

**FOX VALLEY SPORT AVIATION ASSOCIATION
EAA CHAPTER 579
Aurora, IL**



The Propwash

November, 2013

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 21
Sugar Grove Firehouse

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Directors Meeting: 6:45 pm
Business Meeting: 7:30 pm

Special Events 2013

Annual Pizza Party December 13

Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center
732 Prairie St, Aurora, IL

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Beginning at 6:00 pm

2013 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at the Sugar Grove
Firehouse unless otherwise notified

December 19**

**Meetings the Third Thursday in
December due to Christmas.

Young Eagles Schedule

Complete for 2013. The schedule for
2014 will be in the January Newsletter

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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.

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Dave's Dialogue...

Greetings EAA 579 Chapter Members and Guests,

As a general aviation pilot, I have at one time or another thought about how cool it would be to load up a Cherokee or Skyhawk and fly off to some exciting or exotic island. Many of us have at one time but only moment until we do a self reality check. There are sharks in the water. Yikes!

We do have a very special guest speaker this month for the November chapter program meeting, one you will all certainly enjoy. Hearing his story may inspire you to just do it.

Kevin Frank, from DeKalb EAA Chapter 241, flew his home built aircraft, a Wheeler Express, from DeKalb, IL to the Bahamas and back safely.

Kevin will share with you the planning process it takes for an international flight in a single engine aircraft:

- how to prepare for U.S. and Bahamian Customs
- VFR flight planning
- ATC communications
- landing and departure fees
- safety planning

plus looking at some cool island pictures. Kevin may also share with us, as time permits, details about the Wheeler Express. Learn how you, too, can plan such a flight to an exciting destination.

At the November meeting we will also have several chapter members that are participating in Exploring Post 579. They will be conducting a tour of Larry Cabeen's RV project, and may just show us how refined they are in flying quad copters. We certainly look forward to having them at the chapter meeting this month.

Mark on the calendar, Friday, December 13th is the annual Chapter Pizza Party. Annual project completion recognition and volunteer awards for 2013 will again be held at Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center in Aurora, IL beginning at 6 PM ([Click here for Map](#)). We again have our own room. The gathering is for your entire family and is a way of celebrating our accomplishments this year. We will also recognize those chapter members that completed an aircraft restoration project or completed a homebuilt project, and have completed their first flight. There will be raffle and door prizes! The kids always like the laser tag and the game room. Luigi's pizza is also the best in the area, and there will be a wide variety to select from.

Another reason to be at the pizza party is that I have something-special to share with the members, it's sort of a WOW moment. Even EAA HQ has asked to give them feedback on this. That's all I will share with you for now but it will something you all will enjoy about your EAA Chapter.

Hope to see you on Thursday.

Let's give Kevin Frank and Explorer Post 579 a warm EAA Chapter 579 welcome.

Safe Flying...

Dave

Minutes of September 26 Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm
- 1 guest, a national EAA member, and 24 chapter members in attendance
- Financial Report: all bills paid, Chapter Membership renewals for 2014 are beginning to come in.
- Last Young Eagle Rally will be Sunday 10/27, followed by cookout at Suburban Properties hangar
- Ground support shirts will be available at the next Young Eagle Rally
- Currently at 15,736 total, 448 for the year. (see update in the article in this Newsletter)
- Pizza Party 12/13 at Luigis in Aurora (see Dave's Dialogue in this Newsletter)
- Name Tags available and can be ordered
- Chapter Patches are available
- Young Eagle T shirts will be sold at Rally as a test
- Leadership Conference 11/15-17: Dave Smith and Joe McBride
- Illinois Food bank donation: \$100 plus anything collected tonight. (see article in this newsletter)
- Mark Hislop gave a report on Explorer Post 579.

After a short refreshment break the speaker was Ron McElroy about testing an Experimental, Amateur Built Aircraft.

- Has flown 134 different types of aircraft
- Use AC 80-89A that provides guidance on flight testing E-AB aircraft
- Lots of good suggestions on testing an E-AB

The tribute film for Paul Poberezny was shown

The meeting was concluded about 9:15 PM.

Submitted by: Joe McBride

Young Eagles Update for 2013

Allen and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has come out to the airport to participate in the 2013 Young Eagles season. You should stand back and congratulate yourselves on yet another successful year. Our final total is 562 youngsters flown, the last session netting a whopping 114. The day was clear and bright long enough to finish the rally and also get some Gray Eagles flown. Thank you to all of the pilots who took the time to give some of the ground support people an airplane ride. For some that is all it takes to keep them coming back. They are true aviation enthusiasts who only assist at the rallies to be able to keep in touch with the sport.

We had 21 pilots and 34 ground personnel (who signed in) who flew 74 Young Eagles in May, 89 in June, 156 in August, 129 in September and 114 in October. When I add this to the totals in the World's Largest Logbook we will have 15,825 as our grand total.

We will be presenting certificates of appreciation to everyone who attends the Pizza Party in December. Hopefully, we will see you there.

Again, thank you to everyone who assists in the rallies. This includes not only the Chapter personnel but also the tower, Airport Manager, and FBOs. We could not do this without you.

Bev Voss & Al Rickert



Chapter 579 Treasurer Larry Shaw and President Dave Smith present the Chapter 579 donation to Hester Bury, Director of Corporate Giving and Foundations, the Northern Illinois Food bank.

EAA Chapter Leaders Academy

The weekend of 11/15-17 Dave Smith and I attended the EAA Chapter Leaders Academy in Oshkosh. We were hoping to fly. I even had a C172 reserved at my club, but canceled mid-week because the forecast did not look good at all. I'm glad I did because we were driving back on Sunday when the tornadoes were coming through.

We stayed at the Air Academy Lodge near Pioneer airport and the meetings were held in a training room inside the EAA Museum. Trevor Janz, the director of Chapters and Eagle Flights was our primary host for the weekend. There were 25 participants, from as far away as Kenai, Alaska. After dinner on Friday we all introduced ourselves, our Chapter and our role in it as well as how we got involved in aviation. The room represented a lot of diversity in how long we have flown and how we got involved, but it was clear that we were all there and involved in EAA because of our love of flying.



On Saturday and Sunday we sat through several presentations from EAA Staff about running a Chapter. Here are some highlights:

- **Brady Lane** took us behind the scenes at the production of the Chapter Video Series and we all had an opportunity to provide feedback and ideas for future segments. Dave Smith has a copy of all of the videos to date.
- **Brian O'Lena** explained the 5 Step program for Young Eagles. It is designed to provide assistance all along the way for a young person to move from Young Eagle to licensed pilot. Brian explained all of the features of each step. All of the details of these 5 steps can be found at : <http://www.young eagles.org/>



- **Bret Steffen** provided an overview of the EEA's education program with an emphasis on Youth Education. There are some changes underway that may allow the local chapters to get more involved in educational programs.
- **Trevor Janz** provided an overview of the Eagle Flight program. This is not intended to be an opportunity for an adult to take a plane ride, but it is supposed to be the first step in a mentor program for an adult who is interested in becoming a private pilot. He strongly suggested that we NOT hold Eagle Ride Rallies and not do Eagle Rides as a part of a Young Eagles Rally. There will be a lot more coming out on this in the next few months. In the meantime, if you want to take an adult up flying, EAA has a release form that you can use for yourself. You can get it here:
http://www.eaa.org/chapters/resources/forms/Adult_Orientation_Ride.pdf
- **Tom Charpentier** provided an overview of EAA's Government Advocacy Programs. He indicated that the Medical Self-Certification petition to the FAA is NOT dead and a lot of work is underway on it by both EAA and AOPA. He also explained why the EAA turned down the FAA's offer to waive the fee reimbursement rule for Young Eagle Flights. The bottom line is that the conditions that they placed on the waiver are far too burdensome to be practical.
- **Karen Kryzaniak** gave a very interesting presentation on Risk Management and the Chapter Insurance program. As a part of her presentation she handed out to each Chapter a sheet showing the number of approved Events (from EAA Headquarters perspective). Needless to say, Dave and I were both shocked to find out that EAA 579 has only held one event in the last 24 months. We have brought back information on how to improve this in the future.
- **Hal Bryan** provided a very interesting presentation on how EAA is using social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) and how the chapters can participate. EAA579 is represented in the various social media venues, but there are ways that we can use them better. Hal noted that the oshkosh365.org web site is not being used much and that it will be retired soon.
- **Dick Knapiński** provided good information on how chapters can improve their public relations. He gave out several handouts that we will pass on to Mike Bowers.

I am a relatively new EAA Member (about 5 years) and a very new member of the Chapter Board. This weekend was very valuable for me, giving me more insight into EAA (beyond AirVenture) and providing an opportunity to meet EAA Staff members and leadership from other EAA Chapters. I recommend it to anyone on the Board or considering becoming part of the Board. Please contact Dave Smith if you are interested in attending.

Joe McBride



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On Saturday evening we got a behind-the-scenes tour of the Museum from Zach Baughman. One of the highlights of that tour was the opportunity to sit in Paul Poberezny's P51 and have our picture taken.

Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association
EAA Chapter 579
Membership Application or Renewal - 2014

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____ EAA# _____

_____ New _____ Renewal Spouse's Name _____

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. If you have not already, now is the time to renew your Chapter membership for 2014.