

**FOX VALLEY SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION  
EAA CHAPTER 579**



***The Propwash***

April, 2013

**Chapter Meeting  
Thursday, April 25  
Sugar Grove Firehouse  
Directors: 6:45 PM  
Business Meeting: 7:30 PM**

**Young Eagles Procedures**

**Special Events 2013**

**Annual Pizza Party December 13**

**2013 Meeting Schedule**  
All meetings at the Sugar Grove Firehouse unless otherwise notified

May 16\*  
June 20\*  
July 18\*\*  
August 22  
September 26  
October 24  
November 21\*\*  
December 19\*\*

\* The Sugar Grove Firehouse is not available on the Fourth Thursdays in March, May and June. The Third Thursday has been booked, but we will also look at the possibility of alternate locations.

\*\*Meetings the Third Thursday in July, November and December due to Airventure, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**2013 Young Eagles Schedule**

KARR – Aurora Municipal Airport  
Pilot briefing ~ 8:45 AM  
Flying: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Sunday May 19**

**Sunday June 23**

**Sunday August 25**

**Sunday September 22**

**Sunday October 27**

I apologize about the lack of content this month. I have been involved in the start-up of a major project at work and have been putting in some very long hours.

If you have anything of interest to the chapter, please email me at [joeemcbride@gmail.com](mailto:joeemcbride@gmail.com): fun places you have flown to, progress on your special project, an interesting plane you have flown, good places for the ~~\$100~~ \$200 hamburger. Let us all know about it. Pictures are always welcome. I will also include chapter news, minutes of the previous meeting, comments from Dave and any upcoming events. The goal is to get this out each month early in the week of the next meeting.



## Dave's Dialogue...

### Greetings EAA Chapter 579 Members & Friends,

Driving out to my airport (59IL) this Sunday afternoon found some rural roads still partially covered in water, farm fields flooded and most drainage creeks at or over capacity. While the grass runway was free of standing water it was quite soft and very spongy. Soft field techniques would certainly be in order if you fly to or from any of these type airports.

Last week, I attended an FAA WINGS Program, Operation Raincheck, at Chicago Center and what terrific experience and program it was. I had not been to the Aurora ARTCC in 20 plus years. Many new technology changes have been implemented at the Center since my last visit with more to yet come. To participate in this FAA program pre-registration was required and it was limited to about 20 people. Security screening and checks required all attendees to be pre-approved and walk-in's were turned away at the gate. Unfortunately, because of the sequester, the FAA will no longer hold any more of Operation Raincheck programs. I will speak more about my ARTCC visit at the chapter meeting.

As a reminder our April chapter meeting will be this Thursday (4/25). Directors will meet at 6:45 PM, with the general business meeting to begin at 7:30 PM. This month, we are pleased to have chapter member and Young Eagle ground leader, Don Horacek to review our YE flight routes and discuss ground safety operations. So if you are a YE pilot or are part of the ground support operation team, you will want to be at the April meeting to refresh your YE procedures.

Lastly, Alan Shackleton recently sent information to chapter members regarding the 2013 Air Academy. Through the established Daniel Kelley and Roger Mahr scholarship program our chapter 579 sponsors a student to the Air Academy each year. Therefore, if you know a high school junior or senior that is passionate about aviation and would like to spend a week at Oshkosh this summer, please have them complete the application and forward to Alan as soon as possible.

[http://www.youngeagles.org/programs/airacademy/air\\_academy\\_scholarship\\_app.pdf](http://www.youngeagles.org/programs/airacademy/air_academy_scholarship_app.pdf)

Dave

## Minutes of March 21 Meeting

A Directors meeting was held prior to the Chapter Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Smith, President, at 7:35 PM. 12 members were in attendance.

Larry Shaw is in Florida, but his financial report was read by Dave. The organization remains solvent with all bills paid. There are 64 paid members. Members may renew or new members join at any time by filling in the form in this newsletter and sending it along with a check for \$20 for an Annual Membership to the address on the form.

Dave reported on the Hops and Props event at Oshkosh. There were about 130 brewers at the event, from micro-brewers to the national brands. There were about 1,000 participants.

Mike Bowers discussed the Informational brochure that he is preparing for Young Eagles. Everyone was very impressed with the brochure and offered a few ideas for improvement. It was agreed to have it printed.

Mark Hislop discussed the Aviation Explorer Post idea. Lumens has agreed to provide meeting space. Mark needs 2 volunteers. The Chapter has agreed to move forward and form the Post. Mark will work out the details.

After a short break, Dave gave a presentation about acquiring a Sea Plane rating through Jack Brown's Seaplane Base in Winterhaven, Florida. He said that one Intro flight had him hooked. A Private Seaplane rating requires ground school, 5-6 hours of flying time, and a check ride. A Commercial Seaplane rating requires ground school, an additional 2 hours flying time, and a check ride. He encouraged all of us to check out the rating—especially if we are ever in Florida.

Mark Hislop mentioned <http://avwxworkshops.com/>. The site bills itself as "Your Best On-line Source for Aviation Weather Education". Create a free account for accessing a lot of weather information.

Submitted by: Joe McBride

**Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association**  
**EAA Chapter 579**  
**Membership Application or Renewal - 2013**

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**Annual Membership = \$20.00**  
**Checks made payable to EAA Chapter 579**

**Please mail this application and your check to our treasurer:**

**Lawrence O. Shaw  
147 N. Buckingham Drive  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554**

To join or renew your membership, please fill in the form above and mail it to The address at the bottom with a check for \$20.