

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



The Propwash

January, 2015

Next Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 22
Sugar Grove Firehouse
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Program Meeting: 7:30 pm
Mark Zilinsky from
Chandelle Aeroplane Restoration –
Restoring Vintage Aircraft

Director's Meeting: 6:30 pm

2015 Meeting Schedule

All meetings at the Sugar Grove
Firehouse unless otherwise notified
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January 22
February 26
March 26
April 23
May 28
June 25
July 16**
August 27
September 24
October 15**
November 19**
December 17**

**Meetings the Third Thursday in July
(AirVenture), October (Conflict at
Firehouse), November (Thanksgiving)
and December (Christmas).

2015 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 or before 2:00 pm.

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May 17
June 28
August 23
September 27
October 25



Young Eagles® 5 Step Plan

2015 Chapter Leadership

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Chapter Website: <http://www.eaa579.org>

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



Looking Up...

Happy New Year EAA Chapter 579!!!

It looks like we made it through the holidays and have a full year of opportunities in front of us. I hope this year brings each and every member health and prosperity.

A big congratulation goes out to our Young Eagles Coordinator, Bev Voss, who has been named 2014 Volunteer of the Year by Chapter President Dave Smith. Bev has made repeated contributions to our chapter and the Young Eagles program for many years. Join me in celebrating her receipt of the Rex Victor Volunteer of the Year Award for 2014.

Last month, many chapter members attended the Chapter Christmas Party at Luigi's Pizza and Fun Center in Aurora. There were plenty of pizzas, camaraderie and door prizes to go around. Certificates of recognition were presented to the past officers and Young Eagle ground volunteers. Unfortunately, we were unable to hand out the certificates for the Young Eagle pilots (apparently they are lost in the mail). We all know, however, that there would be no Young Eagle program if it were not for the pilots. Thank you is owed to everyone involved!

As I left the Christmas party, I overheard some members discussing a change of venue for next year. So stay tuned.

Speaking of a change, that is just one of several that will be worked on in the coming months. A review of our Young Eagle ground and flight procedures will be made with the goal of making improvements. If you recall the minutes of our November meeting, there are many topics worth looking in to. A big one has to do with managing the expectations of a few parents who don't feel they are getting their money's worth (pardon the sarcasm). Other topics range from registration methods, photo printing, pilot workload, and air routes. The list will be prioritized. The goal is to make improvements without breaking what has been working for years.

One key to our success has been the strong participation of chapter members. A sure way to improve any YE rally is to have more volunteers working the event. If you haven't been out to a rally, we can use your help (even if it is for just a few hours). No prior experience? We will train you. Plan to attend the April meeting when we discuss safety procedures.

Young Eagle rally dates are posted in the newsletter, on our web site and on our Facebook page. Kudos go out to Joe McBride for his work on the newsletter. And, have you been to the web site lately? Mike Baer has it in great shape and is

keeping it current. Our newsletter and web site are great resources for chapter information. Mike is in the process of reviewing results of the recent survey. It will be interesting to hear what the results tell us.

The ground school is off to a great start despite the challenging weather on the first night. Over 30 are registered. And the Explorer post has started up again.

Membership renewal became overdue as of the first of the year. Anyone who hasn't paid yet can do so at a chapter meeting or dues can be mailed to the Treasurer. Please fill in the membership renewal form at the end of this newsletter. Use of the form is requested in all instances of renewal. The Treasurer's mailing address is on the form.

Are any members making plans for Oshkosh? I received an e-mail from the Chairman of the Young Eagles Raffle, Jon Maxwell. He is shaking the bushes for volunteers to sell tickets during AirVenture. I have been doing this for several years now and our chapter has been very active with this event over the years. I encourage our members to continue their support of this worthwhile activity.

See you at the meeting on Thursday.

Don

Minutes of December 18 Meeting

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Secretary Joe McBride
- The new officers for 2015 were introduced:
 - President: Don Horacek
 - Vice President: Mike Baer
 - Treasurer: Larry Shaw
 - Secretary: Joe McBride
- The meeting was turned over to Don Horacek
- The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
- The treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

After a short break for refreshments 2 EAA Chapter videos were shown.

Submitted by: Joe McBride, Secretary

SocialFlight University debuts free videos and webinars

January 13, 2015 by General Aviation News Staff

[SocialFlight](#), an aviation web and mobile app for finding events and interesting places to fly, has introduced SocialFlight University, which offers free educational videos, webinars and reference materials.

SocialFlight University includes a collection of videos, webinars and reference materials on a variety of educational topics from pilot training, safety and technique, to aircraft ownership, operations and maintenance. It also includes materials on aircraft, avionics and pilot products, as well as clubs and community-related topics. The entire collection is available for viewing on most phones and tablets, as well as on the web.



SocialFlight University is part of the SocialFlight app, and is a free resource for the general aviation community through the support of aviation industry leaders including Jeppesen, Champion Aerospace, Continental Motors, Aspen Avionics, FreeFlight Systems, Piper Aircraft, Sennheiser, Avidyne, Lightspeed Aviation and ASL CamGuard.

For example, Jeppesen provided educational videos on proper aviation chart usage.

“Safety and education are at the core of everything we do at Jeppesen.” said Reggie Arsenault, Jeppesen Director of Aviation Client Management. “SocialFlight now combines the

recreational aspect of flying with the education required to do it safely. Jeppesen is proud to support SocialFlight University as the centralized, mobile library of free educational materials for all pilots.”

SocialFlight is used by tens of thousands of pilots to help them find fly-ins, airshows, pancake breakfasts, conventions, FAA safety seminars and much more. More than 20,000 events have been catalogued to date, according to officials.

It also includes over 300,000 points of interest (POI), such as restaurants, attractions, lodging and more; all within walking distance of airports.

“The SocialFlight community has grown to the point where our features are driven by the needs of the general aviation community,” said Jeff Simon, president of SocialFlight. “Our live webinars have been extremely popular and the need for ‘on-demand’ access to this great content was the impetus for the creation of SocialFlight University. With well over 100 videos and webinars, there’s truly something for everyone.”

Upcoming live webinars include ADS-B training from FreeFlight Systems and avionics training Avidyne.

Some of the recorded webinars will qualify for continuing education credits, such as the FAA’s Wings Program, from the companies delivering the content.

As the app and content continues to grow, an increasing emphasis will be placed on how pilots and mechanics alike can use SocialFlight University as a resource for their continuing education needs, Simon noted.

SocialFlight University is included in the 4.2 release of the free SocialFlight mobile app for Apple and Android devices, as well as on the web. SocialFlight 4.2 also includes a variety of other improvements and new features, including the ability to use the app in Landscape mode on tablets. SocialFlight is a free App available on the iTunes App Store for iPhone and iPad. It is also available on the Google Play Store for Android Phones and Tablets, as well as on the web at SocialFlight.com.

2015 EAA Chapter 579 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience, EAA Advanced Air Academy

EAA Chapter 579 Scholarship Committee is now accepting candidate applications for the 2015 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience, to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp in Oshkosh in July.

The Advanced Air Academy Camp is for girls and boys ages 16, 17, and 18, who have a passion for aviation. The selected candidate will have an opportunity to explore many aspects of aviation while attending the Air Academy Camp.

If you know a student who would be interested in attending the Advanced Air Academy, please have them contact EAA Chapter 579 Scholarship Committee at the following email address for an application.

EAChapter579@gmail.com

Applications must be submitted to the scholarship committee by midnight Friday January 28, 2015.

EAA Chapter 579 will announce the recipient of the 2015 Daniel Kelley Young Eagle Scholarship/Roger Mahr Aviation Experience at the March 27th monthly chapter program meeting.

The following is a summary of the many activities students will participate during the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp.

The Air Academy provides an atmosphere for mature students, ages 16, 17 and 18 to become totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful, action-packed camp. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities.

The EAA Advanced Air Academy also includes full participation (access to forums, flight line and all associated activities) in EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's premier aviation event!

- Flight Training Ground School
 - Fundamentals of flight science
 - Aircraft systems
 - Aircraft preflight
 - Flight controls and systems
 - Weather
 - Aerial navigation
 - Flight training requirements
- Aircraft Construction, Restoration and Maintenance Skills
 - Welding
 - Sheet metal work

- Fabric covering
- Composite fabrication
- Aeromodeling and woodworking
- Airplanes - Learn about aviation history and flight
- Tour the EAA AirVenture Museum
- Fly EAA's flight simulators
- Visit Pioneer Airport
- Experience the thrill of flight in both an airplane and helicopter
- An academic study of the history and technologies of aviation presented in the Buehler Leadership Center at the EAA Aviation Center.

Workshop experiences, including an introduction to many of the skills required for the construction, restoration and maintenance of aircraft. This is accomplished in workstations by working with aircraft parts, the construction of full size aircraft components and Aeromodeling projects.

EAA AirVenture will provide an exciting element to the Academy program. The forums, workshops, exhibits, aircraft, and air shows provide an aviation and personal experience without equal.

Special activities may include field trips to area aviation facilities are also included to familiarize participants with a wide segment of the aviation community and its activities.

See below the dates of the 2015 Advanced Air Academy

- Session 1: July 14-22, 2015
- Session 2: July 24-August 1, 2015

Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association
EAA Chapter 579
Membership Application or Renewal - 2015

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
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Chapter Membership Renewals for 2015 are now due.