

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



The Propwash

December, 2013



“Cleared for take-off”

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, December 19
Sugar Grove Firehouse
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Program Meeting: 7:30 pm

2014 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at the Sugar Grove
Firehouse unless otherwise notified
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January, 23
February, 27
March, 27
April, 24
May, 22
June, 26
July, 17 **
August, 28
September, 25
October, 23
November, 20 **
December, 18 **

**Meetings the Third Thursday in July
(Airventure), November (Thanksgiving)
and December (Christmas).

2014 Young Eagles Schedule

Flights will takeoff from and return to
the Aurora Municipal Airport. Pilot
briefing will be at about 8:30 am.

Begin flying at 9:00 am. Last
registration at 2:00 pm.

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May 18
June 22
August 24
September 28
October 26

Chapter Leadership

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Dave's Dialogue...

Greetings EAA 579 Chapter Members and Guests,

Happy Holidays!

There will be a December program meeting on Thursday 12/19 at 7:30 PM. We will use this time to catch up on the backlog of monthly EAA Chapter videos.

We will have holiday treats and snacks and there will be door prizes to be given away as well.

I would like to thank all those that came out on Friday for our annual chapter celebration. We had a good time looking back to 1992 when the Young Eagle program started and celebrate with those in the chapter that helped get it all started.

A total of 18 Young Eagles were flown that first year by chapter members, Rex Victor, Will Saloga, Jim Porter, Allen Rickert, Ron Jones and Scott McGovney. We had some fun remembering the names of the Young Eagles involved in those first flights and where they are today.

A big thanks goes out to Michelle Kunes from the EAA Chapter Office for finding those 5.25" floppy disks and gathering this information for us.

Safe travels to all throughout this holiday season.

Dave

Minutes of November 21 Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm by Dave Smith.
- This meeting welcomed the members of Explorer Post 579.
- There were 28 members present plus the speaker for the evening.
- Bill Schertz is moving to Montana (stay warm, Bill!)
- It was announced that the Annual Pizza Party will be Friday, December 13 beginning at 6:00 PM at Luigi's.
- The Chapter Meeting on December 19 will be held with the focus on the EAA Chapter videos.
- Dave announced that a Chapter Survey will be sent out to chapter members in the next few months. Alan Shackleton mentioned that he still has the question list from the previous survey several years ago.
- Dave gave a report on the EAA Chapter Leadership Academy attended by Dave and Joe McBride. It was a very worthwhile weekend and he encouraged others to attend in the future.
- Name Tags are available for \$7 and Woody patches for \$5.
- Dave is working with Larry Shaw to prepare a Chapter budget for 2014.
- We will be selecting 2 kids for our slots at Air Academy next summer.
- Dave noted that in 2014 the Chapter will pass the 16,000 Young Eagle milestone. At this point it appears that our Chapter will be the first to reach this milestone (although a Chapter in North Carolina is close behind us). We will plan on a celebration when we reach that milestone.
- A thank-you letter was read from the Northern Illinois Food Bank for our contribution. Dave encouraged members to volunteer for this agency.

There was a short refreshment break.

- The Explorers gave a demonstration of the Quad Copters that they have been learning about.
- Kevin Frank, from DeKalb EAA Chapter 241, flew his home built aircraft, a Wheeler Express, from DeKalb, IL to the Bahamas and back safely. He gave a presentation about all of the details that need to be accomplished to fly to the Bahamas. His parting comment: "If I can do it, anyone can."

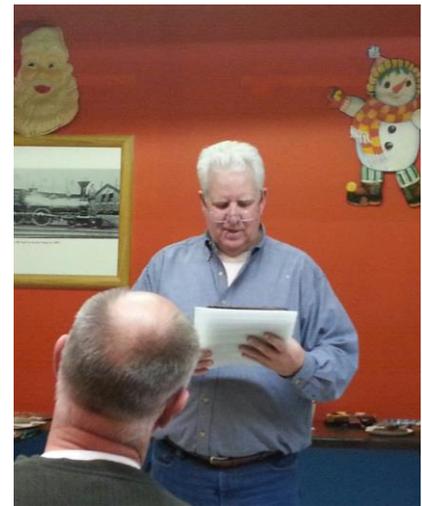
Submitted by: Joe McBride

EAA CHAPTER 579 YOUNG EAGLES 1992 - 2013

YEAR	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
YOUNG EAGLES	18	18	327	590	776	1,017	1,645	1,319	1,337	1,017
TOTAL	18	36	363	953	1,729	2,746	4,391	5,710	7,047	8,061

YEAR	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
YOUNG EAGLES	918	1,226	524	642	583	687	582	615	500	625
TOTAL	8,979	10,205	10,729	11,371	11,954	12,641	13,223	13,838	14,338	14,963

YEAR	2012	2013
YOUNG EAGLES	339	562
TOTAL	15,302	15,864



Young Eagles Update

At the Annual Pizza Party last Friday evening, Dave Smith presented the chart above. With the help of Michelle Kunes from the EAA Chapter Office, he was able to compile this chart showing how many Young Eagles we flew each year since 1992. In addition, he was able to list the first 6 Young Eagle pilots who flew from Aurora Municipal Airport and the Young Eagles that they each flew:

1. Rex Victor: 8/2/1992; flew Treavor Pearson in a Varga Kachina.
2. Will Saloga: 8/8/1992; flew Mathew and Patrick Brown in a Cessna 195.
3. Jim Porter: 8/16/1992; flew Jon Harsch in a Beech Aircraft.
4. Allen Rickert: 8/17/1992; flew Ryan Boesche in a Piper PA-140 Cherokee.
5. Ronald Jones: 9/19/1992; flew Jessica Winters, Bill Schmooke and Michael Hoppenworth in a Piper PA-28-180 Cherokee.
6. Scott McGovney: 9/20/1992; flew Thomas Surface, Jr. in a Cessna 140.

That is how we got started; and we are now approaching 16,000 Young Eagles flown by our Chapter 579.

Certificates were handed out to Allen Rickert for flying over 1,000 Young Eagles and to Mark Hislop for flying over 1,700 Young Eagles.

Certificates of Appreciation

Dave handed out 2 Certificates of Appreciation:

Mike "Media" Bowers: *For His skillful and masterful talent interfacing with "mainstream and alternative" media organizations disseminating young eagle event details to the public, increasing their awareness of EAA and of our local chapter.*

Joe McBride: *For revitalization and distribution of the chapter newsletter the "Propwash" as newsletter editor keeping the masses informed of relevant information and timely articles of interest. Furthermore, has earned special recognition for understanding the distinction between newsletter "editor" and newsletter "writer".*

Certificates of Achievement

To **Ron Koval** for his enthusiastic resolve to achieve superior performance from experimental category aircraft N1037L, a Pulsar 582, 2 place, Rotax powered airplane. His devotion to aviation serves as an inspiration for all aircraft builders and restorers.

To **Will Saloga** for his devotion to the preservation of classic aircraft NILA, a 1952 Cessna 195 powered by a Jacobs R755 engine. His passion for aviation is demonstrated by the meticulous restoration and upgrades recently completed on this award winning airplane for future generations to enjoy.

To **Zachary Babb** for his first solo of a glider with Windy City Soaring at Hinckley Airport OC2.

EAA 579 Members to other parts of the country

Tongue-in-cheek certificates handed out as follows:

*Be it Known throughout the Land, **William & Paula Shertz** by way of this seal, are hereby commissioned Montana Ambassadors of EAA Chapter 579, and have the official authority , capacity and all the rights therein to promote the spirit of Chapter 579, throughout all Montana.*

*Be it Known throughout the Land, **Larry & Joni Shaw** by way of this seal, are hereby commissioned Central Florida Ambassadors of EAA Chapter 579, and have the official authority , capacity and all the rights therein to promote the spirit of Chapter 579, throughout all Central Florida.*

*Be it Known throughout the Land, **Dick Low & Lisa Madru** by way of this seal, are hereby commissioned Northern Florida Ambassadors of EAA Chapter 579, and have the official authority , capacity and all the rights therein to promote the spirit of Chapter 579, throughout all Northern Florida.*

*Be it Known throughout the Land, **Allen Rickert & Bev Voss** by way of this seal, are hereby commissioned Southern Florida Ambassadors of EAA Chapter 579, and have the official authority , capacity and all the rights therein to promote the spirit of Chapter 579, throughout all Southern Florida.*

Attendance Prizes and Goodies

Everyone left the Pizza Party with an attendance prize!

Thanks to those who brought other goodies: cookies, cheese cake, cupcakes, candy.

2014 Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your Chapter Membership for 2014. Please use the form at the end of this newsletter.

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.