

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



***The Propwash***

November, 2015

**Next Chapter Meeting**

Thursday, November 19

Sugar Grove Firehouse

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Director's Meeting: 6:30 pm

Business Meeting: 7:30 pm

Program after the Business Meeting

**2015 Meeting Schedule**

All meetings at the Sugar Grove Firehouse unless otherwise notified

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November 19, 2015\*\*

December 17, 2015\*\*

**2016 Meeting Schedule**

January 21, 2016

February 25, 2016

March 24, 2016

April 21, 2016

May 26, 2016

June 23, 2016

July 14, 2016 \*\*

August 25, 2016

September 29, 2016

October 27, 2016

November 17, 2016 \*\*

December 15, 2016 \*\*

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

**2016 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 22, 2016

June 26, 2016

August 28, 2016

September 25, 2016

October 23, 2016



[Young Eagles® 5 Step Plan](#)

**2015 Chapter Leadership**

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Chapter Website: <http://www.eaa579.org>  
(Thanks Mike Baer for your continued work on the web site)

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.



## Looking Up...by Don Horacek

Hello my fellow 579ers,

Friday, December 4, will be the Chapter Family Christmas Party beginning at 6:30 PM (details will be sent by e-mail).



The planning committee, Kaye Cosentino, Sandi McBride, Mary Ann Hislop and Director Kathy Spano, welcome any volunteers for help with the event. The chapter will provide hot Italian beef

sandwiches, dessert and beverages. Please bring a side dish to share.

The final draft of the proposed By-Laws, including proxy vote forms, went out to all members. We will have an up/down vote at ~~this week's~~ next month's meeting of the membership. Proxy votes need to be posted prior to the November meeting (either by date and time stamp of the transmittal e-mail or by US mail postmark no later than November 19). Due to possible use of snail mail, the results will not be final until the December meeting.

We had great weather for our last Young Eagles rally of the year. Finally! The unofficial count is 109 Young Eagles. We had another really good turnout of volunteers and the picnic following the rally was well attended. Master grillier Frank



Cosentino exceeded expectations cooking the burgers, brats and hot dogs. A lot of tasty side dishes and desserts complimented the grilling.

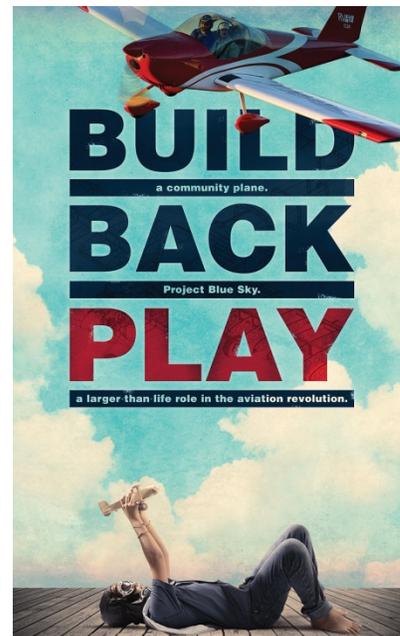
Mother Nature did not shine on us this year. Two Young Eagles rallies were ether washed out or blown away. In all, we

flew about 275 Young Eagles this year, which puts our overall total within 100 of 17,000! Thanks to all who helped make the year a success!

The election of Larry Shaw's successor as Treasurer will take place at this month's Board of Directors meeting. The name of our next Treasurer will be announced at the meeting of the membership following the Board meeting.

There is still time to get involved with our chapter's program for offering the Aviation Merit Badge to local scout groups. Please contact me if you would like to join the effort in some way.

I mentioned the Blue Sky Project last month. The project will provide an opportunity to members of the community to help



build a Vans RV-12 kit airplane. Anyone who is interested will be able to get hands on experience, thereby learning the skills needed to build a flying airplane. The plan is to begin the build in January after funding is acquired. The project is now in the funding stage. As of this writing, \$18,952 has been pledged. The goal is to obtain \$50,000 by Wednesday this week. Information on the

project can be found at [www.simplyflybuild.com](http://www.simplyflybuild.com). Let's build a plane!

See you at the meeting Thursday,

Don

## Minutes of October 15 Chapter Meeting

- Meeting called to Order by President Don Horacek at 7:40 PM
- Minutes for September were accepted as published in the newsletter
- The Treasurer Report by Larry Shaw was accepted. Notice that dues for 2016 are being taken. Current paid membership for 2015 is 92.
- Next Young Eagles Rally is 10/25 with a picnic to follow. Chapter providing Burgers, Brats and Beverages. Bring a dish to pass. The picnic will be held at Suburban Properties Hangar.
- Last Young Eagles Rally we flew 75.
- Reminder that each pilot needs to fly 10 for the year for our chapter to get credit.
- Reminder that Larry Shaw is stepping down as Treasurer. Taking nominations through tonight. Moved, seconded and passed that nominations are closed. The Board will select a replacement at the November Board meeting.
- Christmas Party 12/4 at Tim Green's hangar at 6:30 PM: Italian Beef dinner. More details to follow.
- Alan Hard is selling his Ecoupe or looking for a partner.
- Ron Taylor interested in giving away his project. The information about that project was in last month's newsletter. (Apparently he has a few inquiries about it.)
- A person from Texas called looking for a pre-buy inspection for an RV plane in Naperville. Todd Ashcroft volunteered to do it.
- Contact from a free-lance reporter for the Oswego Herald for a pre-event story about our Young Eagles event. She spoke with Mark Hislop and Mike Bowers.
- Revisions to By-Laws: Comments from Board were reviewed. No additional comments from the floor. Final revised by-laws will be sent out to all members before the November meeting. Voting will take place at the November meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Break for refreshments

- Bill Cameron spoke about his experiences in Vietnam 50 years ago. He was in Vietnam 2 years 9 months and 13 days in a helicopter unit assigned to a Special Forces group.

Submitted by: Joe McBride, Secretary

## Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical and PBOR2

According to AOPA (11/11/15) and EAA (11/12/15), the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has set Nov. 18 as the date to move the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 (S.571) into "Markup Session". This means that the Committee will discuss the bill and make what changes it feels are necessary to move the Bill to the Senate floor for vote.

This Bill currently has 69 co-sponsors in the Senate, which should make it filibuster proof. In Illinois Mark Kirk is a co-sponsor, Richard Durbin is not. In a response to my letter requesting Mr. Durbin to sign on as a co-sponsor he said that he would "consider the Bill when it reaches the Senate floor". A similar Bill is in Committee in the House with 146 co-sponsors.

Over the last few weeks some changes have been made to increase its likelihood of passing. The current wording would allow pilots who have held a valid third class medical, either regular or special issuance, over the past 10 years to fly without needing to get another FAA medical exam. It would apply to pilots flying VFR or IFR in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds and carrying up to five passengers at altitudes below 18,000 feet msl and speeds up to 250 knots.

For pilots whose medical certificate lapsed more than 10 years ago and those who have never held a medical certificate, a one-time medical certification will be required. Once a pilot has been medically certified once, either through the regular or special-issuance process, he or she will also be able to fly indefinitely without needing to go through the FAA medical certification process again. Pilots with certain medical factors, including cardiac surgery, mental, or neurological conditions, will have to get a special issuance medical one time only. For more information, visit [AOPA's frequently asked questions regarding third class medical reform](#).

## EAA Names CEO



On November 9, 2015 the EAA Board of Directors named EAA Chairman Jack Pelton as Chief Executive Officer, adding the CEO title and responsibilities to the position Pelton has held since October 2012.

The EAA CEO position will be a paid position, although Pelton will continue as EAA's volunteer Chairman of the Board while he is CEO. He will maintain residences in Oshkosh and his hometown of Wichita, Kansas.

## **Life Legacy: Harold Harris**

Harold Laverne Harris, 85, of Sugar Grove, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 29, 1929 in Des Moines, IA, son of the late Velma Palmer and Blaine Harris.

He was a 1949 graduate of Ottumwa High School. Once he completed his airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia he continued to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1949-1952 as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. After serving in the Army, Harold married Ina Munson on September 13, 1953 in Ottumwa, IA.

Harold earned his pilot's license on July 11, 1972 and was a charter member of EAA Chapter 579. He retired from All Steel in Montgomery after 38 years of employment and was a member of the local Ironworker's Union.

His retirement years were spent with his wife and family either at his "Poor Man's Cottage" in Fontana, WI or with his daughters in Mesa, AZ. His hobbies included fishing, flying, and hunting with his son and friends in South Dakota.

Harold is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Ina; children, Lori (David) Shemanske of Batavia, Kimberly Harris of Mesa, AZ, Brenda (Ray) Rubacha of Chandler, AZ, Kelly Harris of Fontana, WI and Gary (Anne) of Bristol.

A memorial visitation will be held at The Healy Chapel, 370 Division Dr., Sugar Grove, IL on Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 2 PM until the Celebration of Life service at 3 PM.

A private burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

## **2016 Dates**

The front page of this newsletter shows the 2016 dates for Chapter Meetings and Young Eagles Rallies. Please mark your calendar.

**Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association**  
**EAA Chapter 579**  
**Membership Application or Renewal - 2016**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
Sugar Grove, IL 60554**

Chapter Membership Renewals for 2016 are now being taken.