776.27	\$ 12,850.00	
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 181.00	\$ 999.73	\$ (2,050.00)	

● **GREAT MINNESOTA AVIATION GATHERING (GMAG)**

Randy Corfman, President of the Minnesota Pilots Association, has released information about the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering for 2017. It's scheduled for April 29 and 30, a Saturday/Sunday timeframe as compared to the Friday/Saturday schedule of previous years.



Past years have featured an excellent selection of speakers, forums, presentations and vendors. You can expect more of the same this year. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Admission is free to MNPilots members.

For more information, see: <http://www.mnpilots.org/gmag/index.php>.

- **NON-PROFIT STATUS FOR CHAPTER 878**
by Wayne Flury

Note: EAA Chapter 878 has entered into an agreement with the firm of Anderson & Hughes in Denver, CO to assist us in applying for an IRS 501(c)(3) Public Charity status.

A Form 1023-EZ was filed on December 22 with the IRS. However, on January 4 our application was rejected, and the filing fee was being refunded, because the Employer Identification Number (EIN) we submitted on the application was not valid.

An EIN is generally required when an organization gets a checking account, and this was originally done in 1986 when the chapter was formed. After verifying with the Maple Lake bank that I had the correct number from their records, I contacted the IRS and, after some research by the very cooperative person to whom I spoke, we concluded that our EIN had been deleted from the IRS system due to inactivity.

I then talked to Patti Arthur of Anderson & Hughes who said she had run across this before and we just needed to apply for a new EIN. That has now been done and a revised Form 1023-EZ has been filed with the IRS. The bank also now has our new EIN.

So, now we just need to wait again while the IRS does their thing!

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER POSITION POSSIBILITY

When the chapter decided to pursue 501(c)(3) status, I volunteered to be the “point of contact” between Anderson & Hughes and do the backgrounding of needed information. However, I had also noted that when we do achieve this status, we will need a volunteer to step forward to serve the function of what I have temporarily titled, “**Chapter Manager of Non-Profit Programs.**”

While the position has not yet been authorized, if you are interested in accepting a call to be the chapter leader in charge of this exciting new phase of our life, please let me or any chapter officer know. I envision the duties to be flexible, and will include communications, record keeping, IRS filings, coordination with the chapter treasurer, and other items as required to assure all compliance. While experience in a similar situation would be good, no experience is necessary and you can expect to receive help as needed.

- **CHAPTER 878 AVIATION EVENTS – 2017**

Feb	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am at West Metro Aviation, Buffalo Airport (Note: Saturday morning date)
	28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Mar	11	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am (Note: Saturday morning date)
	28	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
Apr	8	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 9:00 am (Note: Saturday morning date)
	25	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
May	9	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 pm (Note: switching back to Tuesday evening date)
	23	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm
June	11	Buffalo Fly-In, Pancake Breakfast and Air Show by Mike Wiskus
	13	EAA Chapter 878 meeting, 7:30 am
	27	IMC / EAA878 meeting at Elliott Aviation (KFCM), 6:30 pm

Note: this 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. If I did try to list them, I risk missing one or slighting someone if I fail to list their event. I will make an exception for some special events.

For aviation events throughout the area, see the various Calendars of Events in magazines, websites and bulletin boards, plus I recommend subscribing to the free email alerts through <http://www.flyins.com> and www.socialflight.com.

- **IMC CLUB**
by Dave Wendt, Founding Member and President – IMC/EAA 878

Here's the meeting and agenda info for the next IMC meetings:

IMC/EAA MEETING Agenda

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Elliott Aviation Building (KFCM) at the Inflight Aviation classroom

- 6:30 PM Introductions and Welcome, IMC/EAA members, guests and potential new IMC members
- 6:45 PM Program presentation by Laura Hermann, "How to File the New ICAO Flight Plan"
- 7:15 PM Brief discussion of program and current aviation topics
- 8:00 PM Set program for next meeting on 4th Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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IMC Pilots Strive to be IFR Professionals – Always: Current, Competent, Proficient
Trusting: Judgment, Decisions, Curiosity

IMC Club meetings are held at Elliott Aviation (KFCM) at 6:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month. For more information and program content each month, please contact me at DaveWendtInsurance@gmail.com, or 612-272-4600.



- **CHAPTER 878 RV-4 BUILDER REPORT**
by Tom Rammel, Chapter Build Project Coordinator

Progress:

From Tom: I don't have anything new to add at this time.
Building a robot in 6 weeks is taking all my spare time:
8:00AM – 5:30PM every Saturday!

From Dave Swanson: Will not get anymore done before next meeting. Fitting ribs is time consuming but will keep at it.

NOTE:

RV-4 project needs a financier or buyer.

Chapter 878 has taken on the building of an RV-4. As we have begun the work, it's clear that we need a dedicated space, and an invested financier or buyer.

The tail feathers are mostly done and we have started installing ribs to the spar. The project could be taken over outright, or our members could work along with the buyer to complete this project.

If interested, contact Dave Swanson @ 763-242-0334.

Ed. Note: Please pass on the above information to anyone who may be interested in supporting or acquiring this aircraft project.



- **CHAPTER DUES BECAME DUE IN JANUARY**

by Wayne Flury

Chapter 878 dues for 2017 became due in January. Please help our treasurer, Dick Burns, by paying with a check made out to EAA Chapter 878. Paying with cash, while acceptable, puts the burden of proper tracking on Dick, since he may have several people throwing money at him all at one time!!

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

IMC members who recently paid are considered to have paid for 2017. As noted in the Chapter Info on page 16 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.

See Dick Burns at a chapter meeting, or contact him at: 16233 Cty Rd. 15
Wayzata, MN 55391
or 763-473-1887
or dickburns1@aol.com

On behalf of the chapter, thanks for your continued support!

- **NEWSLETTER AND AVBITS EMAIL LIST TO BE REVIEWED AND PURGED**

by Wayne Flury

At the conclusion of our dues payment period (first couple of months of the year) I'll update our Chapter 878 Membership List and distribute it to all who are "current" in their dues.

AvBits: only those who are current in membership dues will be on the "AvBits" email list (AvBits is an email on various subjects that may or may not be included in the regular newsletter, sent out on an irregular basis. If you don't have an email account you don't get this since I do not send it out via USPS).

Newsletter: is sent via email or mailed via USPS to all dues current members, plus others who receive the newsletter as a courtesy, as an invitation to join the chapter, or as a "sharing" with other EAA chapters, etc.

Note: I generally keep the "invitation" names on the newsletter list for an extended period of time but, if you do not reciprocate to indicate an interest in joining or supporting the chapter, I will be purging you from the list. Please consider joining the chapter along with your fellow pilots and friends to help us to be strong for EAA and all aviation.

- **CHAPTER 878 FLY-OUT COORDINATOR and EAGLE FLIGHTS LEADER**

by Kyle Weatherly

Note: for any and all suggestions for possible chapter fly-outs, and for information about how to conduct Eagle Flights to qualified individuals, please contact Kyle at 612-965-1610 or k.weatherly@live.com.

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.

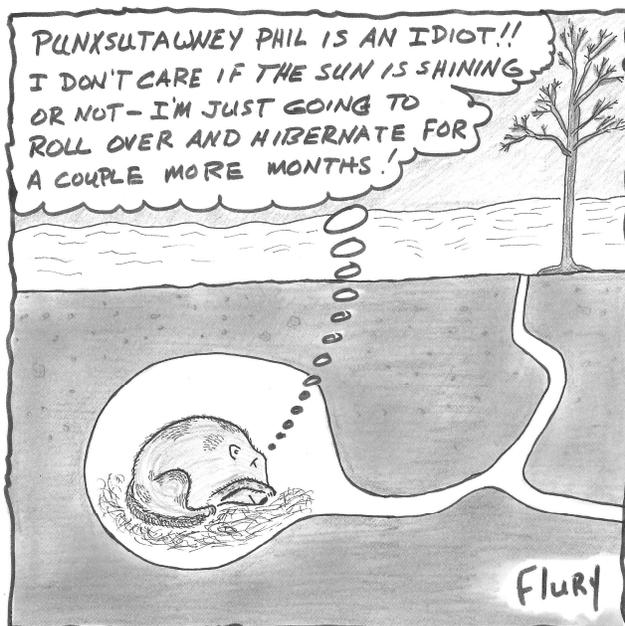
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● THE FUNNIES by Wayne Flury



A Minnesota gopher reflects upon life as he knows it on Feb. 2 (my kind of guy!)

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