

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



***The Propwash***

January, 2014

**Next Chapter Meeting**

Thursday, January 23  
Sugar Grove Firehouse

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Program Meeting: 7:30 pm

Director's Meeting: 6:45 pm

**Special Events 2014**

**Chapter Family Bowling Night**

Saturday, February 8th  
at Parkside Lanes, in Aurora  
from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.

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**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



Young Eagle 5 Step Plan

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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, your favorite flight, good places for the ~~\$100~~ \$200 hamburger. Let us all know about it. Pictures are always welcome. You don't have to have a completed article. If you send me the details, I'll write the article.

## Dave's Dialogue...



### Greetings EAA 579 Chapter Members and Guests,

Welcome to 2014! There hasn't been much flying so far this year due to the subzero temperatures, snow, ice and high winds which has kept most of us grounded.

As I complete the first half of my term as chapter president, I have been very fortunate to have the help, support, strength and guidance from the chapter leadership team and from you, our members. From your input, feedback and suggestions, the team has been able to bring forward a variety of monthly programs and social events each month. As I start the last half of my term, I will look for the same strength in the organization to have as much fun in 2014 as we did last year. Give me a call or send an email if you have a suggestion for a specific program or social event.

Looking back to 2013 for a moment, your chapter once again had many accomplishments throughout the year.

1. The chapter flew just under 600 Young Eagles with help from many volunteer pilots and ground support folks. Again, thank you to everyone for your help during our five Young Eagle events.
2. We had a large turn out again for Oshkosh 2013, with many chapter members volunteering and helping out during AirVenture. Several members did fly into Oshkosh and camped most of the convention week.
3. The chapter also had a strong representation at the Young Eagle celebration dinner held at the EAA Museum during Oshkosh.
4. Your chapter sponsored two Air Academy students for a week stay at the Academy Lodge, supported by the Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship and Roger Mahr Aviation Experience, and from Young Eagle flight credit reimbursements.
5. We had great chapter participation for our monthly program meetings throughout the year. Thank you for coming out to the SGFD.
6. We held two chapter cookouts at Aurora Airport, one in the spring following the first Young Eagle event of the year and the other in the fall following the last Young Eagle event.

7. We also had a family bowling outing in the cold of winter and we had a group event at a Kane Cougar baseball game mid-summer. We will do both of these again in 2014.
8. The chapter kicked off the mentoring of an Exploring Post 579 program at Aurora Airport with the help from Lumanair Aviation Services and from several chapter volunteers. The chapter also supports an Exploring Post 579, Facebook page, sharing the activities and accomplishments of the team. Checkout what they are doing at Facebook; Exploring Post 579
9. The chapter re-energized the "Propwash" e-newsletter, its content and improved upon its distribution.
10. The chapter also focused utilizing social media, Facebook, to provide timely updates on events and other happenings during the month. Check out Facebook at; EAA Chapter 579.
11. We also held our year end celebration and recognition gathering in mid-December to thank the many volunteers that helped make this last year a fun time.
12. We enjoyed looking back over the last 21 years of Young Eagle events. We acknowledge those chapter members that were among the first pilots to fly Young Eagles back in August and September 1992. Who would have ever thought, our chapter would be the leading EAA Chapter to have flown more YE's than any other chapter world-wide. We will surpass 16,000 Young Eagles in 2014.

Our January 2014 program meeting will be held on Thursday 1/23/2014, at the Sugar Grove Fire Department, 7:30 PM.

This month we are very pleased to have Guy Lieser as our special guest speaker.

Mr. Lieser recently retired from the FAA in November after 32 years of service as an Enroute Air Traffic Controller - Training & Quality Assurance Specialist for Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center. He has flown as an airspace inspection pilot for airspace & ground based navigation certification missions. He is a CFII with many thousands of flight hours in many different type aircraft.

Guy was awarded the Archie League Medal for Safety, in February 2012 for successfully guiding a pilot flying in extreme icing conditions to a safe landing. Read the article: <http://www.natca.org/archie2012.aspx?zone=Archie%202012&pID=2392>

Mr. Lieser is currently President of Aircraft Strategies, LLC at Aurora Airport.

You may know Guy if you ever participated in “Operation Rain Check” at Chicago Center in Aurora, as he was program manager of this legacy “pilot to controller” safety training program. Please come to the January program meeting and let’s give Mr. Lieser a Chapter 579 welcome.

Chapter Name Tags:

Please wear your name tag to the chapter meeting, if you have one. If you would like to order a chapter name tag send me an e-mail ([Flypa12@comcast.net](mailto:Flypa12@comcast.net)) with how you want your name to appear. They are \$7.00 each.

Chapter Facebook Page:

We continue to add events, pictures and other items of social interest to the chapter Facebook page. Check it out on Facebook: [EAA Chapter 579](#)

Also, check out the Exploring Post updates on Facebook: [Exploring Post 579](#)

January Meeting Door Prize:

There will be a special door prize at the January meeting, courtesy of chapter member Bill Shertz. You have to attend the meeting in order to find out what it is.

Dave

## Minutes of December 19 Meeting

- Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Dave Smith.
- 16 members were present.
- Dave announced that the paperwork has been received for renewing the Chapter Charter and Insurance with EAA. (This paperwork has subsequently been completed and sent to EAA.)
- The Service awards handed out at the Pizza Party were announced (see December Newsletter).
- Treasurer’s report: 23 memberships for 2014 have been received. An email will be sent out with a renewal form encouraging folks to renew.
- There was a discussions on recent FAA action on Sleep Apnea and 3rd Class Medical.
- There was a brief discussion about a 16,000 Young Eagle celebration.

There was a short refreshment break.

- 2 of the EAA Chapter videos were played. All agreed that these are very well done.

Submitted by: Joe McBride

## Chapter Family Bowling Night



The chapter will hold another family group bowling event on Saturday, February 8th at Parkside Lanes, in Aurora from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.

The address is:  
Parkside Lanes  
34W185 Montgomery Rd.  
Aurora, IL 60504  
630-898-5678  
[Click here for Map](#)

Bowling is \$4.50 per game, per person and \$3.00 for shoe rental, so just pay Parkside Lanes for the number of games you bowl.

We may have a prize or two for the highest game, and some other wacky round, best bowling shirt, ugliest ball, best pick up, etc. Ok you bowlers, send me some ideas or we'll just figure it out as we go.

After we bowl two or three games we will transition down the street about 1/2 mile on Montgomery Road, to Gario's Pizza at 6:30 PM to enjoy a pizza or sandwich. We will hand out the prize(s) at that time.

If you are not a bowler but want to join us for a pizza or sandwich, meet us at Gario's Pizza about 6:30 PM. Gario's pizza is located at 813 Montgomery Road, Montgomery, IL.  
[Click here for Map](#)

Check us out on Facebook for further updates.

## IDOT aviation safety seminar

The annual IDOT aviation safety seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn, 860 West Irving Park Road, Itasca, IL. on Saturday February 1st, from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. [Click here for Map](#)

This event is open to the general public, covering various topics of aviation safety. This program is well attended so plan to get there early, and the best part is, there is no cost to attend this program.

IDOT Sponsor: Division of Aeronautics

This aviation safety seminar is for both pilots and non pilots, so you can attend all or parts of the seminar. If you are a Student pilot or a VFR pilot, participating in the VFR program is very worthwhile. If you are instrument rated or are working on your instrument rating, then the IFR program may be for you.

Local suppliers and the FAA FAAST team, usually have free literature available throughout the day.

Lunch is available at the hotel for a nominal cost.

Each seminar has multiple speakers and the slide programs are well done.

Many of our EAA Chapter members attend this program year after year. Any updates to this program will be found on the chapter Facebook page.



**Hops & Props: The Premier Event for Beer Connoisseurs**  
Saturday, March 8, 2014 | 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. | EAA AirVenture Museum

\$75 General Admission (\$65 EAA Members) | \$125 VIP Dining Experience (\$115 EAA Members)

[Purchase Your Tickets](#)

Tickets are on sale now for Hops & Props, the premier event for beer connoisseurs. This annual event brings the world's finest microbrews together with a world-class collection of aircraft for an unforgettable evening. All tickets include sampling of over 250 beers from around the world, delicious hors d'oeuvres, professionally prepared tasting guide, commemorative beer glass, and live music by Unity, Frogwater, Chelli Bri, and Sly Joe and the Smooth Operators. We are also excited to announce that new to this year's event, The Machine Shed will be providing a variety of food.



**VIP Pre-Event Dining Experience**

The VIP experience offers guests an education on the process of brewing specialty microbrew beers while dining on perfectly matched food and beer pairings. We are pleased to announce this year's VIP dinner will be provided by Becket's, a local favorite in Oshkosh. Surly Brewing Co. from Minnesota will be the brewmaster for the event. The pre-event begins at 5:30 p.m. and tickets include admission to the main event.

**Hops & Props Overnight Package**

Overnight packages and shuttle services are again available from many nearby hotels. [View lodging details and information.](#)

[Purchase your tickets today](#) and secure your spot at this great event! Contact [920-426-6510](tel:920-426-6510) for ticket details. For other information about the event, call [920-426-6281](tel:920-426-6281).

## AIRPORT MARKINGS AND STUPID PILOT TRICKS

By Bob McDaniel, Airport Director, St. Louis Downtown Airport.  
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Have you ever noticed some really dumb warning labels on products you buy? Like the one on the fuel cap of an all-terrain vehicle that says, "Never use a lit match or open flame to check fuel level." Or the handheld electric hair dryer labeled, "Do not use while sleeping." Or the label by the coin slot on a commercial clothes washing machine that states, "Do not put any person in this washer."

Why are those labels there? Because somewhere, sometime, someone did exactly what they're warning you not to do! And that's why I'm writing this article.

The following photo was taken at our airport. Do you know what the markings in the photo mean? And what would make two very highly-experienced commercial pilots, on two separate occasions, think it was OK to walk across them without talking to anyone or asking permission? That's exactly what happened, not once, but twice within three weeks at my airport! ...and the FAA is not amused!



For you non-pilots who read this, those yellow lines are commonly known as "movement area markings," and they mark the boundary of the area that is controlled by an air traffic control tower. It is a violation of Federal Aviation Regulations to cross the markings from the side with the solid line (right to left in the photo) without first receiving permission from the air traffic controller (i.e., Ground Control.) The requirement to stop, and go no further, applies to aircraft, vehicles, and pedestrians, alike! No one is exempt!

Our airport's movement areas begin at the edge of our aircraft parking ramps at the entrance to the taxiways, and all of those ramp/taxiway boundaries are marked by those movement area markings. (The movement areas also include the grass areas past the edge of the aircraft parking ramps, so don't walk out onto the grass, either.) If you have a need to cross those markings into the aircraft "movement area" in an aircraft or an "authorized" vehicle, you must first contact Ground Control on the radio. If you want to walk out past the movement area marking because you dropped something off your aircraft or you just want to look around at something out there, contact airport management.

They'll be happy to take you out there. As a last resort, you can call the control tower via telephone and talk to the controller before walking past the marking, but DO NOT CROSS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Some of you may be wondering what might happen if you enter the movement area without permission. The obvious answer is that you, or someone else, might die!

However, in the case of both recent violations, the instructor pilot was careful to look around for other aircraft in the area, and for aircraft approaching the runway from above, to ensure that it was "safe" to enter the area before doing so. Unfortunately, they're opinion of being "safe" does not make them legal.

So what happens? First the FAA controller is going to call airport management to go out and find those intruding individuals. Meanwhile, the controller begins writing the "Vehicle/Pedestrian Deviation Report." It's a mandatory incident report that makes its way to FAA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. within 24 hours or less. It doesn't matter if there were no aircraft operating within 100 miles of the airport, it's still a violation that must, and will, be reported.

At that point, it's best just to 'fess up and cooperate. If the individual refuses to produce valid identification or refuses to cooperate, we will simply call the police and have them arrested for trespassing and for violations of Federal Aviation Regulations.

Within the next 24 hours, I, as airport manager, am going to get a call from an FAA Airport Certification Safety Inspector who's going to say, "OK, Bob, what happened and what are you going to do about it to keep it from happening again?" Unfortunately, I don't have good answers on how to prevent stupid pilot tricks. I'm going to contact you, ask you what happened, and then I'm going to fill out a report to send back to FAA Regional Headquarters. And then, I have to decide what I'm going to do with you. For starters, I'm going to chew on you for a while and require you to take our drivers' test again. If a vehicle was involved, I'm going to suspend your vehicle gate access card for at least 30 days, or more. In the not too distant past, two A&Ps who were employed by one of our airport businesses lost their jobs because of similar violations. So, nothing good is going to happen to you.

Next, probably within a few weeks, someone from the local Flight Standards District Office is going to call you and ask you about the incident. Depending on the severity of the incident and their opinion of your "safety attitude," you may have your pilot's license suspended, you could be required to obtain additional ground or flight instruction, or an FAA Check Airman might want to fly with you.

What about the NASA "get-out-of-jail-free" report? Go ahead and fill it out, but it does NOT provide immunity from punishment if the FAA finds that you did indeed violate the regulations.

If you have ANY suggestions as to how we can improve safety around the airport, please don't hesitate to let your airport manager know. Please share this message with your friends, fellow pilots, and others in the airport community. Knowledge of these procedures will save you (and me) a lot of time and trouble, and it just might save your life.

**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.