

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



The Propwash

May, 2013

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 16

Sugar Grove Firehouse

Directors: 6:45 PM

Business Meeting: 7:30 PM

**Chris Thomsen presentation on the
Fox Flying Club**

Special Events 2013

Annual Pizza Party December 13

"Fly-Around-The-Lake"

August 23, 24 & 25

2013 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at the Sugar Grove
Firehouse unless otherwise
notified

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

followed by a cookout at
Bill Schertz Hangar

Sunday June 23

Sunday August 25

Sunday September 22

Sunday October 27

If you have anything of interest to the chapter, please email me at joemcbride@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,

I would like to thank Don Horacek for the Young Eagle safety briefing at the April chapter meeting. Don has been conducting this presentation for the chapter for a number of years and what a great way to prepare us for the first YE rally.

Would also like to thank Art Remsik from Aurora Tower for coming to the meeting amidst the ongoing sequester activity. Art recently joined the team at Aurora Tower. We look forward to coordinating our YE flights with the folks in the tower cab.

Please make note the May program meeting is one week earlier (3rd Thursday) due to fire safety training at the SGFD. So, the meeting is Thursday May 16th. Directors will meet at 6:45 PM, with the general business meeting to begin at 7:30 PM. This month chapter member Chris Thomsen will give a presentation on the Fox Flying Club located at DuPage Airport. Chris is the President of Fox Flying Club and will be able to answer all your questions about their organization.

I stopped by Lumanair on Tuesday 4/30, to complete a recurrency checkout so I can have the opportunity to fly YE's. Also having access to an airplane will give Jan, Tim and I an opportunity to attend a few fly-in's this summer.

Also, something else to keep on your flying radar screen for future planning. I have been in touch with the EAA chapter in Greenwood Indiana to coordinate another "Fly-Around-The-Lake" trip on August 23, 24 & 25. We have been doing this trip every 2 to 3 years. While most of the participants are flying low and slow aircraft, such as Champ's, Ercoup's, Cub's, C150's, C120's, C140's, LSA's, and the like, those in faster airplanes are welcomed to take the lead.

So that you have plenty of time for planning, the 2013 trip will be a clockwise route, meeting up with the EAA group from Indiana at Poplar Grove Airport, C77, before going to Manitowoc, KMTW, for the first night stay. The next day, the group heads north over the top of the lake to St. Ignace, 83D, for the second night. Then day 3, following the lakeshore 250 nm south to Michigan City, where the group splits off heading for home. I will fill in more details as the summer proceeds.

Lastly, our first Young Eagle rally is Sunday, May 19th. We will need pilots and ground support volunteers. Following the YE rally Bill Shertz will host a cookout at his Skyhaven hangar. The chapter will provide the brats and burgers. Bring a dish to pass and a chair.

Cheers!

Dave

Minutes of April 25 Meeting

A Directors meeting was held prior to the Chapter Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dave Smith, President, at 7:42 PM. 24 members and 1 guest were in attendance.

Larry Shaw is in Florida, so there was no formal Treasurer's report. 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.

One member attended Sun 'n Fun. He reported perfect weather and a busy week.

Mark Hislop reported on the status of the Aviation Explorer Post. Paperwork will be submitted on 4/26 to formally begin Post 579. The scouts require a minimum of 2 adult leaders which we have, but we would like to have 2 more. The Post will meet twice per month with one of the meeting coincident with the Chapter meeting. Mike Lumens will provide meeting space.

Mike Bowers passed around a finished brochure. All agreed that it is a very good representation of Chapter 579's Young Eagle effort. Mile will also provide flyers for anyone who has a place to pass them out.

Dave reported on his experience at the FAA Operation Rain Check at Aurora ARTCC. He indicated that it was a great experience but may not continue due to the x\sequester.

We are still looking for applicants to the Air Academy- Junior or Senior in High School.

After a short break, Don Horacek gave a presentation on Young Eagles operations, reviewing both ground and air operations.

Art Remsik from the Aurora Tower discussed Young Eagles from a Tower point of view. He indicated that we would likely not be using runway 18/36.

Submitted by: Joe McBride



One of my most memorable flights..

It is hard to believe that it has been almost 20 years, but it was 1994 when Sandi and I took our first trip to Hawaii. The trip was pre-digital cameras and I was not able to locate the many prints that we took during the trip—I need to find them and get them digitized!!

We had a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed the islands. But for me the highlight of the trip was a flight from the Kahului Airport (OGG) on Maui to the Hilo Airport (ITO) on the big island of Hawaii. The distance is a little over 100 nm between the airports with about a 26 nm crossing of the 'Alenuihâhâ Channel between the two islands.

Prior to the trip I did some research and contacted an FBO at Kahului to find out that with a simple check-out they would rent me a plane for the day. They suggested the flight to the big Island with a stop at Hilo for lunch and then an aerial view of the volcanoes before returning to Maui. Friends from work were in Maui at the time and joined us in the flight (with some reduced fuel for weight and balance!)

I had to go through the typical ground checkout- display my Pilot Certificate, log book and medical and then fill in a 1 page form with V-speeds and other pertinent information on the C172 that I would be renting. I then went up with one of their instructors and we did two take-offs and landings. She also briefed me on the trip—watch for helicopters, what altitudes to fly, etc.

We took off from Kahului to the North and then flew SE along the North shore of the island. Mount Haleakala, at 10,000 feet, was very prominent to our right and above us for most of the trip along the North Shore of Maui. We could see stretches of the famous “road to Hana” along the way—we were making a lot better time than anyone on that road. At Hana we saw the waterfalls and the airport that is located there, and then we started a steady climb as we began our crossing of the Channel. As I climbed it wasn't long before we could see the NW shore of Hawaii in the distance. We continued to climb until we reached mid-channel and then started a slow descent leveling off at 1500 ft. (MSL and AGL) as we flew along the North shore of Hawaii. What a spectacular view! Most of the North Shore is a 1000 ft. cliff with rainforest at the top and waterfalls spilling down to the ocean all along the way.

It became pretty obvious that we were not going to get to the volcanoes as there was a low hanging cloud layer over the island—but perfectly clear above us about 2 miles off shore. We were quickly cleared for landing at Hilo, tied down and followed the map we were given to walk about ¼ mile to a nice restaurant for lunch. After lunch and refueling we took off and retraced our path along the North Shore of Hawaii, this time at 1000 ft.—picking out different breathtaking views along the way. I used the same climb-to-center-channel-and-then-descend technique going back across the channel. As we approached Maui we turned left and flew along the South Shore and then crossed the lower desert plains on the leeward side of Mt. Haleakala. (Yes, there are desert areas in Hawaii—they even have cactus.) As we approached the Kahului Airport we were cleared for a straight-in approach, taxied to the FBO and ended a fantastic trip within a trip.

The trip across the channel was not as scary as I thought it might be. I was warned of cross winds coming through the channel, but didn't experience anything of consequence. We could see land at all times. Most of the time I could see a place that I could land the plane if I had to—but I sure am glad I didn't have to. The worst area for trying to spot a place to land was along the North Shore of the Big Island, and I have to admit that I saw more of the scenery in the pictures that my passengers took than I did while I was flying it. The plane was equipped with 4 life jackets and a life raft, things I really didn't want to have to use. The FBO told me that if I did have to ditch—at least the water was warm!!

I think it is time to get back to Hawaii!!

Joe McBride

What are your most memorable flights???

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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
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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.